

# SNOWMASS

## COLORADO

### **All Things Free in Snowmass: Summer 2024**

*Options Include Guided Hikes, Events, Activities, and the Snowmass Ice Age Discovery*



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**Snowmass Village, Colo.,** (Summer 2024) – Snowmass Village, CO is well known as a world class resort with high end hotels, restaurants, shops, and other unique experiences. However, Snowmass also offers a wide variety of free summer activities, events, and experiences for guests and community members to enjoy.

#### **Free Activities in Snowmass**

**ACES Guided Hikes – Daily, starting June 15:** Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) returns to Snowmass this summer to lead twice daily hikes. The Snowmass Wildflower Walk begins at 10:00 a.m., on the Nature Trail, while the Ice Age Discovery Walk starts at 1:00 p.m. on the Discovery Trail. Hikes are led by a knowledgeable ACES environmentalist and feature history, facts, trivia, flora and fauna, and possible wildlife sightings. Hikes leave from the Snowmass Mall Ticket Pavilion. Daily through September 4; Saturdays and Sundays only in September: September 7 & 8, September 14 & 15, September 21 & 22, September 28 & 29. [www.gosnowmass.com/activity/aces/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/activity/aces/)

**Anderson Ranch Arts Center:** Founded in 1966, Anderson Ranch Arts Center is a premier destination for art making and critical dialog in the contemporary art world, bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. With a campus that is free and open to the public and an extensive array of in-person and online offerings, Anderson Ranch is a hub of creative energy and activity for adults and children alike, with a host of virtual and interactive art workshops, lectures by today's most influential artists and curators, weekend classes, children's art workshops and more. [www.andersonranch.org](http://www.andersonranch.org)

**Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center:** Snowmass, along with the rest

of the Roaring Fork Valley is the first IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, as designated by the International Mountain Biking Association. The IMBA Gold-Level designation, the top award for mountain biking destinations, offers mountain bike enthusiasts more than 300 miles of high quality singletrack from Aspen and Snowmass to Basalt, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. Guests riding in Snowmass and the Roaring Fork Valley can take their pick of adventure, from lift-served gravity trails in the Snowmass Bike Park and expert-only long rides, to family-friendly trails and backcountry adventures. The Aspen Snowmass / Roaring Fork IMBA Gold-Level Ride Center is the first Gold-Level Ride Center in Colorado, only the fifth in United States, and among only seven in the world. Rides vary for all age and skill levels. [www.bikesnowmass.com](http://www.bikesnowmass.com)

**Hiking:** Snowmass has 90+ miles of hiking trails, and 2.8 million acres of adjacent wilderness to be explored, providing accessible and scenic hiking for all abilities. Visit [www.hikesnowmass.com](http://www.hikesnowmass.com) to plan a curated hike for any ability.

**Snowmass Ice Age Discovery:** In 2010, a construction crew unearthed a single tusk of a mammoth while digging at Ziegler Reservoir in Snowmass Village. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science took over the site and went on to unearth 35,000 bones of large mammals and small vertebrate species. The Snowmass paleontological site is the richest Ice Age ecosystem ever found at high altitude. Explore a dedicated Ice Age Discovery website, complete with video and augmented reality experiences; new trail installations and artful exhibits on designated trails and around Snowmass; an Ice Age passport experience through the Village; Ice Age Discovery Days, and more. [www.snowmassiceage.com](http://www.snowmassiceage.com)

**Snowmass Ice Age Discovery Explorer Tours - Fridays, starting June 14:** Did you know Snowmass is the site of the finest ice age fossil discovery in the world? Learn the full story of this remarkable discovery from an Aspen Science Center educator. Every Friday at 3:30 p.m., meet in the Limelight Snowmass lobby to learn about the mammoths and mastodons who used to live here, and see replicas of Ice Age animal bones, teeth, tusks and more. Then, follow along on a guided Ice Age Passport Walk through Base Village and the Snowmass Mall to see art inspired by the discovery and earn an Ice Age prize! Appropriate for adults and children of all ages (adult supervision required for kids under 12). Every Friday, June 14-September 27. [www.gosnowmass.com/events](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events)

**The Collective Snowmass:** The Collective Snowmass, the hub for community activity in Snowmass Base Village, features a robust summer lineup of weekly programming. Returning favorites include Community Bingo, Drag Queen Bingo, Salsa Night, Storytelling, Taco Tuesdays, and Chess Night. In addition, complimentary fitness on The Rink and Movies Under the Stars fill out the summer schedule. The Snowmass Live Comedy and Music Series returns on Friday evenings, and the highly successful winter Comedy WKND celebrates its summer debut, July 12-14. In addition, the summer schedule includes private cooking classes at Mawita with James Beard Nominee Mawa McQueen. Outside, the Collective features yard games, splash pads, fountains, and pop-up events on The Rink. Be sure to head downstairs to check out the Selfie Den and the Game Lounge, open daily, 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., \$10/person for anyone 6 years or older. For a full calendar, dates, and times, please visit [www.TheCollectiveSnowmass.com](http://www.TheCollectiveSnowmass.com).

**Transportation:** The Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) provides extensive free bus service from Snowmass to Aspen and various points throughout the valley (for a nominal fee). Snowmass also has a free local shuttle service (Snowmass Village Shuttles) to all major activity areas in Snowmass Village. Shuttles depart every 10 minutes from the shuttle terminal located just below the Snowmass Mall on Daly Lane. Most lodging properties in Snowmass offer free shuttle service to and from the airport and around Snowmass Village. [www.gosnowmass.com/about-us/maps-travel/transportation/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/about-us/maps-travel/transportation/)

## **Free Snowmass Events**

**Summer Après – June 7-September 29:** Summer Après in Snowmass is the ultimate destination for live outdoor music, games, and community gatherings. Every Wednesday through Sunday,

check out live music on the Tower Stage, activities, games, and special experiences throughout Snowmass Village. This new summer series entices locals and guests to stay and play around Snowmass. **Music on the Mall** takes place on the Tower Stage from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, starting June 7 – September 27. June 21-August 23 features **Corn Hole Fridays**, a competitive, tournament style corn hole competition from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Garden, located at the top of the Skittles/Sky Cab Gondola. Compete for custom Snowmass swag and prizes! Enjoy **Jazz on the Lawn**, curated by local musician Josephina Mendez, featuring jazz artists from around Colorado, on the Events Lawn in Snowmass Base Village from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., June 23-August 18. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/summer-apres/2024-06-12/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/summer-apres/2024-06-12/)

**Snowmass Free Concert Series – June 13-August 22:** Celebrating 32 years of free live music this summer, the Snowmass Free Concert Series, a locals' favorite, long standing summer tradition, returns to Fanny Hill every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., June 13-August 22. The weekly outdoor series features a spectrum of sounds including country, reggae, rock, funk, bluegrass, and more. Summer band highlights include Spazmatics, American Authors, Young Dubliners, and Tribal Gold feat. Big Chief Juan Pardo. [www.gosnowmass.com/events/snowmass-free-concerts/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events/snowmass-free-concerts/)

**Ice Age Discovery Days – June 21-22:** Celebrate an exciting piece of Snowmass history! In 2010, a bulldozer thumped into the tusk of a prehistoric mammoth at Ziegler Reservoir. Hundreds of scientists and local volunteers gathered in Snowmass to unearth thousands of fossils of Ice Age plants and animals, including mastodons, mammoths and giant ground sloths. This weekend celebration brings the Ice Age Discovery to life through art and science. Friday, June 21 features a **scientific lecture** at the Snowmass Chapel. Learn about the discoveries made at the 2010 dig from the scientists who were there and the experts who continue to study the ice age. Speakers include Dr. Ian Miller, Chief Science Officer for National Geographic, and lead paleobotanist on the 2010 dig, Dr. Gussie Maccracken, Assistant Curator of Paleobotany for Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and intern on the 2010 dig, and David Heil, president of Aspen Science Center and Emmy-award winning former host of PBS series, *Newton's Apple*. Saturday, August 12 is a **Community Celebration** in Snowmass Base Village from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. featuring free fun for the whole family! Complete the Ice Age Passport Walk, learn about the discovery with education stations from Aspen Science Center, enjoy live music, kids' activities, prizes, and more. [www.SnowmassIceAge.com](http://www.SnowmassIceAge.com).

**Movies Under the Stars – June 29-August 17:** Returning this summer, Movies Under the Stars continues the dusk movie tradition in Snowmass Base Village on most Saturday evenings in June, July, and August. Gather family and friends, pack a picnic, and enjoy free movie screenings at dusk, hosted by The Collective Snowmass. Viewers are encouraged to bring blankets or low-profile chairs, a picnic and non-alcoholic beverages. [www.TheCollectiveSnowmass.com](http://www.TheCollectiveSnowmass.com).

**4th of July Celebration – July 4:** Celebrate Independence Day on Thursday, July 4 in Snowmass! Enjoy a festive evening of free sweet treats, free glow in the dark goodies, and a special Snowmass Free Concert Series performance by the Spazmatics. Patriotic or 80's throwback attire is encouraged. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/july-4th-celebration/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/july-4th-celebration/)

**Community Ice Cream Social – July 5, August 2 & September 6:** From 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., join the Snowmass community for an afternoon of free ice cream from The Dreamery, lawn games, and fun. [www.gosnowmass.com/events](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events)

**Snowmass Art Festival – July 13-14:** The Snowmass Art Festival is a juried art show featuring original handcrafted artwork. This free two-day event showcases local Colorado and national artists, representing a wide array of mediums including painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, glass, wood, and more. Entry to the festival is free, while artwork is individually priced. 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-art-festival/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmass-art-festival/)

**The Americana Music Series – July 20 & 27, August 3 & 10:** Starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Garden, located at the top of the Skittle/Sky Cab Gondola, enjoy a newly curated music series,

featuring a spectrum of Americana sounds. [www.gosnowmass.com/events](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events)

**Dog Days of Summer – July 21 & August 25:** From 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., bring fido out to Snowmass Base Village for a community dog day. A local groomer and pet store will be on hand to provide free nail clippings and treats, while dog costumes and photo opportunities are available, in addition to a do-it-yourself dog washing station. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/dog-days-of-summer/2024-07-21/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/dog-days-of-summer/2024-07-21/)

**Plein Air Art Festival – August 10-11:** The Plein Air Art Festival returns to Snowmass Village for its third consecutive year, August 5-11. Twenty remarkable artists have been selected to spend four days painting the natural beauty and splendor in and around Snowmass. On Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11, the artwork will be judged, displayed, and available for purchase in Snowmass Base Village. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-artfestival/2024-08-10/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/plein-air-artfestival/2024-08-10/)

**Axes & Arms Walk – September 11:** From 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., join local first responders for a walk from Town Park Station to the Top of the Village, 956ft, the highest number of feet that the brave New York first responders walked inside the first tower of the World Trade Center. Following the climb, return to Town Park to enjoy food, drinks, yard games, and more, provided by Roaring Fork Fire Authority. The climb is free and open to the public; donations to the Axes and Arms Foundation are accepted and appreciated. [www.GoSnowmass.com/event/axes-andarms/](http://www.GoSnowmass.com/event/axes-andarms/)

**Snowmass Balloon Festival – September 13-15:** The Snowmass Balloon Festival celebrates its 49th anniversary in 2024. The long-standing Rocky Mountain tradition features 30+ festive balloons launching into the air from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and the return of the popular Night Glow on Friday evening. [www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmassballoon-festival/2024-09-13/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/event/snowmassballoon-festival/2024-09-13/)

**Festival Del Rancho – September 21:** Anderson Ranch Arts Center hosts the fourth annual celebration of Latinx/e and Hispanic culture through art, dance, music, food, and more. From 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., this free gathering welcomes community members to attend and enjoy an afternoon of music, dance, food and art activities for all ages. [www.andersonranch.org](http://www.andersonranch.org)

For more information on free activities in Snowmass, please visit [www.gosnowmass.com](http://www.gosnowmass.com).

**About Snowmass Village, Colorado** – A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best winter ski areas and summer mountain biking destinations in the world. Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley, is the only IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) GoldLevel Ride Center™ in Colorado, one of only 7 in the world. Surrounded by breathtaking peaks and adjacent to 2.8 million acres of wilderness, the Village offers 95% slopeside lodging, is home to 30+ restaurants, and offers a variety of shops, unique special events, an abundance of live music, family activities, and much more. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit [www.gosnowmass.com](http://www.gosnowmass.com).

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