

# SNOWMASS

## COLORADO

**Snowmass Celebrates Kids & Families**  
*Snowmass is the Place for Summer Family Adventure & Fun*



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**Snowmass Village, Colo.,** (Summer 2024) – Snowmass Village offers all kinds of kid friendly and family adventures, from mountain biking to white water rafting, the Lost Forest to the Game Lounge at The Collective Snowmass. In honor of these younger guests, Snowmass aims to ensure that the next generation has nothing but fun while visiting the iconic mountain village. Kids visiting Snowmass this summer can take advantage of a variety of activities, adventures, camps, and workshops.

### **Summer Camps for Kids**

Children visiting Snowmass can take their pick from a wide array of kid's camp opportunities, from themed summer camps to outdoor time to arts & crafts. Snowmass is home to five different day camp options, including:

- [The Snowmass Recreation Center](#)
- [Camp SMashbox](#)
- [Camp Aspen Snowmass](#)
- [Roaring Fork Cycling](#)
- [Anderson Ranch Arts Center](#)

### **Kid Friendly Activities & Events 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)

**Blazing Adventures:** Book a family excursion with Blazing Adventures, Snowmass' premier adventure outfitter. Choose from options including biking at the iconic Maroon Bells, rafting, sunset dinners, jeep tours, and much more. [www.blazingadventures.com](http://www.blazingadventures.com)

**Events & Activations:** Snowmass is home to exciting family friendly summer events and activations, including biking and running races, concerts, and a beloved hot air balloon bash. For a full calendar lineup, please visit [www.gosnowmass.com/events](http://www.gosnowmass.com/events).

**Fly-Fishing:** The 70-mile Roaring Fork River offers the largest stretch of Colorado's Gold Medal waters, ideal for fly-fishing. The Frying Pan River, which originates east of Snowmass, also boasts Gold Medal status and is a haven for those looking to catch Brown, Rainbow, and Cutthroat Trout. [www.gosnowmass.com/activity/fly-fishing/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/activity/fly-fishing/)

**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.

**Lost Forest:** The Lost Forest isn't hard to find — it's just hard to see. Tucked in among the trees and rocks at the top of the Elk Camp Gondola are the Breathtaker Alpine Coaster, Treeline Trial Challenge Course, Canopy Run Zipline, and Rugged Ascent Climbing Wall. In addition, the Lost Forest operates as a home base for fishing, hiking, and disc golf. [www.aspensnowmass.com/plan-your-stay/lost-forest](http://www.aspensnowmass.com/plan-your-stay/lost-forest).

**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)

**Snowmass Recreation Center:** The 18,000-square-foot Snowmass Recreation Center offers unique programming for adults and children, year-round outdoor pools, a state-of-the-art cardio and weight room, an indoor gymnasium, aerobics classes, climbing & bouldering walls, and more. The Snowmass Rec Center also features day camps and family leagues. [www.snowmassrecreation.com](http://www.snowmassrecreation.com)

**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).

**Whitewater Rafting:** The nearby Roaring Fork and Colorado Rivers offer easy access to Class I to Class IV river experiences - from whitewater rafting to kayaking to stand up paddle boarding. [www.gosnowmass.com/activity/whitewater-rafting/](http://www.gosnowmass.com/activity/whitewater-rafting/)

**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) Gold Level 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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