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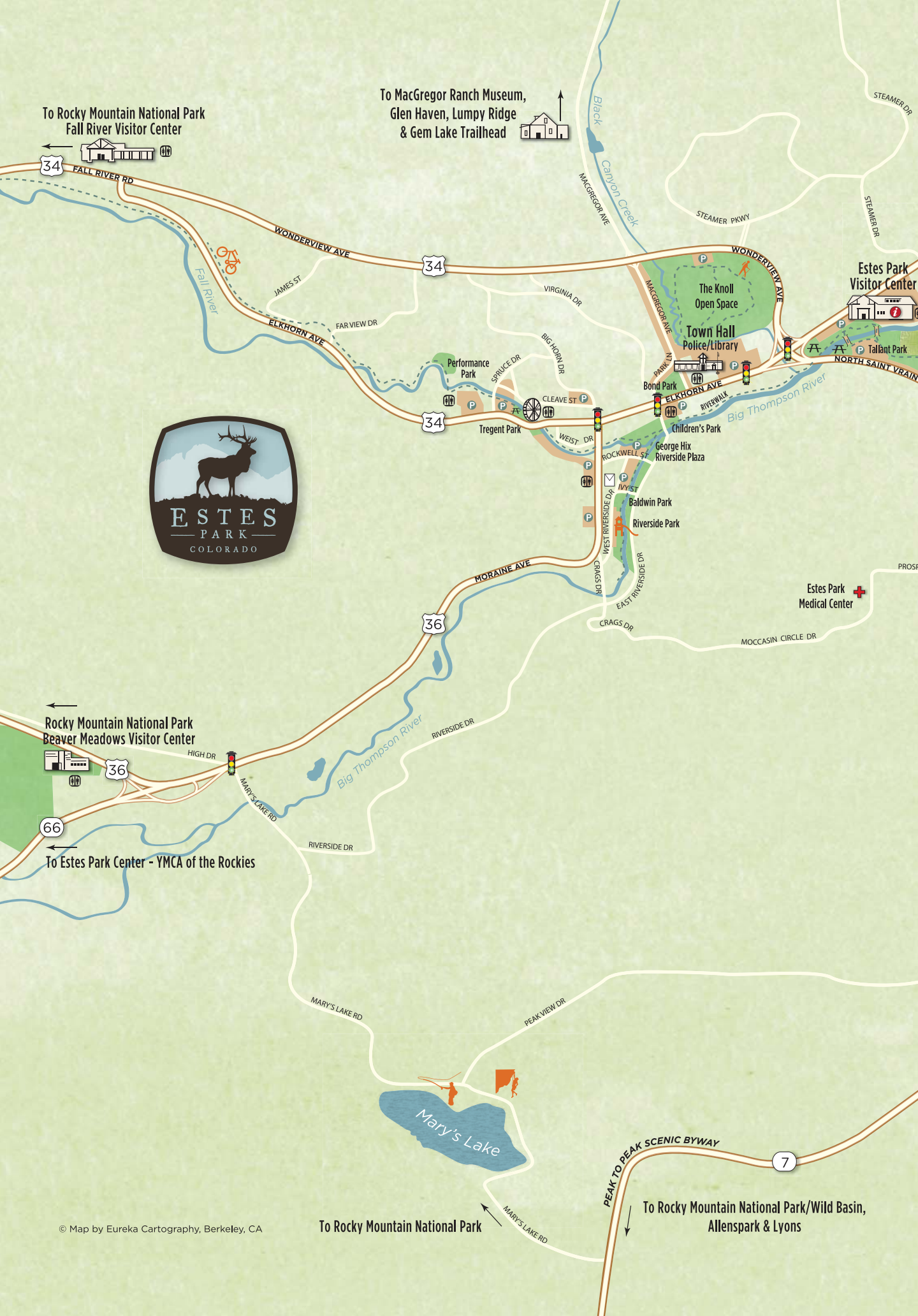
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ESTES PARK

WELCOMES YOU

Just 90 minutes from Denver, discover the breathtaking town of Estes Park. This mountain village brims with tasty eats, restful accommodations, diverse shopping and don't-want-to-miss activities. Preserved lands, including Rocky Mountain National Park and Roosevelt National Forest, surround the village, and Estes Park is their thriving year-round base camp. Whether your idea of adventure is browsing a new boutique or climbing a famous fourteenner—or somewhere in between—this slice of Colorado paradise welcomes the explorer in you.

The Estes Park

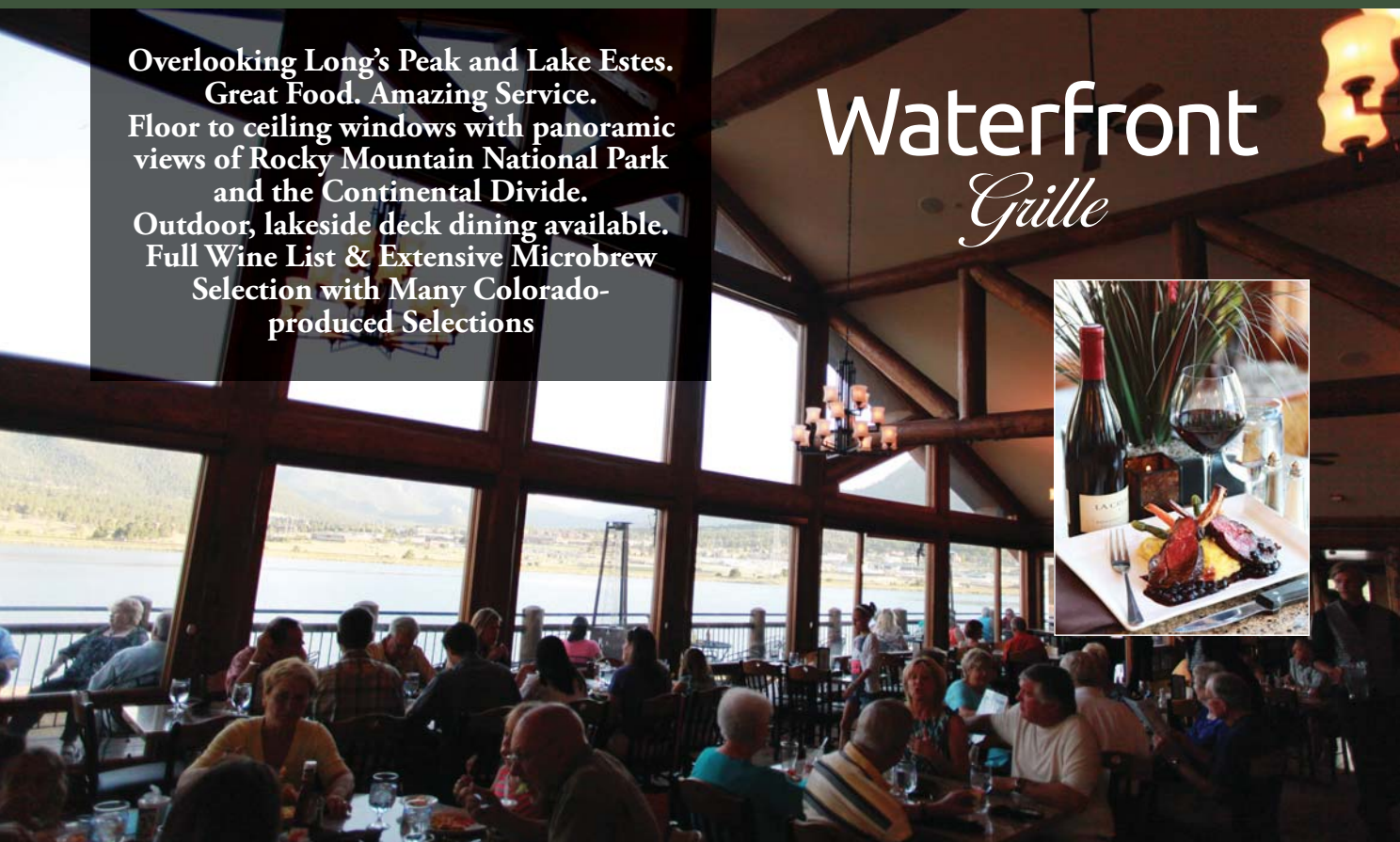
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Avoid unnecessary encounters and property damage by following these guidelines:

Lodging: Before leaving your accommodations, properly dispose of all trash and food using indoor trash receptacles or storage containers. Do not leave any food, including pet food, out and attainable. Keep bear-accessible windows and doors, including garage doors, closed and locked at all times—even hotel rooms, cabins and vacation homes. Some hotels or lodging facilities may have specific rules or instructions on bear-proofing, so please review and follow those as well.

Camping: Keep all food, pet food and scented items in bear-proof containers unless

actively using them. Put trash in bear-proof receptacles as quickly as possible and do not leave it unattended, even for short periods. When necessary, store all scented items, food, pet food and trash in the trunk of the car. Each campground has rules about proper storage of food and trash, some with tickets or fines for violations, so please review and follow those rules. **Vehicles:** Don't leave food, pet food, trash, air fresheners, coolers or scented products in your car—even if you roll up the windows. If you absolutely must leave a scented attractant in your car, put it in the trunk. Keep your car doors locked.


Out & About: Throw away all trash, food and scraps into bear-proof receptacles. Please do not leave any food or scraps, including fruit cores or seeds, on the ground. Never feed wildlife of any kind, including ground squirrels or chipmunks. It is illegal and dangerous for the animals, and the scraps could attract bears to human areas.

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The Estes Park Visitor Center, open year-round at 500 Big Thompson Ave., offers information about lodging, dining and activities, plus local ambassadors and staff are happy to answer all your questions.



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SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Town of Estes Park offers free, daily shuttle service from June 25 to September 11.

To see the routes and schedule, turn to page 68. Drivers may park at the Estes Park Visitor Center (500 Big Thompson Ave.) or the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride (Manford Avenue) and catch a ride to about 60 designated stops near lodging, dining and attractions. Shuttles operate on five fixed, timed routes. A trolley runs continuously on Elkhorn Avenue. Information is available at estes.org/shuttles; via mobile devices through quick-response codes located on shuttle posters, maps and signs; and at 970-577-9900. The free Rocky Mountain National Park Hiker Shuttle runs from the Estes Park Visitor Center to the national park's Park & Ride lot on Bear Lake Road, where hikers may transfer to other national park shuttles to reach popular recreational areas. Paid shuttle service is also available for large groups or individuals seeking transportation to and from Denver International Airport or Denver's Union Station. Local taxi service is also available. Find more transportation information at VisitEstesPark.com.



Wake up to a sunrise over the mountains. Watch elk outside from your window. Relax and have coffee on the front porch of your cabin. Enjoy looking at birds through your binoculars. Go for a swim. Take an archery lesson. Hike to a waterfall in Rocky Mountain National Park.

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how to get here

No matter where you're coming from, Estes Park is accessible year-round. The town lies at the intersection of three well-marked, well-maintained highways. All roads leading to Estes Park showcase the beauty of our Rocky Mountain location.

ESTIMATED TIME IT TAKES

Colorado Springs	2.5 hrs	Longmont	45 mins
Denver	1.5 hours	Loveland	45 mins
Ft. Collins	1 hr	Cheyenne, WY	1.75 hrs
Boulder	50 mins	Grand Junction	5 hrs

- Here's how to get here (map on inside back cover):
- From Denver International Airport:** Take I-25 north to Colorado 66 west to U.S. Highway 36 west.
 - From the northeast:** Take U.S. Highway 34 west from Loveland.
 - From the southeast:** From Boulder, travel U.S. Highway 36 north to Colorado 66, then west onto Colorado 66 through Lyons, where you pick up U.S. Highway 36 again.
 - From the west:** Between May and October, take U.S. Highway 34/Trail Ridge Road (as weather permits) from Grand Lake, through Rocky Mountain National Park, across the Continental Divide and into Estes Park's western edge. From here, U.S. Highway 34 and U.S. Highway 36 east lead into town. In winter, take I-70 east to I-25 north, then U.S. Highway 36 west to Boulder, then follow directions, "From the southeast."

I HAVE FOUND A DREAM OF BEAUTY AT WHICH ONE MIGHT LOOK ALL ONE'S LIFE AND SIGH. —Isabella L. Bird

OUR AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

degrees in Fahrenheit

winter	spring	summer	fall
40° 19°	53° 30°	76° 52°	58° 35°

Q&A

Is Estes Park actually a park?
No. Estes Park is a welcoming village at the eastern entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. The "park" in Estes' name comes from a geologic term describing a valley between two moraines. "Estes" recognizes Joel Estes and his family, the pioneers credited with settling the area.

Where can I have a picnic in Estes Park? Many of the picnic areas, such as Tregent Park, Riverside Plaza and Performance Park are found beside either Fall River or Big Thompson River. Additional picnic areas dot the Lake Estes Trail.

Where can I rent outdoor sports gear? Rentals are available at several local outfitters and shops. Find the complete list at VisitEstesPark.com.

What is the entrance fee into Rocky Mountain National Park, and how long will it take me to get there from the village?
Passes valid for seven days cost \$30 per car. One-day passes cost \$20. Annual passes run \$50. Depending on the season and which entrance you choose, it takes between 5 and 10 minutes to reach the national park from downtown.

When is the best time to see the leaves change? Leaves start changing color at higher elevations first (mid-September), then work their way down to Estes Park from late September through early October.



WHERE CAN WE SEE ELK?
Elk are visible throughout the year, often gathering in large, open areas, such as the town's two golf courses or inside Rocky Mountain National Park's Horseshoe and Moraine parks. In warmer weather, elk tend to move to higher ground. Wildlife can be unpredictable; keep your distance.

What is there to do in Estes Park? Lots! Estes Park has something for everyone: hiking, fishing, biking, rock climbing, golf, horseback riding, guided tours, shopping, museums, live entertainment, festivals, restaurants, spas, boating, showshoeing and more. Rocky Mountain National Park and Roosevelt National Forest surround the town, offering plenty of outdoor adventure and grand views.

ESTES PARK'S EARLY CHAMPIONS

Enos Mills arrived in Estes Park in 1884 and took a job at Elkhorn Lodge. Roughly a year later, he began building his homestead in the area. Forever thereafter, he touted the beauty of the area in writings and speeches, and he is recognized as the father of Rocky Mountain National Park. It was he and several loyal allies who lobbied for the development of national parks, a system established in 1916. He gave the keynote address when Rocky Mountain National Park opened in 1915.

Isabella Bird visited the area in 1873. She climbed Longs Peak and chronicled her Estes Park adventures in a book that was eventually published as *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*. The Victorian public loved reading about her wilderness travels and the scenery she described in detail. Her words and intrepid character inspired interest and desire in others to experience for themselves the beautiful sunsets, craggy peaks and forests of evergreens.

WHAT TO WEAR

Spring

LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS,
LIGHT JACKET, HAT



Summer

SHORT SLEEVES, SHORTS,
LONG PANTS AND LIGHT JACKET
AT NIGHT, HAT



Fall

LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS,
JACKET, HAT



Winter

LONG SLEEVES, LONG PANTS,
HEAVY COAT, HAT, GLOVES,
BOOTS



take it with you

Ensure a safe outing by being aware that the weather can change quickly and the altitude is high. You'll need a well-stocked pack and a buddy. As an added precaution, be sure to let someone else know your route and destination. Use the list below, suggested by local sports shop owners Kirk Bien, Rob Mardock and David Novic.

HEADLAMP: These are hands-free and handy, especially if night falls before you've made it home.

WHISTLE: Use it to attract attention and alert wildlife.

RAIN GEAR: Before you leave, check the weather. If it's raining at lower elevations, it may be sleeting at higher ones. If it's blue skies, take a jacket anyway; storms can move in quickly.

SUN PROTECTION: For every 1,000 feet in elevation gain, light exposure increases up to 10 percent, meaning that at 11,000 feet, your skin can burn in just six minutes of exposure. Wear sunscreen, UV-blocking sunglasses and hats with brims year-round.

MAPS: Know where you're going. Leave early in the morning if you're hiking above the tree line; plan to be back by mid-afternoon.

FIRST-AID KIT: You never know when you might need a Band-Aid.

WATER: Exercising at altitudes between 7,500–14,000 feet may cause shortness of breath, dizziness and headaches. Counter those effects and the drier climate by drinking plenty of water.


FUEL: Bring snacks, such as protein or granola bars.

HIKING BOOTS: Choose a sturdy pair with ankle support. Waterproof versions help keep feet dry—essential to avoiding blisters.





WE LOVE WINTER!



Estes Park knows how to play all year long. With total annual snowfall in town averaging about 33 inches—meaning only 1 to 5 inches at time—getting around the village is easy. More snow falls at the higher elevations in Rocky Mountain National Park, so cross-country skiers, snowshoers, sledgers and backcountry skiers have plenty of white stuff to keep them happy. March and April, often the snowiest months, sometimes see spring accumulation of 10 to 36 inches, or more.



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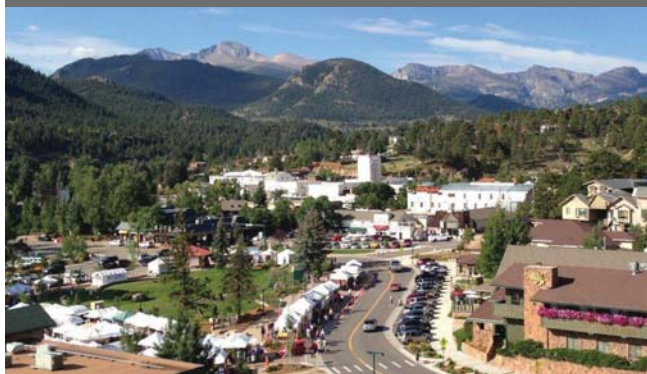
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Buzzing and vibrant all year long, Estes Park presents a calendar full of festivals and events. There is a reason to visit every month of the year!

JAN

ESTES PARK WINTER FESTIVAL
WINTER TRAILS DAY
FROST GIANT 5K & 10K



FEB

RAILS IN THE ROCKIES



MAR

WHISKEY WARM UP



APR

STANLEY FILM FEST



MAY

ESTES PARK DUCK
RACE FESTIVAL
**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
CELEBRATION & ART MARKET**



JUN

WINDOWS TO THE WEST
FINE ART SHOW & SALE
JAZZ FEST & ART WALK
WOOL MARKET & FIBER FESTIVAL
ESTES PARK MARATHON & HALF
SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

JUL

4TH OF JULY WEEKEND
CELEBRATION
ROOFTOP RODEO

AUG

ESTES PARK WINE FESTIVAL



SEP

ESTES PARK LABOR DAY
WEEKEND ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH IRISH
HIGHLAND FESTIVAL
AUTUMN GOLD FESTIVAL



OCT

ELK FEST
PUMPKINS & PILSNERs



NOV

FALL BACK BEER FESTIVAL
TREE LIGHTING
CATCH THE GLOW CHRISTMAS
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DEC

TINSEL TAVERN TOUR &
DASHER 5K



DON'T MISS additional special happenings that take place throughout the year. They include athletic races, stage performances, cultural festivals, shopping specials, music series and more. **Discover it all at visitestespark.com/events.**





Take your best shots of wildlife (and anything else that catches your eye) at dawn and dusk when the lighting is magical.

30 reasons to get outside

Step into Rocky Mountain National Park, Roosevelt National Forest and other public lands to pursue your favorite activity.

1 ROCK CLIMBING

According to avid climbers, Estes Park claims some of the top rock around. With in-town locations and favorite spots inside the national park and the national forest, there are 1,227 routes to boulder, sport climb and traditional climb. Professional guides happily point the way to iconic crags, walls and edges, or escort folks new to the sport. Estes Park's indoor wall is great for beginners and those seeking to climb when the weather is poor. Find routes at Mountain Project.com.

2 BACKPACKING

Long-distance, overnight hikes are abundant in both

the national forest and the national park. According to *Backpacker Magazine*, Rocky Mountain National Park "is one of America's classic backpacking destinations. The park includes varied environments, from woodland to alpine tundra, as well as the Continental Divide and headwaters of the Colorado River." Backcountry permits are required to stay overnight in the national park, but not in the national forest.

3 SLEDDING

What was once a ski resort inside the national park is now an ideal hill for sledding. Hidden Valley offers gentle slopes, where guests can bring their own sleds or tubes.

Rentals are available from local gear shops or sporting goods stores in Estes Park.

4 OFF-ROADING

Strap into a 4x4 vehicle for the ride of your life! A road trip like no other, off-roading in the Estes Park area presents a chance to see places and views that would be difficult to reach otherwise. Whether you're belted into a customized rock crawler or a regular Jeep, the experience promises to be one of the highlights of your getaway. Terrain that stops other cars is no problem for these amazing machines. Follow trails in the national forest on your own, rent an ATV from an area outfitter or take a guided trip.



5

SCENIC TRAILS

Several low-effort paths lead through the village, along Lake Estes and beneath stunning peaks. Bicyclists, runners and walkers particularly enjoy the Lake Estes Loop, which winds around the lake and connects with other Estes Valley trails. You can even make two wheels your primary mode of transportation since some trails connect downtown to lodging properties.

OUTDOOR



6 MOUNTAINEERING

Much more than hiking, mountaineering requires skill, technical gear and determination to summit a peak. In Estes Park, several peaks beckon from above, but one stands out—Longs Peak. At 14,259 feet high, it is a beacon of the Front Range and has lured mountaineers for more than a century. Other favorites of “peak baggers” include Flattop Mountain and Hallett Peak.

too. Follow area highways, like the Peak to Peak Scenic Byway, and gravel roads, such as Pole Hill, to view spectacular mountain vistas, meadows dotted with wildlife, and evergreens draped in snow.

8 ICE CLIMBING

Look to the national park for epic ice climbing adventures. Experienced climbers will find several routes—pretty much wherever water flows over rock. A favorite, Hidden Falls, has a short approach. Others—Jaws, The Squid, All Mixed Up, plus about 20 more—have longer approaches that hard-core ice climbers don’t mind. Want to give ice climbing a try? Outfitters in Estes Park will safely show you the ropes.



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL PARK

7 SCENIC DRIVES

Steer toward beauty any time of year. Sure, autumn may get all the credit, thanks to changing leaves from mid-September to mid-October, but spring, summer and winter have their highlights

Top to bottom: Visit Estes Park/Darcy Kiehl Photography, courtesy of RMNP/John Marino. Opposite: Visit Estes Park/Allen Kennedy

FISHING

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FALL HATCHES

With the Big Thompson River running right through the village, Lake Estes to the east, Fall River to the west and several other nearby blueways, anglers find many places to throw in a line. Although the waters teem with various species, fly fishers and spin casters often catch trout—rainbows and browns. In Rocky Mountain National Park, brookies, cutthroats, rainbows and browns also run. If you happen to catch a greenback cutthroat, you must release it. The fishing season goes year-round, but fall is especially beautiful because of the changing leaves.

Sometimes it is nice to pair a hike with fishing. If that is your “best of both worlds,” consider The Loch, Dream Lake or Ouzel Lake. They each require a bit of hike to access (which sometimes means you have the water to yourself).

FISHING LICENSES

Licenses are required for anglers 16 years and older, even in the national park. Buy them for one day, five days or for the entire year at fishing or gear shops in town. Be sure to bring a valid United States picture ID, such as a drivers license or passport, and your Social Security number. International travellers must show a valid passport; international drivers licenses are not accepted. You may also purchase a fishing license online at cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/Fishing.aspx. Prices vary, but, in general, they range from \$10 to \$60 for nonresidents.

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SNOWSHOEING

Given Estes Park's easy access to trails, many of them inside the national park, snowshoers find the area a trekking paradise. Plus, the activity is easy to do: If you can hike, then you can snowshoe. Didn't bring your gear? No problem; sports shops rent affordable snowshoes, boots and poles. Guided outings also are available. In the national park, try the trails to Emerald Lake or Mills Lake. Both offer a breathtaking experience.



11 GOLF

Everyone, it seems, loves the two golf courses in Estes Park. Elk and deer cannot get enough of the soft fairways and shady trees—they're often found bedding down there. Undaunted, golfers play through on both an 18-hole regulation course, which plays for a par 71 from the long blue tees, and a nine-hole course, which hugs the Big Thompson River and is open even during winter. Amazingly, the greens on the nine-holer remain snow-free nearly every day of the year.

12 ALPINE, BACKCOUNTRY & UPHILL SKIING

While not a typical ski resort, Estes Park still draws powder hounds: Backcountry skiers and split boarders carve their own runs in the national park. Although the lifts at Hidden Valley are long-gone, remnants of the runs still exist and shredders love them. Gear rentals and guides are available. For traditional alpine skiers, Eldora Mountain Resort is about an hour south, and many Estes Park accommodations offer lift ticket packages.



13 PICNICKING

Take a blanket and a basket, pick up some goodies from a local eatery or deli, and find your perfect spot. You might find it along the Big Thompson River, in the national park or at Tregent Park downtown. Really, with stunning views in every direction, you could set up pretty much anywhere.



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LAWN LAKE TRAILHEAD,
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

14 WILDLIFE WATCHING

Lots of animals call this region home—deer, black bear, fox, coyote, beaver, marmot, pika, mountain lion—but elk are the stars. They rut during September and October, showing off to attract mates. Come winter, heavy snows push the creatures to lower elevations, meaning elk, mule deer and bighorn sheep might show up in very public spaces. Spring brings youngsters finding their legs or shyly peeking from behind mom.

15 BOATING

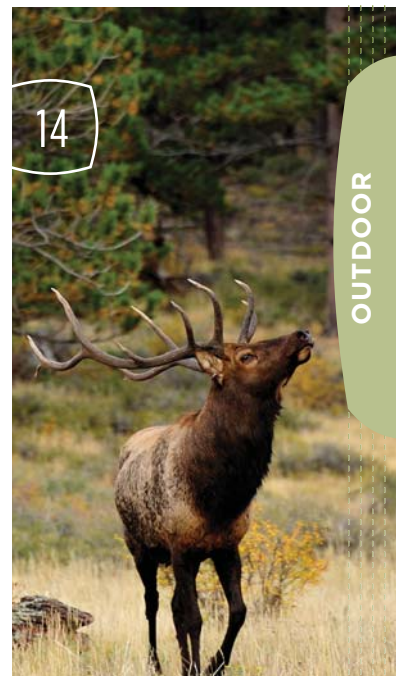
Launch your canoe, kayak, motorized boat, pontoon boat, stand-up paddleboard (SUP) or paddle boat on Lake Estes. Didn't bring one? That's okay, the Lake Estes Marina rents them all. The national park allows only nonmotorized boats, and use of them is limited.

16 TRAIL RUNNING

According to MapMyRun.com, the Estes Park area offers more than 1,500 trail running routes. Favoring gravel or dirt paths over paved roads, trail runners keep their minds as active as their legs while simultaneously absorbing the area's gorgeous scenery and staying alert to the changing terrain. The thin air at 7,000-plus feet enhances overall fitness and pushes runners to new heights.

17 BIRDING

About 300 species of native and migratory birds flock to the Estes Valley, among them peregrine falcons, rufous hummingbirds and bald eagles. Birders will find many



OUTDOOR

in the national park, but other areas are equally productive. Try the Matthews-Reeser Bird Sanctuary near Lake Estes, Wapiti Meadows below the Olympus Dam and the inlet around Fish Creek Arm.

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GUIDED OUTINGS

Don't want to venture into unknown territory alone? Want to learn something new? Various tours and guided excursions are offered throughout the Estes Valley. Snap your way through a wildlife photography safari. Take a family-friendly snowshoe outing. Maybe join a hiking or birding tour inside the national park, by reservation. Knowledgeable guides and outfitters know where to go and provide a safe experience.

HIKING





Exploring the Rocky Mountains is as simple as putting one foot in front of the other. Hundreds of miles of trails crisscross the area in and around Estes Park, including in-town paths, such as those on The Knoll, pet-friendly tracks in the national forest and routes throughout the national park. Whichever you choose, you are sure to be rewarded with scenic views and maybe wildlife sightings.



SAFETY TIP: When hiking in open areas or above tree line, keep an eye on the clouds. If storms roll in, move to lower ground quickly. Lightning can occur at any time. Generally storms arrive in the afternoon, and trailheads fill early, so plan accordingly.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL PARK

WHICH TRAIL WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Fortunately, the trail system near Estes Park accommodates hikers of all levels; the table below lists some of the most popular. The bootprints indicate the level of difficulty by factoring elevation gain and total length: Easy , Moderate , Challenging  and Difficult . Choose one that is right for you. If hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park during warm weather months, consider taking the hiker shuttle from the Estes Park Visitor Center to the national park's Park & Ride lot, as trailhead parking often is minimal. Stay safe; find tips on pages 7, 16 and 40.

TRAIL	TRAILHEAD LOCATION	ROUND-TRIP DISTANCE	ELEVATION GAIN	DIFFICULTY	NOTES & HIGHLIGHTS
INSIDE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK					
SPRAGUE LAKE	Off Bear Lake Road	.5 mi./ .8 km loop	10 ft./3 m		Family-friendly; disabled-accessible; circles the lake
BEAR LAKE	End of Bear Lake Road	.5 mi./ .8 km	20 ft./6 m		Family-friendly; disabled-accessible; self-guided nature trail onsite
MORaine PARK DISCOVERY CENTER NATURE TRAIL	On Bear Lake Road	.8 mi./1.3 km loop	20 ft./6 m		Family-friendly; self-guided booklet interprets this nature walk with beautiful views
THE POOL	Fern Lake off Bear Lake Road	3.4 mi./5.4 km	245 ft./74 m		Shaded, winds along a rushing stream
TUNDRA COMMUNITIES TRAIL	Rock Cut on Trail Ridge Road	.5 mi./ .8 km	260 ft./79 m		Family-friendly; shows off the tundra
ALBERTA FALLS	Glacier Gorge	1.6 mi./2.6 km	210 ft./64 m		An moderate hike to a popular waterfall
EUGENIA MINE	Longs Peak	2.8 mi./4.5 km	508 ft./154 m		An intermediate hike to an abandoned mine
CALYPSO CASCADES	Wild Basin	3.6 mi./5.8 km	610 ft./186 m		A nice, shady late spring hike that passes numerous waterfalls
CUB LAKE	Fern Lake	4.6 mi./7.4 km	540 ft./165 m		Moderate hike through woods to a mountain pond
MILLS LAKE	Glacier Gorge	5.6 mi./9 km	700 ft./213 m		Hike that offers incredible views of Longs Peak and Keyboard of the Winds
DEER MOUNTAIN	Deer Mountain at Deer Ridge Junction where U.S. Hwys. 34 & 36 meet	6 mi./9.65 km	1,083 ft./330 m		Moderate trail that leads to the summit
ESTES CONE	Storm Pass at Lily Lake	7.4 mi./11.9 km	2,369 ft./722 m		Excellent view from the summit; strenuous ascent
SANDBEACH LAKE	Wild Basin	8.4 mi./13.5 km	1,971 ft./600 m		Steep ascent passes pine and aspen to pretty panoramas of Mt. Meeker and the lake
CHASM LAKE	Longs Peak	8.5 mi./13.7 km	2,360 ft./719 m		Strenuous hike that passes waterfalls and concludes at the lake surrounded by Longs Peak, Mt. Lady Washington and Mt. Meeker
ALPINE RIDGE TRAIL	Alpine Visitor Center	.5 mi./ .8 km	209 ft./63 m		Family-friendly; amazing views of the surrounding landscape
GEM LAKE	Lumpy Ridge	3.2 mi./5.1 km	1,000 ft./304 m		Steep hike rewarded with pretty conclusion at spring-fed lake
LUMPY RIDGE LOOP	Lumpy Ridge	13.1 mi./21.1 km	1,277 ft./389 m		Views of wildflowers, mountains and wide valleys reward the series of grueling false summits
DOG-FRIENDLY TRAILS 					
LAKE ESTES TRAIL	Town of Estes Park	3.8 mi./6.1 km	50 ft./15 m		Trail forms a loop around Lake Estes, providing scenic views and accessibility for running, biking or simply a relaxing walk
HOMER ROUSE MEMORIAL TRAIL	Larimer County At the start of Fishcreek Road	3 mi./4.8 km	705 ft./214 m		Trail is mostly double-wide, loose material
KRUGER ROCK TRAIL	Hermit Park (\$)	4 mi./6.4 km	900 ft./274 m		Includes a few steep stretches and a rock scramble at the end; views from the top are fantastic
HOMESTEAD MEADOWS	Hermit Park (\$)	6.65 mi./10.7 km	600 ft./183 m		Now accessible only through Hermit Park, hike to see homesteads established between 1889 and 1923
LILY MOUNTAIN	National Forest On Hwy. 7, about 6 miles south of Estes Park	3.8 mi./6.1 km	1,006 ft./306 m		Challenging hike with scenic views from the summit
CROSIER MOUNTAIN	National Forest Garden Gate/Glen Haven	10.2 mi./16.4 km	2,786 ft./849 m		Strenuous hike known for wildlife and panoramic views from the summit

Find additional trail information at visitestespark.com/things-to-do/outdoor-adventures/hiking, fs.usda.gov (Roosevelt National Forest), and nps.gov/romo/playyourvisit/hikes.htm. You can also check out the Visit Estes Park blog for posts about hiking.



ROAD BIKING

A road cyclist's dream, this region is full of paved routes that thread through the valley and prove anything but flat. Ups and downs, switchbacks, and narrow lanes keep rides interesting. Consider Dry Gulch Road or Devils Gulch Road near town. In the national park, test your pedal power by conquering Trail Ridge Road. After all, what goes up must come down!

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21 CAMPING

Whether as a couple, with family or with friends, camping provides a memorable way to experience nature. Woods, rivers and mountains lie just beyond the tent flap, inviting exploration. Colorado's night sky unfolds into a blanket of stars. And marshmallows just taste better when roasted over a campfire. Commercial campgrounds, including ones that accommodate RVs, dot the Estes Park area; sites also are found in the national forest and the national park. A permit is required to camp in the national park.

22 WHITEWATER RAFTING

Enjoy the cool flow of the Poudre or Colorado rivers for a day or an afternoon of thrilling drops, bumps and paddling! Several rafting companies operate out of Estes Park, taking thrill-seekers to deeper rivers outside the area. Transportation to and from may be provided. Experienced guides help navigate Class II and III rapids.

23 SNOW ANGELS AND SNOWMEN

Anywhere you find snow, you can make an angel or a snowman. No matter your age, it's okay to dive in. Cap your snowy playtime with warm cocoa by a roaring fire.

24 AMUSEMENTS

Families find days of manmade fun in Estes Park. Kids adore swooshing down a 40-foot slide, racing go-karts and colliding with each other in bumper boats. Miniature golf draws the whole family, while a new adventure takes participants in harnesses and helmets 10 to 21 feet above the ground to walk aerial bridges, negotiate swinging logs and walk tightropes in a safe, fun environment.

25 MOUNTAIN BIKING

Fans of the fat tire find plenty of thrills in the Estes Park area. Boulders and other technical terrain await on trails inside the national forest. The views are good,

and so are the grades. Pole Hill just off Hwy. 36 promises descents that leave riders breathless and challenged.

26 STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

New to Estes Park, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) enables you to explore area lakes. Don't have one? That's ok, the marina provides rentals to use on Lake Estes. You may also take your own onto some lakes in the national park.



27 CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Head into the national park to find pristine conditions for cross-country skiing. Trails near Sprague Lake are often suitable as is the higher section of Trail Ridge Road that is closed to motorists in the winter. Outfitters and gear shops in Estes Park rent all the trappings while also offering real-time trail conditions.

28 HORSEBACK RIDING

You're in cowboy country, so saddle up. Somehow the scenery and wildlife watching in the national park and the national forest just seem better from the back of a horse. Area outfitters lead rides from one hour to overnight. Some even offer breakfast or steak dinner rides. Others guide pack trips



that take anglers to remote lakes and streams. If you bring your own mount, you are welcome to ride trails in the national forest.

29 GEOCACHING

With more than 2 million geocaches worldwide, Estes Park must have some, right? There are more than 200, in fact! The Across the Divide GeoTour includes 54 caches between Estes Park and Grand Lake. Roughly 30 of them are found between the Alpine Visitor Center inside the national park and east into Estes Park. Pick up your GeoTour Passport at the Estes Park Visitor Center to start navigating or to learn about other nearby geocaches.

30 SNOWCATTING

Cozy and warm inside what looks like a bus on tracks, you can enjoy the snowy splendor of Twin Sisters Mountain. The snowcat fits up to eight people for about a two-hour tour, including a stop at a remote cabin. From there, Nordic ski or snowshoe along forest service trails.

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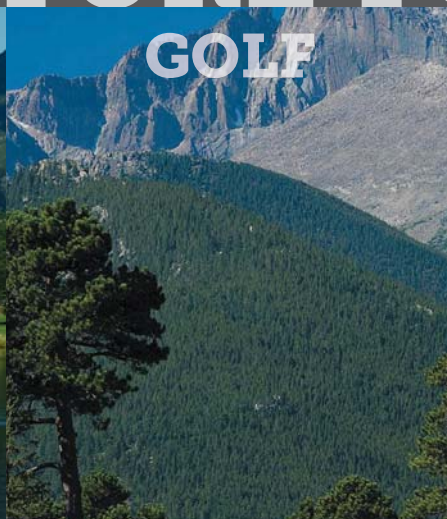
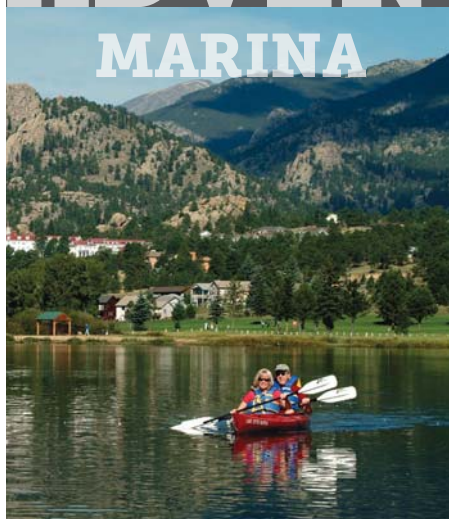
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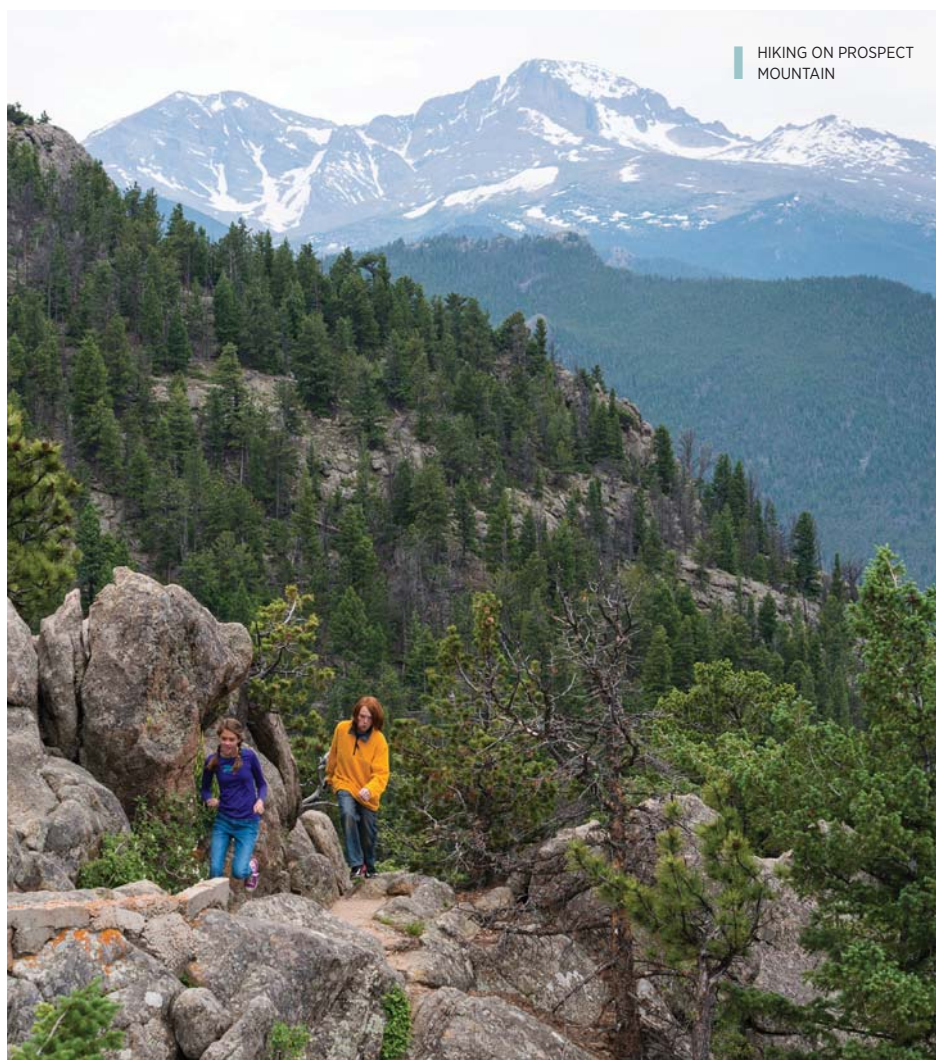
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INSIDE THE VILLAGE

Make your first stop Estes Park's charming downtown, an ideal base camp for dining, shopping, relaxing and preparing for your next adventure, no matter the level of difficulty.

The approach to Estes Park from the southeast via U.S. Highway 36 resembles a postcard. At a crest in the road just before it drops into town, a slab of sandstone rock inscribed with “Estes Park” invites motorists to pull off and take a picture.

It's as if the sign announces, “Celebrate! You Have Arrived!” Behind it, blankets of green meadows threaded with rivers and buttoned with Lake Estes, give way to sloping hillsides sewn with pines and aspens. Beyond this piedmont, the snowcapped peaks of the Rocky Mountains take over the horizon, turning it jagged and majestic. Iconic Longs Peak pushes skyward, a sentinel of the range; looking down around the road's bend, the edge of downtown peeks into view. Anticipation for what's to come builds. Which adventure will you choose?



did you know?

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

RUSTIC was a decorating style that developed in the region between the 1870s and 1930s. See examples of it in inside Rocky Mountain National Park and at historic inns around Estes Park.



TIP: Pop into the Estes Park Visitor Center to gather first-hand knowledge from the friendly staff and volunteers and to arm yourself with information about the area.



DON'T MISS

The Riverwalk, with its benches and collection of bronze wildlife sculptures, provides a casual setting for sipping Colorado-roasted coffee, noshing on fish tacos or taking a meditative stroll. The rhythmic rush of the Big Thompson River makes the experience even more refreshing.



Right: Visit Estes Park/Annette Slade; bottom: courtesy of The Stanley Hotel. Opposite clockwise from bottom left: courtesy of Visit Estes Park/James Frank, Visit Estes Park/Shannon Hudson, Visit Estes Park/Annette Slade

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CULINARY DELIGHTS abound in Estes Park, whether you're craving steak, salad or a snack. Local restaurants dish up casual bites, high-end fare and everything in between. Authentic ethnic foods—Mexican, Nepalese, Italian, Chinese, Greek, German, Indian, Thai and others—complement a range of American fare. Local game inspires some menu items, often highlighting elk or bison as the main ingredient. Restaurant ambiance spins from Western cabin-like locales to elegant historic

dining rooms to casual spots where you can chow down with the kids. During warm weather, head to umbrella-dotted patios and shady decks to pair the fine fare with delicious views. Or, take your order to go. After all, a handful of prime picnic spots—Riverside Plaza, Tregent Park, Baldwin Park—and the lovely Riverwalk, ensure plenty of places to dine alfresco. Whether you're seeking breakfast, lunch, dinner or something in between, Estes Park eateries satisfy every kind of appetite.

A VIEW WITH A STORY

In the mountains overlooking Estes Park stands Lumpy Ridge, a collection of buttresses, pinnacles, slabs and cliffs. Below it sprawls the white Georgian architecture of the historic Stanley Hotel. Yes, the one that inspired *The Shining*.



GOT A SWEET TOOTH? Walk through the village to find your favorite cure, be it pie, taffy, cookies, ice cream, fudge or maybe hot chocolate.

score!

A WIDE SELECTION of shops sells goods that range from eclectic and whimsical to sophisticated and practical. More than 200 retailers, restaurants and attractions line Elkhorn and Moraine avenues, a smattering that rivals any mall. The best part: They're locally owned businesses. Take home a vase handcrafted from native aspen as a souvenir or get equipped for an upcoming outing. Sporting goods shops have what you need, from water bottles to fishing waders. A knife shop specializes not only in hundreds of different knife styles but also in

battle axes and Spartan-style helmets. In other nearby boutiques, the collections spin toward sassy, dainty or elegant. Find clothing, jewelry, gifts, maybe even ideas for redecorating. It's fun to poke around the village, checking out the architecture, some of which features rustic timber framing reminiscent of Estes Park's homesteading era. Other buildings have been updated and re-purposed, such as the former Presbyterian church, which now houses several shops. Soak in as much of the unpretentious, casual charm that sets Estes apart from other mountain spots.



CHOOSE LOCAL Ask for a locally made bottle of wine or craft beer to go with your meal. Estes Park boasts several breweries, plus a winery, a distillery tasting room and a new distillery.



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At the other end of town, families find amusement careening down a towering slide, racing each other in go-karts or putting on a miniature green. They dress up in vintage western wear and pose for portraits. Golfers find a legitimate game on two courses, an 18- and a nine-holer that is open year-round. Indoors, the fun continues on ghost tours of a historic hotel, at the local bowling alley or at one of the highest rock-climbing gyms in northern Colorado.



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150 Number of choices for overnight accommodations in Estes Park, many of them pet-friendly!



ADMIRE

Perhaps inspired by the breathtaking surroundings, creative types pepper Estes Park with their talents. As early as 1897, inventor F.O. Stanley brought his innovation to the area in the form of hydro-electricity and, with his brother F.E. Stanley, the Stanley Steamer automobile. View one of their originals, which naysayers claimed would not make it up the canyon roads, at the Estes Park Museum. Dozens of other artifacts related to the Stanleys, homesteaders Joel and Milton Estes and other Estes Park history also are on display. For a look at contemporary creativity, visit galleries adorned with paintings, photographs, sculptures, glass art and more. In the evenings and on special weekends, musicians play at venues throughout town. Meanwhile, arts and crafts shows, music fests and theater programs round out the rest of Estes Park's calendar.

Left to right: Visit Estes Park/Annette Slade, Visit Estes Park/Darcy Kiefer Photography

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BASE CAMP FOR YUM



Take a Bite in Estes Park

You'll be glad you did. Menus in some restaurants promote regional ingredients, such as elk, bison or fish. You'll find burgers made with game or gourmet dishes highlighting pecan-encrusted trout. Other restaurants offer traditional American fare without the regional touch, or they favor a variety of ethnic flavors.

If you're in a hurry to catch a performance or need a booth for a family of eight, many eateries can accommodate you. On the other hand, if you prefer quiet conversation over an unhurried, candle-lit dinner, Estes Park has those restaurants too. Whether you're a foodie or a family, the eateries here satisfy.

GRAB A BITE TO EAT



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PARK PLAY

Having just celebrated its centennial anniversary, Rocky Mountain National Park is more in the spotlight than ever before.



TIP: Because of the park's increasing popularity, reserve your campsite well in advance at www.recreation.gov.



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Among America's top five most-visited national parks, Rocky Mountain National Park reigns for its sheer scenic majesty, recreational pursuits, top-of-the-world drives and prolific wildlife watching.

The national park is open for adventures year-round, and many visitors find it as beautiful at night as they do during the day. See for yourself how the clear Colorado sky sparkles by staying overnight at a campground or by returning after dinner for a little stargazing.



WILDLIFE WATCHING

Winter is especially good for spying elk, mule deer and other critters. Their tawny hides stand out against the snowscape or their tracks give them away. Look for them in open meadows. While wintering elk may occasionally do more than paw the snow in search of a nibble, autumn is when they really show off. Visit in September and October to view—and hear—their mating antics. During the elk rut, the bulls' bugles shatter the quiet, and their battles, in which they spar with their antlers, delight onlookers.



100 YEARS OF SERVICE Rocky Mountain National Park will honor the National Park Service's centennial this year with special programs and activities. Check the visitor centers or www.nps.gov/romo for more details.



TIP: Have your binoculars ready at dawn and dusk when the animals are most active. Always keep a safe distance from wildlife and do not feed any animals, even the chipmunks begging for a scrap.



TRAIL RIDGE ROAD



TIP: Cyclists love the challenge of Trail Ridge Road, with its curves, ascents and descents. Watch for them on the road or be one. Even novices can take the guided tour that, thankfully, only descends this legendary road.

From Memorial Day through mid-October, you'll want to drive this scenic, high-elevation National Scenic Byway all the way from Estes Park on the east to Grand Lake on the west, and back. The road is the highest continuous paved highway in the United States, climbing to 12,183 feet. Inside the national park, it covers 48 miles, slicing through multiple ecosystems, including alpine tundra. Take your time, pulling over at interpretive signs to learn more about the national park and the road. In winter, its higher sections are closed, but drivers can take in epic views of the park below them at the overlook near the closing point.





TIP: During peak summer months, trailhead lots can fill before 8 a.m., so plan your hike accordingly. The park's busiest times are between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; early morning outings or short, late-afternoon excursions are ideal.

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NATIONAL PARK



RECREATE

By day, the national park bustles with activity. You can backpack, ride horses, fish, snowshoe, cycle, mountaineer, rock climb, backcountry ski, ice climb, cross-country ski and, of course, hike. With more than 350 miles of trails, covering all kinds of terrain and difficulty, the national park is a hiker's paradise. Family-friendly hikes loop around lakes or lead to waterfalls. A variety of wilderness hikes can lead to soaring mountain summits and pristine alpine lakes. Popular Longs Peak, the national park's highest peak at 14,259 feet, is a climb, not a hike. The route up is usually not snow-free until mid-summer. The way up is long and arduous, requiring preparation and planning.

When the snow falls, some trails host snowshoers and Nordic skiers. Even the closed portions of Trail Ridge Road become a hotbed for fans of the skinny skis. Other favorite spots include Sprague and Bear lakes. Upper Beaver Meadows and Wild Basin draw snowshoers.

FAQS ABOUT ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

WHERE CAN I SEE WILDLIFE? Honestly, all over. More than 60 mammal and 270 bird species inhabit the park. Elk, popular with visitors, often forage in meadows and near forest edges during summer. See pages 4, 6, 15 and 38 for more wildlife-related tips.

HOW CAN I STAY SAFE WHILE IN THE NATIONAL PARK? Be prepared: Weather can change quickly. Carry plenty of water and snacks. Wear sunscreen. Pack a flashlight, extra clothing, matches and a first aid kit. Travel with a buddy and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back. Cell phones can be helpful, but many trails and mountain roads may be out of range. If you need assistance, keep dialing 911 from different spots, especially high points. Always check the weather and know your route well before heading out. Pick a trail or activity that is well-matched to your abilities—rangers or outfitters can offer recommendations.

CAN I HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK WITH MY DOG? No. While pets are not permitted on any trails within the national park, leashed dogs are allowed inside its parking lots, campgrounds, picnic areas and along roadside pullouts. Be respectful (and legal) and clean up after your pet. Dog-friendly trails are available around Estes Park. See page 17 for options.

WHAT IS THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE? North America's highest points of land, the Continental Divide separates rivers and streams flowing west to the Pacific Ocean from those flowing east to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

RANGER-LED PROGRAMS

Throughout the year, national park rangers host programs for children and adults. The activities range from lectures about bighorn sheep to guided outings, such as snowshoeing. They lead wildflower hikes or art activities. They tell stories of the national park's history. These free programs, most of which are open to youngsters, complement the Junior Ranger Program, which is decidedly for kids. While earning their free Junior Ranger badges, children discover the wonders of the natural world and learn why preservation and conservation are important.

TIP: Check the national park's quarterly newspaper for details about ranger-led programs or ask about them at one of the national park's visitor centers.



NATIONAL PARK HOURS

Rocky Mountain National Park is open 24/7, 365 days a year; visitor centers post different hours. **Beaver Meadows Visitor Center:** Open daily except

Thanksgiving and Christmas. On Hwy. 36, west of town. **Fall**

River Visitor Center: Hours vary. On Hwy. 34, 5 miles west of

Estes Park. **Alpine Visitor Center:** Open Memorial Day through mid-October, weather permitting. On Trail Ridge Road near the

Continental Divide. **Moraine Park Discovery Center:** Hours vary.

Check park website. On Bear Lake Road. www.nps.gov/romo





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DAY 1—DOWNTOWN

Get to know where you are. Walk the Riverwalk, a half-mile paved path that follows the Big Thompson River past shops, dining patios and plazas. Or, stroll from one end of Elkhorn Avenue, Estes Park's main street, to the other, peeking in shop windows to discover the range of diverse, impossible-to-resist items. High-end home accessories, trendy apparel and handcrafted jewelry complement the perfect mix of vacation mementos. Drop into art galleries to browse glassworks, paintings, sculpture and more from local, regional and national artists.

DAY 2—ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Enter via the Beaver Meadows Entrance and stop at the visitor center to screen a 20-minute



film about the wonders of the national park. Ask about ranger-led activities. Drive Trail Ridge Road to the Alpine Visitor Center, situated at 11,796 feet, or to one of the breathtaking overlooks; the views are gorgeous in any season. Spend the afternoon doing something active, such as hiking, snowshoeing or rock climbing. Wherever you go, keep your eyes open for wildlife. Elk, bighorn sheep, deer and other

animals often roam into view. Then, have a hearty meal in town and listen to some live music—whether acoustic over dinner or bluegrass into the late hours, there are bound to be tunes to fit your tastes.

DAY 3—THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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DAY 7—SHOPPING & SIPPING

It's your last day; time for a little retail therapy. Go ahead, pick up that something special you've had your eye on. Take advantage of Estes Park's free shuttle service to get around during the summer months, especially this afternoon when you check out the area's craft beverage scene. Distilleries, wineries and breweries in Estes Park are pouring unique flavors and blends you do not want to miss. At most stops, nonalcoholic options are available. While you must be 21 and over to drink alcoholic beverages, many of the tasting rooms welcome children.



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Afterward, refresh with a bite to eat in town, then head to The Knoll-Willows Open Space. Here, short trails lead to a view of the village, ruins from a stone cabin built in 1907 and a cabin built in 1908. Later, conclude your busy day with a glass of local wine near the river or a flight of whiskey.

DAY 4—EDUCATION VACATION

Learn something new today on a guided excursion. Choose from photo tours, wildlife safaris, birding, rock climbing, fishing, snowshoeing, ATVing and more. Outfitters and guides aim to make the trip as customized as possible, so go ahead and tell them what you hope to get out of the experience. Round out the day with a cozy meal in front of a fireplace in one of Estes Park's lodge-like eateries.

DAY 5—HIT THE TRAIL

This morning, prepare by stuffing a daypack with an extra layer, drinking water, snacks and sunscreen, then spend today doing the No. 1 activity in Rocky Mountain National Park—hiking. And not a short hike. Choose one that really gets into the national park's interior. Check out the selections on page 17. No matter the season, you will find a trail open for hiking.

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"Great things come from a barrel," quip Ingrid and Lou Bush, owners of **THE BARREL**. At their recently opened craft beer, wine and spirits garden, open seasonally, in downtown Estes Park, the sentiment rings true. The two carefully select the beers, spirits and wines to ensure you have a great visit. Be sure to ask about The Barrel's local offerings.

Or, strap on some snowshoes and head for a higher elevation. Later, soak your muscles in your lodging's hot tub.

DAY 6—TAKE IT EASY

Sleep in a bit today and keep your phone on silent. Your body has been working hard the past few days, so give it a rest. Pamper yourself with a treatment at one of the local spas where massage therapists skillfully work out the kinks. Or, take a yoga class. Once you've taken care of yourself, visit area museums and National Historic Sites to learn more about Estes Park's rich history, Western culture and celebrated people.



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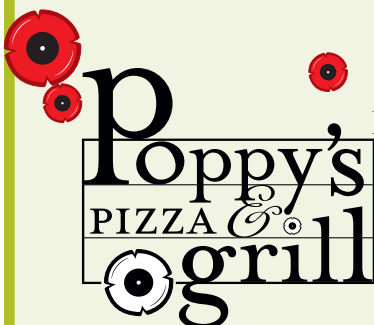


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FOREST FUN

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

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BUILD A CAMPFIRE

Pack your marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate! Campfires are allowed in the national forest, assuming temporary fire bans are not in effect. Campfires must be at least 100 feet from water and trails and attended at all times. Bring your own wood or collect dead, downed wood; do not break branches from standing trees. Be sure any fire remains are out and cold to the touch before leaving.

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HIKE WITH YOUR DOG

Most trails in the national forest are dog-friendly. To see popular routes, visit page 17.



TIP: Buy a map of Roosevelt National Forest at the Estes Park Visitor Center. Or download a free motor vehicle use map at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/rmvum. Because the national forest encompasses a variety of lands, it is important to know where you are.

“FORESTS ARE THE LUNGS OF OUR LAND, PURIFYING THE AIR AND GIVING FRESH STRENGTH TO OUR PEOPLE.”

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt



SNOWMOBILE

If the snow is deep enough, you may take your own sled or ones you rent from town on designated trails and spaces.

TIP: Make sure you register your dirt bike or ATV with Colorado State Parks before you hit the trail. Do it online at <https://ivrs.parks.state.co.us>.



DISPERSED



CAMPING

Camp in the national forest at a traditional campground, where amenities are available, or outside of a designated campground. Known as dispersed camping, this form is good for backpackers and those seeking a primitive experience. Practice “Leave No Trace” ethics.

TIP

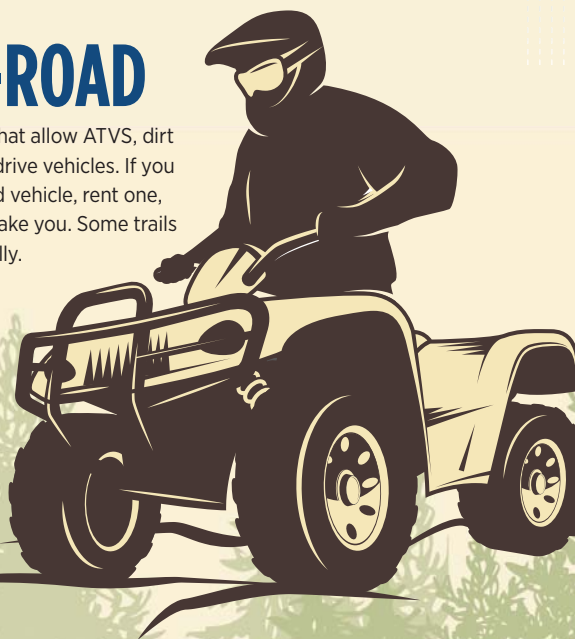
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CAMPGROUND

GO OFF-ROAD

Enjoy multi-use trails that allow ATVs, dirt bikes and four-wheel-drive vehicles. If you do not own an off-road vehicle, rent one, or hire an outfitter to take you. Some trails are only open seasonally.



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If you've always dreamt of an outdoor wedding, look no further than Estes Park. With mountains in nearly every direction, the backdrop is stunning in every season. Dozens of sites are available, even in Rocky Mountain National Park. Choose lakeside, streamside or mountainside—wherever feels most romantic to you. Or, if you prefer to say "I do" in a church or the perfect mountain indoor space, Estes Park has a wide variety of lodges, event spaces, church denominations and more. Find your finishing touches in the village, where florists, caterers, musicians, cake bakers, seamstresses, DJs, officiants and others are available to make your celebration as stunning as the surroundings.

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70 vendors

The Estes Park Wedding Association organizes the Estes Park Wedding Association Bridal Expo in February. About 75 area vendors come together to show future brides and grooms the variety of ways they can make their celebration unique. Tour wedding, reception and rehearsal dinner venues. Visit with photographers, cake bakers, florists, event planners, transportation providers, formal wear specialists, restaurateurs, venue representatives and others who work hard to make every wedding memorable.

\$30

Before your marriage can be legal, you'll need a marriage license. Purchase one from any Clerk and Recorder's Office in Colorado, including the Estes Park office on Brodie Avenue. Stop by Monday through Friday to fill out the necessary forms and pay the fee.

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To get started, log onto VisitEstesPark.com. Then click Meetings, Reunions & Groups, or Weddings.



11,675 PEOPLE

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111,717

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2 TO 3,500 ATTENDEES

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65+ MEETING SPACES

With so many varied gathering places to choose from, you will find an ideal spot for your next banquet, family reunion, milestone birthday party, corporate meeting or whatever occasion brings your group together.



FIND YOUR SWEET DREAMS: Click visitestespark.com/lodging to browse available lodging. Search by keyword or lodging type.

YOUR HOME away from home

ALTHOUGH THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES in and around Estes Park is sure to keep you out and about, where you put your feet up in between is important. Choose from hotels and motels, cabins and cottages, lodges and inns, vacation homes and condos, and bed-and-breakfasts. The wide selection ensures you find your perfect spot. Ask about bringing your four-legged companion!

Hotels & Motels

When amenities are important, then a hotel or motel may be your perfect accommodation. Choose from historic properties, familiar chains or boutique stays. Some are near downtown; others are nestled at the edge of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Cabins & Cottages

Retreat to your bungalow in the woods or to your cabin by a river. Options for a secluded stay include everything from rustic and primitive to luxurious and well-appointed.

Lodges & Inns

Think wood beams, stone fireplaces and vast views. Many area lodges and inns

reflect a Rocky Mountain aesthetic that's hard to resist. Some offer an adults-only community; others invite you to fish with your favorite youngster or encourage wellness. All offer a fantastic escape.

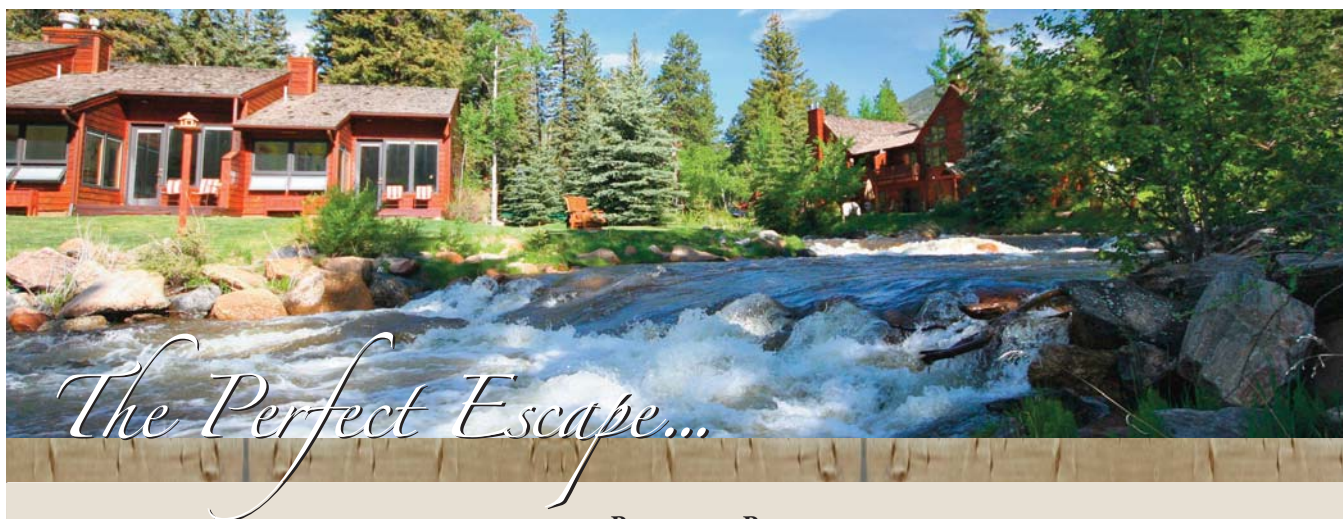
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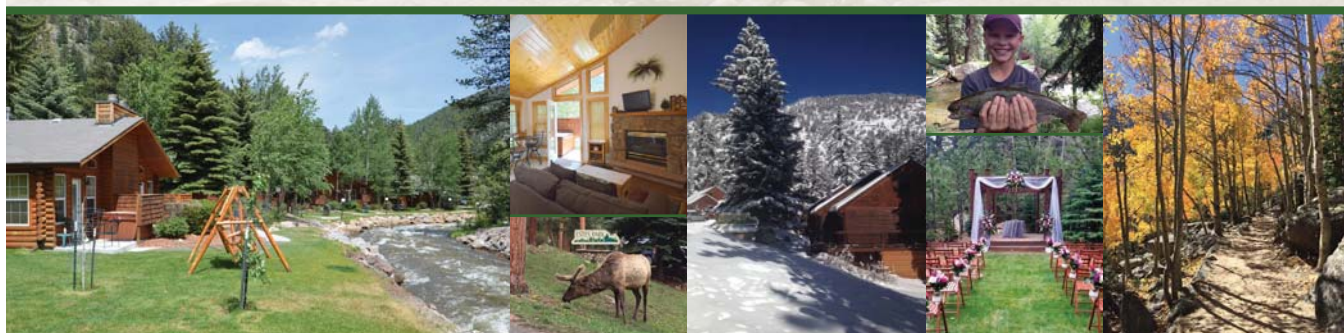


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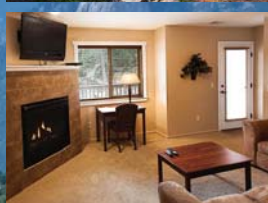
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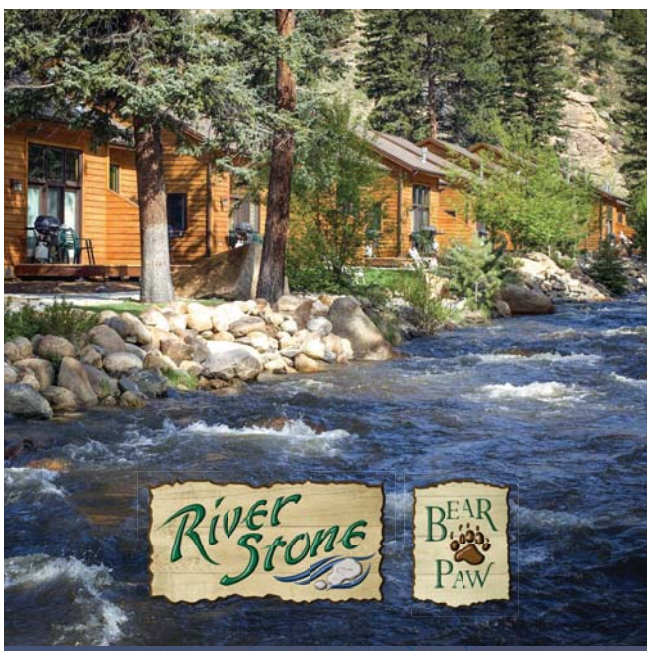
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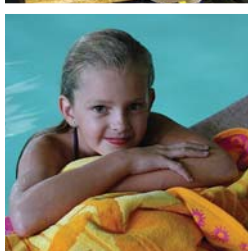
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FEATURED LODGING

	Type	Summer Season Value Season	# of Units	Free Wi-Fi	Free Hi-Speed	Kitchen	Fireplace	Pool (In/Out)	A/C	Hot Tub	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Smoking Allowed	Children Welcome	Groups Accepted	Ad Page
ALPINE TRAIL RIDGE INN 800-233-5023, 970-586-4585 927 Moraine Ave. www.alpinetrailridgeinn.com Exceptionally clean. Mountain views. Hiking/photo info. Near restaurants & RMNP.*	Motel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$	48	◆	◆	●		OUT	◆		●		OUT	◆	◆	55
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN & SUITES OF ESTES PARK 888-315-2378, 970-586-4421 1220 Big Thompson Ave. Spectacular mountain views. Clean, comfortable rooms. Some hot tubs and fireplaces.	Hotel/Motel Suites	\$-\$ \$	49	◆	■		●	OUT	◆	●	●	●	OUT	◆	◆	59
ANDERSON REALTY & MANAGEMENT 866-586-2950, 970-586-2950 170 S. St. Vrain Ave. www.estesparkrentals.com Fully equipped homes, cabins & condos. All you need to bring is food!	Cabins/Cottages Condo Homes	\$\$\$ \$\$\$	15-20		●	◆	●					●	OUT	◆		59
ASPEN BROOK VACATION HOMES 970-586-3748 2343 Aspen Brook Dr. (off Spur 66) www.aspenbrook.com On the river. 300 yards to RMNP.* Luxury homes.	Cabins Homes	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	13	◆		◆	◆			●				◆	◆	53
BEAR PAW SUITES/RIVER STONE RESORTS 888-234-9117, 970-586-4005 2120 Fall River Rd. www.riverstoneresorts.com Beautiful river setting. 2 mi. to town or RMNP.* Kitchens. Jacuzzi tubs. Open all year.	Cabins/Cottages Lodge/Inn/Suites Condo/Home	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	26	◆	●	◆	◆			●	●		OUT	◆		56
BEAVER BROOK ON THE RIVER 800-794-7857, 970-577-0202 1700 CO Hwy. 66 www.beaverbrookontheriver.com On the river. New property.	Suites Condos	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	17	◆	◆	◆	◆			■			OUT	◆	◆	53
BEST WESTERN PLUS SILVER SADDLE 800-528-1234, 970-586-4476 1260 Big Thompson Ave. www.estesresort.com 100% smoke-free. Hot breakfast. Fitness center.	Hotel/Motel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	63	◆	◆	●	●	OUT	◆	■	●			◆	◆	59
BLACK CANYON INN 800-897-3730, 970-586-8113 800 MacGregor Ave. www.blackcanyoninn.com Mountain views. Secluded resort. Close to downtown.	Cabins/Cottages Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$-\$	28	◆		◆	◆	OUT		●				◆	◆	59
BLACKHAWK LODGES 970-586-6100 1750 Fall River Rd. www.blackhawkestespark.com Cabins on the river. Centrally located between RMNP* and downtown.	Cabins/Cottages	\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	10	◆		◆	◆			■			OUT			60
BOULDER BROOK ON FALL RIVER 800-238-0910, 970-586-0910 1900 Fall River Rd. www.boulderbrook.com Riverfront luxury suites. Fireplaces and in-room jetted tubs, outdoor hot tub.	Hotel Suites Condo/Home	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	20	◆		◆	◆			●	■			●		51 60
BRYNWOOD ON THE RIVER 800-279-4488, 970-586-3475 710 Moraine Ave. www.brynwood.com On the river, stocked fishing. Wildlife and views. Nonsmoking property.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Lodge/Inn Suites/Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	26	●	■	◆	●	OUT	●	●	■				◆	54 60
CABINS AT RAMS HORN VILLAGE RESORT 800-229-4676, 970-586-4338 1565 CO Hwy. 66 www.rhvresort.com Award-winning cabins at RMNP* entrance. Heated pool, playground. Resort for families!	Cabins/Cottages	\$\$\$- \$\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	46	◆	■	◆	◆	OUT		■	●		OUT	◆	◆	53
CASTLE MOUNTAIN LODGE 800-689-8284, 970-586-3664 1520 Fall River Rd. www.CastleMountainLodge.com On Fall River. Borders RMNP.* 1000-ft. stocked river.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	31	◆	◆	●	●			●	■	●	●	OUT	◆	57 60
COLORADO CONDOS AT BOBCAT RIDGE 303-772-7884, 303-204-7880 1437 S. St. Vrain Ave. www.BobcatRidgeCondos.com Luxury condos. Reunions, vacations, romantic getaways.	Suites Condo	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$-\$	4	◆	◆	◆	◆						OUT	◆	◆	55
COLORADO COTTAGES 970-586-4637, 970-999-2293 1241 High Dr. www.colocottages.com Breathtaking views. Cozy mountain charm. Near RMNP.*	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$	11	◆	■	◆	◆			■		●	OUT	◆	◆	60
COLUMBINE INN 800-726-9049, 970-586-4533 1540 Big Thompson Ave. www.estescolumbineinn.com Near Lake Estes marina. All units ground level. Affordable and convenient.	Motel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$	20	◆	■	●	■	◆	●			◆	OUT	◆	◆	55 60
COMFORT INN 800-4CHOICE, 970-586-2358 1450 Big Thompson Ave. www.estescomfortinn.com Deluxe hot continental breakfast. 2-BR/2-BA loft units. AAA ◆◆◆	Hotel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	75	◆	■		●	OUT	◆	■	●		OUT	◆	◆	56 60
DEER CREST RESORT 800-331-2324, 970-586-2324 1200 Fall River Rd. www.DeerCrestResort.com On Fall River. Near RMNP.* Smoke-free property. Adults-only getaway.	Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$	25	◆	■	◆	●	●	●	■					●	60
DELLA TERRA MOUNTAIN CHATEAU 970-586-2501 3501 Fall River Rd. www.DellaTerraMountainChateau.com Full breakfast included. Spa treatment room and theater room.	Lodge/Inn Suites	\$\$\$\$ \$-\$	14	◆			◆	◆	◆	●			OUT		◆	52
ESTES PARK CONDOS—CREEKSIDE, ANTLERS POINTE, BUGLE POINTE 800-349-1003, 970-577-0068 1400 David Dr. www.EstesParkCondos.com Secluded, luxury condos, each with a view of Fall River. 1 mile to RMNP.*	Cabin/Cottages Hotel/Lodge/Inn Suites/Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$ \$-\$-\$-\$	70	◆	◆	◆	◆			●	●		OUT		◆	49 52

\$=Up to \$99, \$\$=\$100-\$199, \$\$\$=\$200-\$299, \$\$\$\$=\$300+ | ◆ Available in All Units | ● Available in Some Units | ■ On the Property | OUT = Outside Only
*RMNP= Rocky Mountain National Park | All addresses are Estes Park, CO 80517 unless otherwise noted. | Call property for level of disabled access.

FEATURED LODGING

	Type	Summer Season Value Season	# of Units	Free Wi-Fi	Free Hi-Speed	Kitchen	Fireplace	Pool (In/Out)	A/C	Hot Tub	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Smoking Allowed	Children Welcome	Groups Accepted	Ad Page
THE ESTES PARK RESORT 970-577-6400 1700 Big Thompson Ave. www.theestesparkresort.com Completely remodeled in 2012. Lakeview rooms, restaurant, spa services.	Hotel Lodge/Inn Suites	\$\$\$ \$\$\$	54	◆		●	●	■	◆	●	●	Only service pets			◆	3
ESTES PARK RV RENTALS 877-373-8813 1755 CO Hwy. 66 www.estesparkRVrentals.com "Tow & Go" or valet service. Full kitchen, bathroom, utensils, generator. Sleeps 4+.	Camper	\$ \$ —	8			◆		◆				●	OUT	◆		61
THE EVERGREENS ON FALL RIVER 888-686-3393, 970-577-9786 1500 Fish Hatchery Rd. www.evergreenonfallriver.com Luxury cabins on Fall River. 1.5 miles to RMNP.* Romance packages, gift certificates.	Cabins/Cottages Lodge/Inn Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	14	◆		◆	◆			●	■		OUT	◆	●	58
FAWN VALLEY INN (Rocky Mountain Resorts) 800-525-2961, 970-586-2388 2760 Fall River Rd. www.FawnValleyInn.com On Fall River. 1 mile to RMNP.* Abundant wildlife.	Cabin/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites Condo/Home	\$\$\$ \$	50	◆	■	◆	●	OUT		●	■	●	OUT		◆	49 55
LAZY R COTTAGES (Rocky Mountain Resorts) 800-726-3728, 970-586-3708 891 Moraine Ave. www.LazyRCottages.com Spectacular mountain views. 1 mile to RMNP.* 1 mile to downtown.	Cabin/Cottages Suites Condo/Home	\$\$\$ \$	16	◆	■	◆	●			●	●	●	OUT		◆	49 55
THE LODGE AT THE STANLEY HOTEL 800-976-1377, 970-577-4000 333 E. Wonderview Ave. www.stanleyhotel.com Remodeled. Includes breakfast/afternoon snacks. Full service. Year-round. Mountain view.	Hotel Lodge/Inn Suites	\$\$\$- \$\$\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	40	◆	◆						●	◆	OUT		◆	IFC 33 49
MACHIN'S COTTAGES IN THE PINES 970-586-4276 2450 Eagle Cliff Rd. P.O. Box 2687 www.machinscottages.com In RMNP.* Small pets okay. Trail access.	Cabins/Cottages	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	17	●	■	◆	◆					◆	OUT	◆		58
MARYS LAKE LODGE 970-586-5958 2625 Marys Lake Rd. www.maryslakelodge.com Lodge suites steps away from the restaurant, brewery and swimming pool.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn Condo	\$-\$- \$\$\$ — \$-\$- \$\$\$	76	◆	◆	●	●	OUT	●	●	●		OUT	◆	◆	7 54
MCGREGOR MOUNTAIN LODGE 800-835-8439 (VIEW), 970-586-3457 2815 Fall River Rd. www.McGregorMountainLodge.com Spectacular views. Wildlife watching/birding. Stand-alone cottages.	Cabins/Cottages Lodge/Inn Suites	\$-\$- \$\$\$ — \$- \$\$\$	19	◆	■	◆	●	■		■	●	●	OUT	◆	◆	56
MISTY MOUNTAIN LODGE 855-441-4100, 970-586-4100 232 E. Riverside Dr. www.mistymountainlodge.com 2 blocks to downtown. 2 miles to RMNP.* Mountainside hot tub.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel Lodge/Inn Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	19	■		●	●	■		■			OUT	◆	●	—
MOUNTAIN SHADOWS RESORT 888-577-0397, 970-577-0397 871 Riverside Dr. www.mountainshadowresort.net Couples cabins. Romantic getaways. Please ask about specials.	Cabins/Cottages	\$ \$	8	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆			◆	OUT			61
NICKY'S RESORT 800-323-0031, 970-586-5377 1360 Fall River Rd. www.NickysResort.com On Fall River. Stocked river fishing. Groups welcome.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$	28	■		●	●	OUT	●				OUT		◆	57
THE OVERLOOK AT THE STANLEY 800-976-1377, 970-577-4000 333 E. Wonderview Ave. www.stanleyhotel.com Spacious, luxurious townhomes. Full service. Year-round. Mountain view.	Suites Condo	\$\$\$- \$\$\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	20	◆	◆	●	●			●	●		OUT		◆	IFC
PARADISE ON THE RIVER 866-556-3422, 970-586-5513 1836 State Hwy. 66 www.paradiservcolorado.com Riverside cabins and RV rentals. Top TripAdvisor rated. 1 mile to RMNP* & YMCA.	Cabins/RVs	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	13	◆		◆	●		●	●		●	OUT	●	◆	61
PEAK TO PEAK LODGE 800-726-7325, 970-586-4451 760 S. St. Vrain Ave., Hwy. 7 www.PeakToPeakLodge.com Close to golf and events. Balcony suites, fireplace, views, pool, hot tub.	Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites	\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$	24	◆		●	●	OUT	◆	■			■	◆		61
RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AT THE STANLEY HOTEL 888-433-5211, 970-586-7626 333 E. Wonderview Ave. www.rangeprop.com Come "home" after a day in the Rockies. Cabins, condos, homes.	Cabins/Cottages Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	80	●	●	◆	●		●	●			OUT	◆		57
RIVERVIEW PINES 970-586-3627 1150 W. Elkhorn Ave. www.RiverviewPines.com Pet- and family-friendly in a park-like setting along Fall River.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Condo/Home	\$\$\$ — \$	26	◆		●	●			■		●	■	◆	■	61
ROCKMOUNT COTTAGES 970-586-4168 1852 CO Hwy. 66 www.RockmountCottages.com 15 acres on the river. Individual units. Near RMNP.*	Cabins/Cottages	\$\$\$- \$\$\$ — \$-\$-\$-\$	20	◆		◆	●						OUT	◆	◆	61
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN 800-803-7837, 970-586-2332 101 S. St. Vrain Ave. www.RockyMountainParkInn.com Open year-round. Lodging packages. Adjoined to Estes Conference Center.	Hotel Suites	\$-\$-\$-\$ — \$-\$-\$	150	◆	■		●	■	◆	■	●	●	OUT		◆	58 61
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS 800-672-9289, 970-586-2528 2760 Fall River Rd. www.RockyMtnResorts.com 5 resorts to choose from. Cabins, condos, vacation homes, pools. Pet-friendly.	Cabin/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites Condo/Home	\$\$\$ \$	120	◆	■	●	●	OUT		●	■	●	OUT		◆	49 55
RODEWAY INN OF ESTES PARK 800-458-1182, 970-586-5363 1701 N. Lake Ave., Hwy. 34 www.estesrodewayinn.com "The Best Way is Rodeway." Perfect group accommodations in Estes.	Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites	\$ \$	130	◆		●	■	■	◆	■	●	●		◆	◆	61

FEATURED LODGING

	Type	Summer Season Value Season	# of Units	Free Wi-Fi	Free Hi-Speed	Kitchen	Fireplace	Pool (In/Out)	A/C	Hot Tub	Disabled Access	Pets Allowed	Smoking Allowed	Children Welcome	Groups Accepted	Ad Page
RUSTIC RIVER CABINS 970-586-8493 2550 U.S. Hwy. 34, Drake, CO 80515 www.rusticrivercabins.com Private fishing. On-site hiking. Family-owned and operated.	Cabins/Cottages	\$\$\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	7	◆	◆	◆	◆			●		◆	OUT	◆	◆	62
SADDLE & SURREY MOTEL 800-204-6226, 970-586-3326 1341 S. St. Vrain Ave. www.saddleandsurrey.com Near 18-hole golf course. 1 mile to fairgrounds. Free Wi-Fi.	Hotel/Motel	\$-\$ \$-\$	26	◆		●		OUT	◆	■	●		OUT	◆	◆	62
THE STANLEY HOTEL 800-976-1377, 970-577-4000 333 E. Wonderview Ave. www.stanleyhotel.com Full service. Year-round. Mountain resort.	Hotel Suites Condo	\$\$\$-\$\$\$ \$\$\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	160	◆	◆	●	●			●	●	●	OUT		◆	IFC 33 49
STONEBROOK RESORT 800-225-9313, 970-586-4629 1710 Fall River Rd. www.stonebrookresort.com Adults only. Tranquil, mountain environment. Central location on Fall River.	Cabins/Cottages Suites	\$\$\$-\$\$\$ \$\$\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	15	■		◆	◆			●						62
STREAMSIDE ON FALL RIVER 800-321-3303, 970-586-6464 1260 Fall River Rd. www.streamsideonfallriver.com Hot tub cabins on river. Fishing. Pines, aspen, wildlife abound.	Cabins/Cottages Suites	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	21	◆		●	◆			●	■			◆	●	57 62
SUNNYSIDE KNOLL RESORT (Rocky Mountain Resorts) 800-586-5212, 970-586-5759 1675 Fall River Rd. www.SunnysideKnoll.com Indoor hot tubs. Cabins and suites. Wildlife watching.	Cabin/Cottages Suites	\$\$\$ \$-\$	18	◆	■	●	●			●		◆	OUT		◆	49 55
TIMBER CREEK CHALETs (Rocky Mountain Resorts) 800-764-4308, 970-586-8803 2115 Fall River Rd. www.TimberCreekChalets.com Hike from your chalet. Pool and hot tubs. Abundant wildlife.	Cabin/Cottages Hotel/Motel Suites	\$\$\$ \$-\$	15	◆	■	◆	●	OUT		●	■	●	OUT		◆	49 55
TINY TOWN CABINS ON THE RIVER 800-794-7857, 970-577-0202 800 Moraine Ave. www.tinytowncabins.com Cozy riverside cabins with wood-burning fireplaces.	Cabins/Cottages	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	18	◆	◆	◆	◆			●	■		◆	OUT	◆	53
TROUT HAVEN RESORTS 800-794-7857, 970-577-0202 1700 CO Hwy. 66 www.trouthavenresorts.com	Cabins/Cottages Lodge/Inn Suites/Condo		45	◆	◆	◆	◆			●	●	●	OUT	◆	●	53
VALHALLA RESORT 800-522-3284, 970-586-3284 2185 Eagle Cliff Rd. www.valhallaesort.com Bordering RMNP.* Cabins of all sizes. Abundant wildlife.	Cabins/Cottages Lodge/Inn/Suites Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	29	◆		◆	◆	OUT		●	●		OUT	◆	●	62
WILDWOOD INN 800-551-3681, 970-586-7804 2801 Fall River Rd. www.esteswildwoodinn.com Bordering RMNP.* Day spa. Riverfront and mountainside suites.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn/Suites Condo/Home	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	34	◆	■	●	●	OUT	●	●	■	●	OUT	◆	◆	26 58
WORKSHIRE LODGE 877-586-2198, 970-586-2198 2690 Fall River Rd. www.workshirelodge.com On Fall River. Near RMNP.* Suites/Cabins.	Cabins/Cottages Suites	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	13	◆		●	●						OUT	◆		62
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES—ESTES PARK CENTER 888-613-9622, 970-586-3341 2515 Tunnel Rd. www.ymcarockies.org Family-oriented. Walking distance to RMNP.* Activities for all ages.	Cabins/Cottages Hotel/Motel Lodge/Inn	\$-\$-\$\$\$ \$-\$-\$	650	●	●	●	●	IN			●	●	OUT	◆	◆	5 25

FEATURED RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

	# of RV Spaces	# of Tent Spaces	# of Cabins	Free Wi-Fi	High-Speed	Television	Dump Station	Sewer	Electricity/Water	Showers/Laundry	Disabled Access	Game Room	Pool	Playground	Store	Pets Allowed	Ad Page
ELK MEADOW LODGE & RV RESORT 970-586-5342 1665 CO Hwy. 66 www.elkmeadowrv.com Spectacular views. Borders RMNP.* Peaceful setting. Open May 1–Oct. 8.	169	37	8	◆		◆	◆	◆	●	■	●		■	■	■	●	60
ESTES PARK CAMPGROUND AT EAST PORTAL 800-964-7806, 970-586-4188 3420 Tunnel Rd. www.evrpd.com/campgrounds Close access to RMNP.* Free shuttle to Estes Park and RMNP.* Great views, peaceful setting.	39	28					◆	●	●	●	◆			◆		◆	26
ESTES PARK CAMPGROUND AT MARY'S LAKE 800-964-7806, 970-577-1026 2120 Mary's Lake Rd. www.evrpd.com/campgrounds Fishing at Mary's Lake. Free shuttle to Estes Park and RMNP.* Heated swimming pool.	66	54		◆			◆	●	●	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	26
MANOR RV PARK & HOTEL 800-558-2954 x146, 970-586-3251 815 Riverside Dr. www.manorrvpark.com On the river. Tidy grass and asphalt grounds.	114			◆	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	53
PARADISE ON THE RIVER 866-556-3422, 970-586-5513 1836 State Hwy. 66 www.paradiservcolorado.com On the river. Cabin and RV rentals. Quiet and adult-oriented.	13		13	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆						◆	61
SPRUCE LAKE RV PARK 970-586-2889 1050 Marys Lake Rd. www.sprucelakerv.com Stocked fishing lake. On Big Thompson River. Walk to dining/shops. Open May 1–Oct. 8.	110		5	◆		◆	■	●	◆	■	●		■	■	■	●	62

\$=Up to \$99, \$\$=\$100–\$199, \$\$\$= \$200–\$299, \$\$\$\$= \$300+ | ◆ Available in All Units | ● Available in Some Units | ■ On the Property | OUT = Outside Only
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WHO AND WHERE

When it comes to where to dine, where to stay, where to shop and what to do, well, now you know. Just look below for featured businesses! For a complete list, go to VisitEstesPark.com.

DINING

BIG HORN RESTAURANT

www.EstesParkBigHorn.com
401 W. Elkhorn Ave.
970-586-2792

Have your picnic lunch made while enjoying breakfast. Open 6 a.m., serving breakfast until 2 p.m., lunch and dinner. Enjoy our mountain comfort food. Catering and private rooms available. [AD PAGE 43](#)

CASA GRANDE

www.CasaGrandeMexicana.com
220 E. Elkhorn Ave.
970-577-0799

Enjoy traditional Mexican dishes at affordable prices. Riverside dining and "the best margaritas in town." Open daily at 11 a.m. [AD PAGE 43](#)

CASCADES RESTAURANT & WHISKEY BAR AT THE STANLEY HOTEL

www.stanleyhotel.com/dining
333 E. Wonderview Ave.
800-976-1377, 970-577-4001

Locally inspired seasonal selections and traditional dishes. The Whiskey Bar features fine bourbons, rare scotches and limited-product barrels. [AD PAGES IFC, 33, 49](#)

HISTORIC PARK THEATRE & CAFE

www.historicparktheatre.com
130 Moraine Ave.
970-586-8904

Great homemade soups, sandwiches, quiches, salads and pies. Open for breakfast and lunch May-Oct. 8-4. We deliver dinner to you in the Theatre each evening. [AD PAGE 33](#)

LONGZ—A MOUNTAIN GRILL

www.RockyMountainParkInn.com
101 S. St. Vrain Ave.
970-586-2332, ext. 358

Casual Rocky Mountain cuisine—hand-cut steaks, chicken, vegetarian and sustainable seafood followed by LongZ's decadent desserts. [AD PAGE 61](#)

MAMA ROSE'S

www.EstesDining.com
338 E. Elkhorn Ave.
970-586-3330

Homemade Italian. Kid's menu, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, classic bar, beer, extensive wine list. Riverside patio. Reservations welcome. [AD PAGE 45](#)

MOUNTAIN HOME CAFÉ

www.mountainhomecafe.com
457 E. Wonderview Ave.
970-586-6624

A local's favorite serving breakfast and lunch all day. Family-owned-and-operated. Open daily at 7 a.m. Located in the Stanley Village Shopping Center. [AD PAGE 33](#)

POPPY'S PIZZA & GRILL

www.EstesDining.com
342 E. Elkhorn Ave.
970-586-8282

Casual dining on the Riverwalk. Pizza, salad bar, sandwiches, burgers, kid's menu, vegetarian/vegan options, wine, extensive beer selection. [AD PAGE 45](#)

TAVERN 1929

www.maryslakelodge.com
2625 Marys Lake Rd.
877-442-6279, 970-586-5958

Mountain comfort food with creativity and flair, Tavern 1929 and banquet facilities are perfect for receptions, weddings, conferences and reunions. [AD PAGE 7](#)

TRAILHEAD RESTAURANT

www.trailheadrestaurant.com
3450 Fall River Rd.
970-577-0043

Family-style dining in a beautiful facility with views of RMNP. Gluten-free options. Takeout available. Large groups and buses welcome. [AD PAGE 45](#)

THE VIEW RESTAURANT

www.theviewestes.com
300 Riverside Dr.
970-586-1087

Casual fine dining. Mountain views. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, full bar, private events. Reservations suggested. [AD PAGE 33](#)

WATERFRONT GRILLE AT ESTES PARK RESORT

www.EstesParkResort.com
1700 Big Thompson Ave.
970-577-6416

With a menu that changes seasonally, the Waterfront Grille inside Estes Park Resort remains a dining favorite. Overlooking Lake Estes. [AD PAGE 3](#)

REUNIONS & RETREATS

COLORADO CONDOS AT BOBCAT RIDGE

www.bobcatridgecondos.com
1437 S. Saint Vrain Ave.
303-772-7884, 303-204-7880

Four fully equipped luxury condos sleep up to 32, patios, grills, free Wi-Fi. Wooded commons area with playground, picnic tables, fire pit and horseshoes. [AD PAGE 55](#)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN

www.RockyMountainParkInn.com
101 S. St. Vrain Ave.
800-803-7837, 970-586-2332

Professional reunion and retreat planners. Customized catering on-site. Outdoor patio. Indoor pool. Updated lodging. Adjoined to Estes Park Conference Center. [AD PAGES 58, 61](#)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS

www.RockyMtnResorts.com
2760 Fall River Rd.
800-476-6293

Five unique resorts for special occasions—large and small, formal or casual. Event coordinator available to assist you. [AD PAGES 49, 55](#)

TROUT HAVEN RESORTS

www.trouthavenresorts.com
800 Moraine Ave.
800-794-7857, 970-577-0202

Offers lodging for every budget including cabins, condos and RV facilities. Five minutes from RMNP and downtown Estes Park. [AD PAGES 25, 53](#)



YMCA

www.ymcarockies.org
2515 Tunnel Rd.
888-613-9622, 970-586-3341

YMCA of the Rockies offers a variety of cabin sizes, lodge rooms, meeting spaces and team-building activities for family reunions and group retreats! Book your group today! [AD PAGES 5, 25](#)

SERVICES

ESTES PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

www.estesparkedc.com
533 Big Thompson Ave., Ste. 103
970-577-1031

Assisting new and existing businesses reach their full potential in the Estes Park region. Contact us about starting your business here. [AD PAGE 8](#)

ESTES PARK SHUTTLE

www.estesparkshuttle.com
1805 Cherokee Dr.
970-586-5151

Daily transportation to and from Denver International Airport. Groups & weddings charters; guided tours; trips to casinos, sporting events & ski areas. [AD PAGE 8](#)

SHOPPING

ALPENGLLOW IMAGES & ACCENTS

www.alpenglowimages.info
145 E. Elkhorn Ave., Park Place Mall
970-577-6802

Our gallery offers landscape and wildlife images by Richard H. Hahn. In addition, we offer gifts and decor items, jewelry and antiques. [AD PAGE 31](#)

ASPEN AND EVERGREEN GALLERY

www.aspenandevergreen.com
356 E. Elkhorn Ave., Apt. 1
970-586-4355

Unique gallery with James Frank fine art photography & 60+ local artists' work. Glass, pottery, jewelry & more! Open all year. [AD PAGE 45](#)

COUNTRY MARKET

www.nationalparkvillage.com

900 Moraine Ave.

970-586-2702

On the way to the park. Independently owned and operated since 1978.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN GATEWAY

www.rockymountaingateway.net

3450 Fall River Rd.

970-577-0043

One of the area's largest gift shops. Located at the North entrance to RMNP. Restaurant—dine in or take out. Fantastic views.

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TRUE VALUE/RADIO SHACK

461 E. Wonderview Ave.

Stanley Village Shopping Center

970-586-3496, 970-586-2880

Housewares, clothing, RV supplies, sporting goods, camping equipment, fishing equipment/licenses, board games, DVD rentals, electronics, shipping. Open 7 days a week.

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SPA SERVICES

AMETHYST SPA AT THE STANLEY HOTEL

www.stanleyhotel.com/AmethystSpa

333 E. Wonderview Ave.

800-976-1377, 970-577-4113

Holistic spa for an extraordinary journey connecting body, mind and spirit, balancing emotions, releasing stress and tension.

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THINGS TO DO

A1 WILDWATER RAFTING

www.A1wildwater.com

Locations in Estes Park and Fort Collins

800-369-4165, 970-224-3379

Rafting from mild to wild! Greatest variety of rafting trips and times. Poudre River, Colorado and the North Platte. Celebrating 35 years with the original owners.

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ACROSS THE DIVIDE GEOTOUR

www.visitestespark.com/geocaching

970-586-2743

Honor the past, celebrate the present and inspire the future on a GeoTour. Passports at the Estes Park Visitor Center.

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ELKINS WHISKEY

www.elkinswhiskey.com

1825 N. Lake Ave.

970-480-1848

Grain-to-glass whiskey crafted in Estes Park. Enjoy cocktails, free tours and tastings with views of Longs and Meeker Peaks.

ESTES PARK MOUNTAIN SHOP

www.estesparkmountainshop.com

2050 Big Thompson Ave.

866-303-6548, 970-586-6548

Guided adventure tours and huge outdoor sporting goods store. Rock climbing, hiking, snowshoeing, fly fishing, biking, indoor climbing gym, rentals.

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ESTES PARK OUTFITTERS

www.estesparkoutfitters.com

5229 Little Valley Dr.

970-215-7064

Private snowcat tours. Backcountry off-grid lodge. Groomed ski and snowshoe trails minutes from Estes Park.

ESTES PARK RIDE-A-KART AND

CASCADE CREEK MINI-GOLF

www.rideakart.com

2250 Big Thompson Ave.

970-586-6495

Family fun for everyone. Eight attractions and rides, two mini golf courses. One mile east of the visitor center on Hwy. 34.

Celebrating more than 50 years! [AD PAGE 24](#)

GREEN JEEP TOURS

www.greenjeep tours.com

157 Moraine Ave.

970-577-0034

Estes Park's premier jeep tours! Enjoy breathtaking views, amazing waterfalls and abundant wildlife of the RMNP area.

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KIRKS FLYSHOP & MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES

www.KirksFlyShop.com,

www.KirksMountainAdventures.com

230 E. Elkhorn Ave.

877-669-1859, 970-577-0790

Fly fishing & outdoor shop. Guided trips: fly fishing, private water, overnight backpacking, horseback and llama pack, Longs Peak, and snowshoe.

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MOUNTAIN WHITEWATER DESCENTS

www.MountainWhitewaterDescents.com

1329 N. U.S. Hwy. 287, Fort Collins

888-855-8874, 970-419-0917

Come and raft Colorado's only "Wild & Scenic River." 1–2 days or 1/2 day. Class III and IV. Our guides make the difference!

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RAINBOW CURVE RACEWAY AT ESTES PARK

www.estesark.com

521 Lone Pine Dr.

970-586-8360

100-foot, 6 lane, 1/24- and 1/32-scale race track. Rentals, sales, parts and parties. Great fun for gatherings, birthday parties—race time.

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RAPID TRANSIT RAFTING

www.RapidTransitRafting.com

161 Virginia Dr.

800-367-8523; 970-577-RAFT (7238)

Estes Park's only hometown rafting company, offering family whitewater trips.

TRANSPORTATION FROM ESTES PARK on every trip—every day since 1983.

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www.RMConservancy.org

1895 Fall River Rd.

970-586-3262

Provides custom and regularly scheduled educational adventures, bus tours, hikes, and classes in Rocky Mountain National Park and surrounding areas.

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TOURS AT THE STANLEY HOTEL

www.stanleyhotel.com/tours

333 E. Wonderview Ave.

800-976-1377, 970-577-4111

Offering a wide variety of tours ranging from the Stanley Tour, Night Ghost tours, Ghost Stories and even a ghost hunt!

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TROUT HAVEN FISHING POND

www.trouthavenfishing.com

810 Moraine Ave.

800-794-7857, 970-235-3202

For more than 50 years, Trout Haven Fishing Pond has provided great family entertainment. Bait, tackle, rod and reel are provided. No license required.

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WILDSIDE 4X4 TOURS

www.wildside4x4.com

212 E. Elkhorn Ave.

970-586-8687

Thrilling off-road adventures in RMNP. We have the only convertible park tour trucks that go from open to warm and enclosed with sky views. In the Dairy Queen parking lot.

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WEDDINGS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN

www.RockyMountainParkInn.com

101 S. St. Vrain Ave.

800-803-7837, 970-586-2332

Custom wedding and reception planners. Exceptional event catering. Outdoor patio. Indoor pool. Revitalized lodging. Adjoined to Estes Park Conference Center.

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WEDDINGS AT THE STANLEY HOTEL

www.stanleyhotel.com/weddings

333 E. Wonderview Ave.

800-976-1377, 970-577-4018

The panoramic views paired with historic charm and award-winning service make this a premier destination for your once-in-a-lifetime event!

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FIND OUT where to dine during the holidays—Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and others—by checking our blog at visitestespark.com/blog. Every season, we post which restaurants are open and the style of dining you can expect.



★ GOLD ROUTE (Trolley) ♿	
STOP NO.	(The Trolley begins at 9 a.m. and runs continuously, ending at 9:59 p.m.)
1	Estes Park Visitor Center
2	Bond Park / Town Hall
3	Local's Grill
4	The Ore Cart Rock Shop
5	Tregent Park
6	West Park Center
7	Maxwell Inn
8	Elkhorn Lodge
9	Mrs. Walsh's Garden
10	The Grubsteak Restaurant
11	The Trading Post
12	Barlow Plaza

The trolley loop takes approximately 25-35 minutes to complete - traffic dependent.

 BROWN ROUTE 		
STOP NO.	LOCATION OF STOP	TIME
1	Estes Park Visitor Center	:00
2	Saddle & Surrey Motel	:05
3	Mary's Lake Lodge	:09
4	Mary's Lake Campground	:12
5	National Park Village	:16
6	Alpine Trail Ridge Inn	:17
7	Elk Meadow Lodge & RV Park	:19
8	Eagle Cliff Rd. & Hwy. 66 (Valhalla Resort)	:20
9	Dunraven Inn	:22
10	YMCA Hempel Auditorium	:30
11	Glacier Lodge	:34
12	Rockmount Cottages	:35
13	Beaver Meadows Visitor Center	:42
14	National Park Village	:47
15	Mountain Shadows Resort	:48
16	Riverside Dr. at Prospect Park Dr. (east of Worldmark)	:49
17	Piccadilly Square	:52
18	Barlow Plaza	:54

RED ROUTE			
STOP NO.	LOCATION OF STOP	DEPART TIME	
1	Estes Park Visitor Center	:00	:30
2	Stanley Hotel	:03	:33
3	Timber Creek Chalets	:11	:41
4	McGregor Mountain Lodge	:13	:43
5	Fall River Visitor Center	:15	:45
6	Estes Park Condos	:17	:47
7	Aspen Winds on Fall River	:18	:48
8	Homestead Ln. and Fall River Rd.	:19	:49
9	Stonebrook Resort	:19	:49
10	Nicky's Motor Lodge	:20	:50
11	Stanley Hotel	:24	:54

PARK AND RIDE LOCATIONS
Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride
1209 Manford Ave.

Estes Park Visitor Center
500 Big Thompson Ave.

● BLUE ROUTE			
STOP NO.	LOCATION OF STOP	DEPART TIME	
1	Estes Park Visitor Center	:00	:30
2	First Inn	:02	:32
3	Best Western Plus Silver Saddle	:03	:33
4	Comfort Inn	:04	:34
5	Grumpy Gringo	:05	:35
6	Lake Estes Marina	:07	:37
7	West of Olympus Lodge	:10	:40
8	Estes Park KOA	:12	:42
9	Good Samaritan Estes Park Village	:15	:45
10	Talons Pointe Apartments	:16	:46
11	Salud Family Health Center	:16	:46
12	Crossroads Ministry	:17	:47
13	Rodeway Inn	:18	:48
14	Lake Front St. at Ranch Meadow	:20	:50
15	Lower Stanley Village	:24	:54

SILVER ROUTE		
STOP NO.	LOCATION OF STOP	DEPART TIME
1	Estes Park Visitor Center	:00 :30
2	Estes Park Medical Center	:05 :35
3	Estes Park Conference Center	:07 :37
4	Estes Park Events Complex	:09 :39
5	Solitude Cabins	:14 :44
6	Community Drive and Graves Ave.	:16 :46
7	Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride	:17 :47

SERVICE TIMES

BROWN ROUTE: Starts at 8 a.m. with the final trip beginning at 9 p.m.

BLUE, RED, SILVER, & GOLD ROUTES: Start at 9 a.m. with the final trips beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The routes run continuous loops. Please note that shuttles can be delayed by traffic, weather, special events or wildlife.

CONNECT TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK HIKER SHUTTLE

Park Entrance Fees Apply
Catch the FREE Hiker Shuttle at the Estes Park Visitor Center or the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center and enjoy the comfort and ease of traveling to Rocky Mountain National Park. For detailed shuttle and park information, call 970-586-1206 or go to www.nps.gov/romo.

HIKER SHUTTLE—Board the Hiker Shuttle at the Estes Park Visitor Center or Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. Transfer to other buses at the Park & Ride on Bear Lake Rd.

BEAR LAKE—Board the Bear Lake Shuttle at the Park & Ride on Bear Lake Rd. to access other stops.

MORaine PARK—Board the Moraine Park Shuttle at the Park & Ride on Bear Lake Rd. to access other stops.