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**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.

**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.

**ELEVATION**

The town sits this high above sea level; elevations climb to 14,000 feet inside Rocky Mountain National Park.
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**

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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."

**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.

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.

**I HAVE FOUND A DREAM OF BEAUTY AT WHICH ONE MIGHT LOOK ALL ONE’S LIFE AND SIGH.**

—Isabella L. Bird

**OUR AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

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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, sledders 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.

### WHAT TO WEAR

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### WE LOVE WINTER!

#### 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.

- **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.
- **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 sleet and snowing 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.
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- **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.
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WHAT’S HAPPENING

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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 & PILSNER

NOV
FALL BACK BEER FESTIVAL
TREE LIGHTING
CATCH THE GLOW CHRISTMAS PARADE & CELEBRATION

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.
ROCK CLIMBING
AT JURASSIC PARK
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 MountainProject.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.

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

**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 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.
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 driver’s license or passport, and your Social Security number. International travelers must show a valid passport; international driver’s 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.
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.

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 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.

18 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.
### WHERE WILL YOU GO?

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.

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<td>245 ft./74 m</td>
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<td>Shaded, winds along a rushing stream</td>
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<tr>
<td>TUNDRA COMMUNITIES TRAIL</td>
<td>Rock Cut on Trail Ridge Road</td>
<td>.5 mi./.8 km</td>
<td>260 ft./79 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Family-friendly; shows off the tundra</td>
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<td>ALBERTA FALLS</td>
<td>Glacier Gorge</td>
<td>1.6 mi./2.6 km</td>
<td>210 ft./64 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>An moderate hike to a popular waterfall</td>
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<td>EUGENIA MINE</td>
<td>Longs Peak</td>
<td>2.8 mi./4.5 km</td>
<td>508 ft./154 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>An intermediate hike to an abandoned mine</td>
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<td>CALYPSO CASCADES</td>
<td>Wild Basin</td>
<td>3.6 mi./5.8 km</td>
<td>610 ft./186 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>A nice, shady late spring hike that passes numerous waterfalls</td>
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<td>CUB LAKE</td>
<td>Glacier Gorge</td>
<td>4.6 mi./7.4 km</td>
<td>540 ft./165 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Moderate hike through woods to a mountain pond</td>
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<td>MILLS LAKE</td>
<td>Deer Mountain at Deer Ridge Junction where U.S. Hwys. 34 &amp; 36 meet</td>
<td>6 mi./9.65 km</td>
<td>1,083 ft./330 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Moderate trail that leads to the summit</td>
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<td>DEER MOUNTAIN</td>
<td>Storm Pass at Lily Lake</td>
<td>7.4 mi./11.9 km</td>
<td>2,369 ft./722 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Excellent view from the summit; strenuous ascent</td>
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<td>ESTES CONE</td>
<td>Wild Basin</td>
<td>8.4 mi./13.5 km</td>
<td>1,971 ft./600 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Steep ascent passes pine and aspen to pretty panoramas of Mt. Meeker and the lake</td>
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<td>SANDBEACH LAKE</td>
<td>Longs Peak</td>
<td>8.5 mi./13.7 km</td>
<td>2,360 ft./719 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Strenuous hike that passes waterfalls and concludes at the lake surrounded by Longs Peak, Mt. Lady Washington and Mt. Meeker</td>
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<td>CHASM LAKE</td>
<td>Alpine Visitor Center</td>
<td>.5 mi./.8 km</td>
<td>209 ft./63 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Family-friendly; amazing views of the surrounding landscape</td>
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<td>ALPINE RIDGE TRAIL</td>
<td>Alpine Visitor Center</td>
<td>3 mi./4.8 km</td>
<td>705 ft./214 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Trail is mostly double-wide, loose material</td>
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<td>GEM LAKE</td>
<td>Lumpy Ridge</td>
<td>3.2 mi./5.1 km</td>
<td>1,000 ft./304 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Steep hike rewarded with pretty conclusion at spring-fed lake</td>
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<td>LUMPY RIDGE LOOP</td>
<td>Lumpy Ridge</td>
<td>13.1 mi./21.1 km</td>
<td>1,277 ft./389 m</td>
<td>🍃</td>
<td>Views of wildflowers, mountains and wide valleys reward the series of grueling false summits</td>
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### 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

- **HOMESTEAD MEADOWS**
  - Homesteads established between 1889 and 1923
  - 6.65 mi./10.7 km
  - 600 ft./183 m
  - Now accessible only through Homestead, 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./6.11 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/planyourvisit/hikes.htm. You can also check out the Visit Estes Park blog for posts about hiking.

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BIKING ON MACGREGOR AVE.

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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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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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The Christmas Shoppe
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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.
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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.

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PLAY!

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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.

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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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.
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CHECK OUT THE FARMERS MARKET. See what’s in season and take home some fresh goodies from the Estes Valley Farmers Market. It is held once a week at Bond Park from June through most of September.

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.

Grubsteak
Restaurant
Surrounded by memorabilia from Colorado days gone by, the Grubsteak feels like a Rocky Mountain restaurant. Dining here is an immersive experience, from the vintage photographs and wagon wheel on the walls to the dishes featuring bison, elk and yak. During warm weather, ask to sit on the outdoor covered patio.

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Tavern 1929
An institution inside historic Mary’s Lake Lodge, Tavern 1929 prides itself not only on tables set for intimate dinners, but also banquet facilities for weddings, conferences and family reunions. The menu focuses on “mountain comfort food,” with several choices featuring wild game. The tavern also brews its own beer; try a flight!

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GRAB A BITE TO EAT
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.

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 snack.
TRAIL RIDGE 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: 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.
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.
what are you GONNA DO?

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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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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.

“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.

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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**MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Fans of the fat tire find plenty of rock-jumping excitement on national forest trails. Pole Hill sees a lot of action.

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HIKE WITH YOUR DOG

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—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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/mvum. Because the national forest encompasses a variety of lands, it is important to know where you are.

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.

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.

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

Plan ahead. In summer, campgrounds and parking lots fill up; you may reserve your camping spot up to 180 days in advance of your arrival date.

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PLAY TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER

Estes Park hosts meetings, reunions and weddings with warmth, hospitality and competence.

MOUNTAINS OF LOVE

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.

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.

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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.

100 GUESTS

Rocky Mountain National Park’s wedding sites accommodate 15 to 100 people for your nuptials. The maximum number includes everyone at the ceremony—bride, groom, attendants, photographers and officiates. National park staff can assist you with obtaining your permit.
300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE

While they say rain is good luck on your wedding day, Estes Park gets plenty of sun. It also receives regular afternoon summer sprinkles. Thus, the odds are good you'll enjoy a dose of nature's love light and luck during your special celebration.

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**REUNIONS & RETREATS**

Estes Park hosts meetings, reunions and weddings with warmth and hospitality. Nevertheless, when you’re the one in charge of organizing a group getaway, the task can seem daunting. How will you entertain everybody? Which eatery serves gluten-free options? You might need wheelchair-accessible rooms.

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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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### Rustic River Cabins
- **Phone:** 970-586-8493
- **Address:** 2550 U.S. Hwy. 34, Drake, CO 80515 | [www.rusticrivercabins.com](http://www.rusticrivercabins.com)
- Private fishing, on-site hiking, family-owned and operated.

### Saddle & Surrey Motel
- **Phone:** 800-204-6226, 970-586-5326
- **Address:** 1341 S. St. Vrain Ave. | [www.saddlesand surrey.com](http://www.saddlesand surrey.com)
- Near 18-hole golf course, 1 mile to fairgrounds. Free Wi-Fi.

### The Stanley Hotel
- **Phone:** 800-397-1377, 970-577-4000
- **Address:** 333 E. Wonderview Ave. | [www.stanleyhotel.com](http://www.stanleyhotel.com)
- Full service, year-round. Mountain resort.

### Stonebrook Resort
- **Phone:** 805-225-3519, 970-586-4629
- **Address:** 1710 Fall River Rd. | [www.stonebrookresort.com](http://www.stonebrookresort.com)
- Adults only. Tranquil, mountain environment. Central location on Fall River.

### Streamside on Fall River
- **Phone:** 800-321-3303, 970-586-6484
- **Address:** 1260 Fall River Rd. | [www.streamsideonfallriver.com](http://www.streamsideonfallriver.com)

### Sunnyside Knoll Resort (Rocky Mountain Resorts)
- **Phone:** 800-386-5292, 970-586-5299
- **Address:** 1675 Fall River Rd. | [www.sunnysideknoll.com](http://www.sunnysideknoll.com)

### Timber Creek Chalets (Rocky Mountain Resorts)
- **Phone:** 800-764-4308, 970-586-8803
- **Address:** 2185 Eagle Cliff Rd. | [www.timbercreekchalets.com](http://www.timbercreekchalets.com)
- Family-oriented. Walking distance to RMNP. Activities for all ages.

### Tintown Cabins on the River
- **Phone:** 800-794-7857, 970-577-0202
- **Address:** 800 Moraine Ave. | [www.tintowncabins.com](http://www.tintowncabins.com)
- Cozy riverside cabins with wood-burning fireplaces.

### Trout Haven Resorts
- **Phone:** 800-794-8737, 970-577-0202
- **Address:** 1700 CO Hwy. 66 | [www.trouthavenresorts.com](http://www.trouthavenresorts.com)
- Close access to RMNP. Free shuttle to Estes Park and RMNP. Great views, peaceful setting.

### Valhalla Resort
- **Phone:** 800-522-3284, 970-586-3284
- **Address:** 2185 Eagle Cliff Rd. | [www.valhallaresort.com](http://www.valhallaresort.com)
- Bordering RMNP. Cabins of all sizes. Abundant wildlife.

### Wildwood Inn
- **Phone:** 800-551-3681, 970-586-7804
- **Address:** 2801 Fall River Rd. | [www.wildwoodinn.com](http://www.wildwoodinn.com)
- Bordering RMNP. Day spa. Riverfront and mountainside suites.

### Workshire Lodge
- **Phone:** 877-586-2198, 970-586-2198
- **Address:** 2690 Fall River Rd. | [www.workshirelodge.com](http://www.workshirelodge.com)
- On Fall River. Near RMNP. Suites/Cabins.

### Ymca of the Rockies—Estes Park Center
- **Phone:** 888-613-9622, 970-586-3349
- **Address:** 2515 Tunner Rd. | [www.ymcarockies.org](http://www.ymcarockies.org)
- Family-oriented. Walking distance to RMNP. Activities for all ages.

### Featured RV Parks & Campgrounds

| Park Name | Type | # of Units | # of RV Sites | Hook-ups | Showers/Laundry | Parking | Restrooms | Showers | Water | FiRe Pit | BBQ | Pets Allowed | Groups Accepted | Smoking Allowed | Disabled Access | Pets Allowed | On the Property | Outside Only |
| Elk Meadow Lodge & RV Resort | Lodge/Inn/Suites | 800.443.7837 | 800.443.7837 | 169 | 37 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Estes Park Campground at East Portal | Campground | 800-964-7806, 970-586-4888 | 3420 Tunnel Rd. | [www.evrpd.com/campgrounds](http://www.evrpd.com/campgrounds) | 39 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Estes Park Campground at Mary’s Lake | Campground | 800-964-7806, 970-577-1026 | 2120 Mary’s Lake Rd. | [www.evrpd.com/campgrounds](http://www.evrpd.com/campgrounds) | 66 | 54 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Manor RV Park & Hotel | Lodge/Inn | 800-588-2954 x416, 970-586-3251 | 815 Riverside Dr. | [www.manorrvpark.com](http://www.manorrvpark.com) | 114 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 |
| Paradise on the River | RV Campground | 866-556-3422, 970-586-5513 | 1836 State Hwy. 66 | [www.paradiservcolorado.com](http://www.paradiservcolorado.com) | 13 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Spruce Lake RV Park | RV Campground | 970-586-2889 | 1050 Mary’s Lake Rd. | [www.sprucelakerv.com](http://www.sprucelakerv.com) | 110 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
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.
800-876-1377, 970-577-4001
Locally inspired seasonal selections and traditional dishes. The Whiskey Bar features fine bourbons, rare scotches and limited-product barrel. **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
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.marylakeslodge.com
2625 Mary 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**

**COLORADO CONDOS AT BOBCAT RIDGE**
www.bobcatridgecondos.com
1437 S. Saint Vrain Ave.
303-772-7894, 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**

**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**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN**
www.RockyMountainParkInn.com
101 S. St. Vrain Ave.
800-803-7837, 970-586-2332

**REUNIONS & RETREATS**

**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**

**ALPENGLOW 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. AD PAGE 43

**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. AD PAGE 32

**TRUE VALUE/RADIO SHACK**
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. AD PAGE 31

**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. AD PAGES IFC, 33, 49

**THINGS TO DO**

**AT WILDERWATER RAFTING**
www.atwildwater.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. AD PAGE 24

**ACROSS THE DIVIDE GEO TOUR**
www.visitestespark.com/geocaching
970-586-2743
Honor the past, celebrate the present and inspire the future on a GeoTour. Passports at the North entrance to RMNP. Restaurant—dine in or take out. Fantastic views. AD PAGE 32

**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 OUTFITTERS**
www.estesparkoutfitters.com
5229 Little Valley Dr.
970-215-7064

**ESTES PARK RIDE-A-KART AND CASCADE CREEK MINI-GOLF**
www.rideakart.com
2250 Big Thompson Ave.
970-586-6455
Family fun for everyone. Eight attractions and rides, two mini golf courses. One mile east of the visitor center on Hwv. 34. Celebrating more than 50 years! AD PAGE 24

**GREEN JEEP TOURS**
www.greenjeепtour.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. AD PAGE 25

**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. AD PAGE 19

**MOUNTAIN WHITESTAR 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! AD PAGE 25

**RAINBOW CURVE RACEWAY AT ESTES ARK**
www.arkeserark.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. AD PAGE 32

**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.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY FIELD INSTITUTE**
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. AD PAGE 24

**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! AD PAGES IFC, 33, 49

**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. AD PAGES 25, 53

**WILDSIDE 4X4 TOURS**
www.wildside4x4.com
212 E. Elkhorn Ave.
970-586-8667
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. AD PAGE 25

**WEDDINGS**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK INN**
www.RockyMountainParkInn.com
101 S. St. Vrain Ave.
800-803-7837, 970-586-2332

**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! AD PAGES IFC, 33, 49

**FIELD INSTITUTE**
www.RMConservancy.org
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! AD PAGE 25
OPERATING HOURS: 9 a.m. through 9:59 p.m. (Trolley begins at 9 a.m. and runs continuously, ending at 9:59 p.m.)

Shuttles may be delayed by traffic, inclement weather, and wildlife.

For a disabled accessible bus, call 970-586-4920 or 970-577-9900.

Contact Parks & Recreation by calling 970-586-4020.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/romo.

Park Entrance Fees Apply

Catch the FREE Hiker Shuttle at the Estes Park Visitor Center or the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. 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.

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

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**Gold Route (Trolley)**

- (The trolley begins at 9 a.m. and runs continuously, ending at 9:59 p.m.)

**Blue Route**

- Starts at 8 a.m. with the final trip beginning at 9 p.m.

**Silver Route**

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

**Red Route**

- Route and times subject to change. Please visit estes.org/shuttles for up to the minute information.

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**Connect to the Rocky Mountain National Park Hiker Shuttle**

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**Estes Park Shuttle Routes**

- Bond Park
- Performance Park
- Park-n-Ride
- Bear Lake Rd
- Visitor Center
- Estes Park Town Hall

**Rocky Mountain National Park Shuttle Routes**

- Fall River Visitor Center (NPS)
- Discovery Center (NPS)
- Barlow Plaza

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**PARK AND RIDE LOCATIONS**

- Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride
- 1209 Manford Ave.

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