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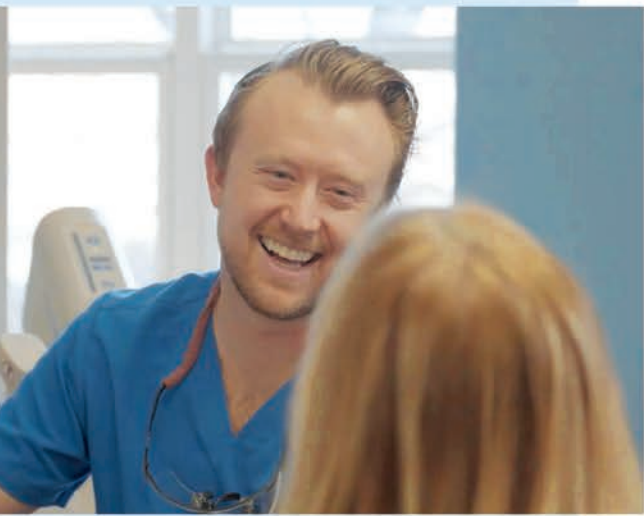
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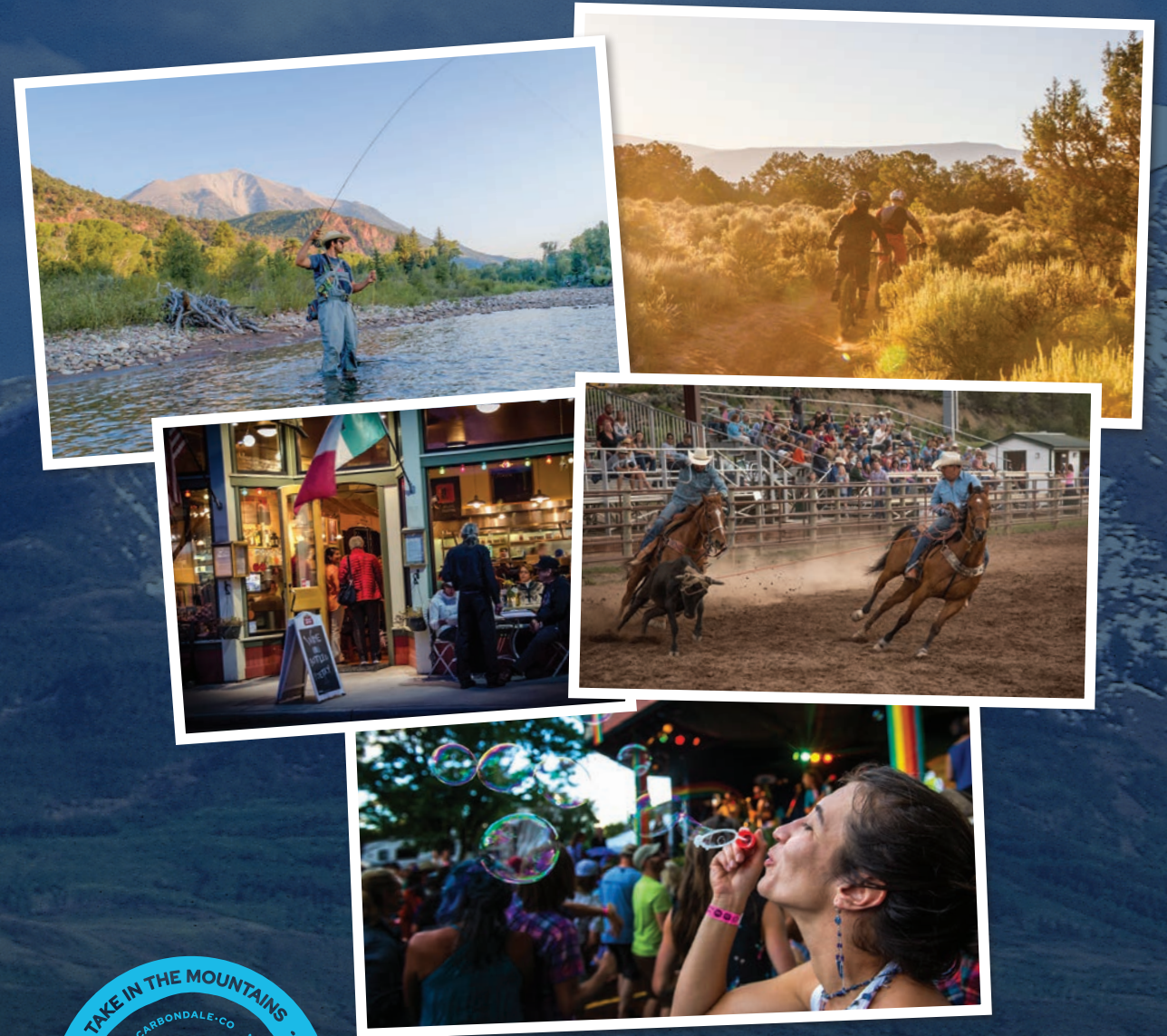
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Incorporated in 1888, Carbondale is situated in the heart of the Colorado Rockies and the Roaring Fork Valley. The town is located downstream from Aspen and upstream from Glenwood Springs at the confluence of the Roaring Fork & Crystal Rivers. The downtown historic district's charming appeal blends historic and modern architecture.

Rich with history, the area was originally a Ute Indian settlement. In the late 19th century, the silver prospectors arrived to the valley. Since the 1900s, potato farming and cattle ranching have been part of Carbondale's heritage. Today, Carbondale is a vibrant community which appeals to outdoor adventurers, art aficionados, golfers, fly-fishermen, foodies, scenery buffs and hot spring lovers. There are also five ski resort mountains within a 30 mile radius.



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Carbondale is a special place that we all feel fortunate to be part of. It's the rare mountain town that's not too touristy or too remote. It's a real community with a vibrant arts scene, thriving local businesses, a packed calendar of community events, and a diverse population of residents who appreciate each other.

We all feel lucky to have found this community at the foot of Mount Sopris. As you spend time here, whether

as a visitor or a new resident, I encourage you to follow Carbondale Tourism's slogan and 'Take it Easy' on our Town so we can maintain the unique qualities that drew you here.

Each of us remembers our first impression of Carbondale, and we tend to think it was perfect at that moment in time. But we remain open and welcoming to newcomers, and we carefully adapt to changes and manage growth so we don't lose our character. We have major challenges with affordable housing, a limited municipal budget, and other issues that arise, but we work together to address them creatively. We welcome you to stay awhile, contribute your unique talents to our community, and be changed by Carbondale.

Ben Bohmfalk
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Colorado Rocky Mountain School

By Savannah Nelson



Within Carbondale, the Colorado Rocky Mountain School (CRMS) has worked to shape high schoolers' minds and spirits through unconventional means for more than 70 years. Founded in 1953, CRMS is an independent college-preparatory boarding and day school educating around 175 students in ninth through twelfth grades. It's a place where academics, adventure and stewardship come together.

CRMS came to life through the efforts of John and Anne Holden, educators who believed in the power of experiential learning—their vision combined academics with experience in the outdoors, the arts and community engagement. Today, that philosophy remains at the heart of the school's identity, with students continuing to learn in classrooms that extend beyond brick-and-mortar walls. According to CRMS, the school is designed to make kids

feel connected, seen and heard. An integrated curriculum connects students, their teachers and the community. Small class sizes and opportunities to shine regardless of strength (academics, athletics, art or community service) give each student the chance to be applauded. Throughout their time at CRMS, students are encouraged to develop their voices, shaping their educational experiences.

“When students are connected, seen and heard, and

are guided through this transformation with attentive adult mentors,” the CRMS website says. “They are better prepared to take on the greater independence they naturally seek.”

The 300-acre campus is located along the Crystal River, providing a natural laboratory for exploration and discovery. Outdoor education is woven into the curriculum; each fall and spring, students participate in weeklong “expeditions” that take them into the field, whether for backcountry skiing, working on service projects or navigating whitewater rapids. CRMS offers kayaking, skiing, soccer, cross-country, mountain biking and rock climbing, plus programs in horseback riding, snowboarding, hiking, and canoeing.

Academically, CRMS offers a challenging curriculum that prepares students for college and life beyond. Rich offerings of multi-dimensional art complement courses in English, history, math and science. Sustainability and stewardship are also central themes—students tend gardens, maintain trails and engage in conservation projects on campus.

The arts hold a significant place at CRMS. The school's visual and performing arts programs encourage creativity through ceramics, silversmithing, painting, photography, theater and music. Many of these programs are hands-on, often utilizing materials from the local environment or drawing inspiration from Carbondale's vibrant creative community.

Community life is another defining feature of CRMS. Boarding students live in small dorms that emphasize



connection and responsibility, and all students participate in a “service crew” two days a week. “Whether they are blowing glass for use in the dining hall or harvesting vegetables from the school's four-plus-acre organic garden, CRMS students are learning to look outside themselves and contribute to the greater school community.”

Rocky Mountain School embodies a philosophy of balance—between intellect and experience, independence and community, tradition and innovation. For generations, CRMS has inspired students to think deeply, live boldly and care deeply for the world around them—a legacy that continues to grow in the heart of Carbondale.

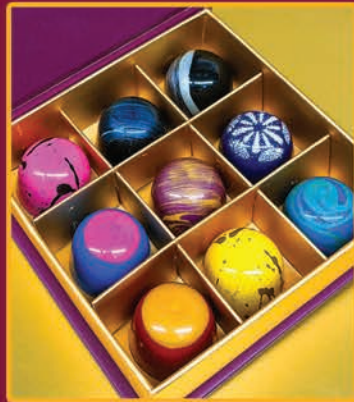
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48 HOURS IN CARBONDALE

FOR SOLO TRAVEL

By Savannah Nelson

Take yourself on a trip—for a blend of natural beauty, rural living, outdoor adventure, small town charm and plenty to do mano a mano, Carbondale is just the place.

For the solo traveler, Carbondale's pace feels just right—friendly, approachable and full of quirk and charm. Here's how to spend 48 hours experiencing Carbondale on your own, season by season.



looking to reset. Later, seek out Avalanche Ranch for a soak in the scenic hot springs pool. It's also a great place to stay, offering all-night swimming privileges and one-of-a-kind lodging options.

If you can swing it, head up to the Redstone Inn for their seasonal sleigh rides—45-minute horse-drawn rides that showcase the magic and wonder of Redstone in the winter. Bundle up!

Head to Steve's Guitars on Friday nights for a standout experience—live music sounds even better in an intimate listening room (one of the few in the country), especially with vintage guitars lining the walls.

When it's time to wind down, treat yourself to dinner at La Fogata Restaurant, serving authentic Latin fare.

DAY 1

SPRING

Spring in Carbondale means renewal, and fresh energy abounds. Start your morning on the Rio Grande Trail, a mixed-use paved path that follows the old railroad corridor between Glenwood Springs and Aspen. After, catch a tasty brunch at The Goat Kitchen & Bar.

Local culture awaits—see a show at the Thunder River Theatre Company or watch a movie at the historic Crystal Theater. If you're planning a March trip, the Carbondale Arts' annual fashion show is not to be missed!

WINTER

DAY 1

A winter escape to Carbondale is all about cozy adventure and creative calm. Start your morning with a coffee and breakfast burrito from Bonfire Coffee. Then, head just a few miles west to Spring Gulch Nordic Area, a local favorite for cross-country skiing (gear rentals are available from shops throughout town). Over 13 miles of groomed trails offer both a great workout and stunning views of snow-topped Mount Sopris.

After, head into town for lunch at The Village Smithy, a Carbondale institution known for its hearty comfort food and welcoming atmosphere. From there, explore downtown's galleries and studios. Stop by The Launchpad to see the latest Carbondale Arts exhibit and browse through Main Street favorites, like White River Books, The Crow and Key and Gloria's Boutique.

DAY 2

Kula Yoga on Main or White Horse Yoga and Fitness are natural first stops for self-care—both are serene yoga studios that are perfect for solo travelers

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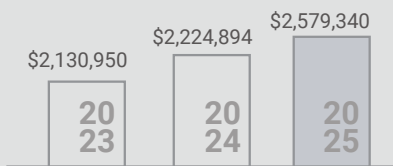
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FALL

DAY 1

Carbondale's fall colors are nothing short of spectacular. Begin your day with a drive up McClure Pass, part of the West Elk Loop Scenic Byway, for some of the most dazzling autumn views in Colorado. For further variety, Aspen and Snowmass have beautiful hikes to the south, while a hot springs soak awaits in Glenwood Springs to the north.

DAY 2

Swing by Pollinator Chocolate for a sweet treat and a coffee before exploring more of the local businesses around Carbondale. Visit Botany Plant Shop, Mountain Tide Provision Co., Taylor & Tessier or Ragged Mountain Sports for some shopping variety.

For your farewell dinner, enjoy a meal at Ming's Cafe, followed by a stop at the eclectic and fun El Dorado bar.



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DAY 2

Rest, recovery and relaxation are Carbondale cornerstones. The town is full of massage therapists, like Peak Wellness Massage, Defiance Massage and Amber Grace Wellness.

Back in town, join locals for First Friday, a monthly celebration where shops and art galleries open late, musicians perform and the streets fill with vendors, activities and conversation—a perfect evening for solo wanderers to feel part of the community.

SUMMER

DAY 1

Summer solo travel in Carbondale is all about getting outside. Start your morning early with a hike at Mushroom Rock Trail, one of the area's most scenic viewpoints. The 6.5-mile loop rewards with panoramic views of Mount Sopris and the Roaring Fork Valley.

Grab lunch at Dos Gringos Burritos, White House Pizza or Peppino's Pizza, all quick and local favorites, before spending the afternoon exploring the town's Creative District—from murals and sculptures to local artisan shops and galleries.

In the evening, check the calendar for community events like the legendary Mountain Fair (held the last weekend of July), filled with music, art and joyful celebration. For dinner, try Phat Thaifor elevated yet approachable dining, or grab a beer at Carbondale Beer Works.

DAY 2 - EVENING

For a true summertime-in-Carbondale experience, rent a paddleboard and head to Reudi Reservoir, go fly-fishing on the Crystal River or join a yoga session in Sopris Park. 502 Diner is a natural next stop for a classic and filling meal.

From there, Redstone offers an idyllic day trip. Just a short drive south on Highway 133, check out the gorgeous Crystal River Valley and stop by Redstone's galleries, coke ovens and general store. For an extra treat, continue to Marble and enjoy a meal at the beloved (seasonal) Slow Groovin' BBQ.



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Mountain Tide Provision Co.

“Good Begins Here”

By Amy Bradley

As of June 2025, Carbondale’s Main Street has a lovely new addition in the form of a clothing store with a comfortable vibe. Greg Morrison and his daughter Sage started with a vision that has turned into reality: bringing the best aspects of the beach and the mountains together with clothing and merchandise, while having a platform enabling them to give back to their community. For eight years, Carbondale has been home to Greg and Sage. They have created an environment that is cozy and welcoming (fitting for Carbondale), with hints of beach and ocean living mixed in.

After many years of being a sales rep on the East Coast for at least six brands, Greg found himself repping a clothing brand in Aspen. He moved here to run sales for them and later became the Managing Director before leaving to start Mountain Tide Provision Co. His years of experience birthed the dream of having his own store front and with the help of his daughter, the concept and name “Mountain Tide Provision” was floated. A storefront on Main Street became available and Greg made a decision to follow that dream, believing that the area was in

need of the type of store he envisioned. Over the months, Greg worked with local contractors and designers to breathe new life into a space that hadn’t been updated in decades. It took months of dedication and patience with the result being a sleek and modern store that feels inviting and approachable while offering styles that are fashionable and high-end but still affordable. He put his years of sales rep experience to good use by tailoring his selection of brands and styles to fit the vibe he wanted as well as to suit the community... the result being a store with fashion that is sure to satisfy the area.

Greg has many goals for the future of the store that are beyond simply having a profitable business. He has prioritized giving back to the community through his “Project Percent” initiative: 1% of all sales quarterly go to various local causes and charities. He has only been open for a few months and has already donated to causes such as Carbondale Arts, Lift Up food assistance and Watershed

Environmental Giving Circle: a youth-involved non-profit working with climate change initiatives and protection of vital landscapes. The ability and desire to give back to the community is inspiring and speaks to Greg and Sage’s character.

Greg wants the store to also be more than a traditional shopping experience. He offers free refreshment to those visiting the store. He is a gracious host rather than a shop owner. There are chairs to relax and he utilizes the space with live music or events on First Fridays. One week there was a pretzel cart. Another week there was a “decorate your own backpack” day with iron-on patches. Hannah von Bernthal has performed during “Music on Main” and there has also been an art pop-up with local artist, Chris Erickson. Greg is curating more than just a shopping storefront. He is creating an environment for people to experience. And it’s working! On my visit, I was there to do an interview and ended up shopping and walking away with several items. There was so much in the store I liked but I also genuinely wanted to support him. Greg is a very warm and inviting person who has visibly good intentions. His slogan is simple: good begins here. It is a tangible feeling upon entry and I believe with his attitude, his Project Percent initiative and his daughter’s support, (she is currently working part-time at the store as a senior in high school and for her senior capstone did a PR package for the business and is in charge of the social media accounts!) he will have great success. I wish him well in this new adventure and will certainly be back to do some shopping and maybe experience some great local art and music while I’m at it.



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Good Begins Here.

CARING FOR PETS IN A CHANGING WORLD:

A LOOK INSIDE TODAY'S VETERINARY LANDSCAPE

BY MELISSA GISLESON, DVM



Anyone who shares their life with a pet knows how much veterinary medicine has evolved in recent years. From advanced diagnostics to specialized treatments, pets today have access to an incredible level of care. At the same time, the field itself is undergoing major shifts that affect veterinary teams and pet owners alike.

Across the United States, more people than ever are welcoming animals into their homes. With this rise in pet ownership has come a sharp increase in demand for veterinary care — and it's outpacing the number of veterinarians and credentialed technicians entering the field. Add in longer appointment times, more complex medical cases, and the emotional nature of caring for sick or aging pets, and it's easy to see why veterinary professionals nationwide report higher levels of stress and burnout than in the past.

Yet, despite these challenges, people remain in veterinary medicine for the same reason they always have: the joy of helping animals and the connections formed with the families who love them. Those relationships are especially meaningful in smaller communities, where veterinarians often care for multiple generations of pets — and sometimes multiple generations of pet owners.

Here in the Roaring Fork Valley, that sense of connection is central to the way veterinary teams work. At Alpine Animal Hospital, the day-to-day realities of modern vet med are

present — full schedules, urgent cases, and the constant need to problem-solve — but they're balanced by a strong commitment to collaboration, communication, and meeting families where they are.

One way practices are adapting to the changing landscape is through thoughtful, flexible care options. Alpine's wellness plans help families stay on top of preventive care in a predictable, budget-friendly way. Offering a spectrum of care that fits different lifestyles, needs, and resources allows pet owners to feel informed and empowered, even when facing challenging decisions. And setting aside same-day appointments acknowledges a simple truth familiar to every pet owner: animals don't always get sick at convenient times.

These efforts reflect a broader trend happening across veterinary medicine — finding sustainable ways to provide high-quality care while supporting the people who deliver it. When veterinary teams have manageable workloads, space to collaborate, and the tools they need, the entire experience improves: for pets, for their families, and for the professionals who dedicate their lives to this work.

The future of veterinary medicine is constantly evolving, but one thing remains constant: the shared goal of keeping pets healthy and families supported. In communities like ours, where animals are woven into daily life, that goal feels especially important.

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CARBONDALE MOVERS & SHAKERS

By Savannah Nelson & Lynn Kirchner



What do a film festival director, up-and-coming restaurateur, nonprofit co-founder, newspaper editor and acupuncturist have in common? A love of Carbondale, the spirit of community and a vision for what the town could be. These are Carbondale’s movers and shakers—working to revitalize and keep Carbondale a wonderful place to live and a destination for visitors to keep discovering.

A NEW WAVE OF POSSIBILITY

New things are coming to Carbondale in 2026. Chester White, for example, is opening two new spaces—an Italian restaurant called Sprazzo and a global street-food-inspired venue and live-music hub, called Mainline Social. For White, a former teacher and corporate sustainability leader turned hospitality entrepreneur, these ventures represent more than dining—they’re a way to strengthen Carbondale’s existing social fabric.



CHESTER WHITE

“My hope is that by investing in what we’re investing in, we can keep bringing people together,” White said. “My dream is to sort of build on that strength and by no means distract from it.”

His vision includes mindful partnerships: sourcing plates from Carbondale Clay Center, commissioning art through Carbondale Arts and even researching local history for the restaurant’s décor. “Every step of the way we’ve tried to be mindful of our impact—supporting community actors and investing in Carbondale.”

As fresh energy combs through Carbondale’s culinary future, Aisha Weinhold continues to embody its creative heart. As owner of Ragged Mountain Sports and director of the 5Point Film Festival, Weinhold sees Carbondale as a place where curiosity and passion collide.



AISHA WEINHOLD - Credit: Mark Weinhold

“Carbondale is special because people have their fingers in so many different things—an embedded curiosity and thirst for knowledge and experience you don’t find everywhere,” she says.

“I want 5Point to be the premier adventure film festival in North America,”

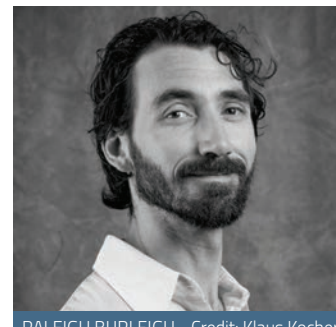
Weinhold said. “Carbondale is the perfect incubator—it’s where creatives, athletes and dreamers intersect.”

Her next act: buying a space that will be part-Ragged part repair and part-textile recycler. “How cool would it be if you recycletextiles, turn them into fiber and then you have all the merch for Mountain Fair, Dandelion Day and Potato Days made from that woven fabric, all made in and recycled from Carbondale?”



TRACY STRODE

At KDNK Community Radio, Tracy Strode carries on a family legacy—his mother was a DJ there in the ’80s. “Any new business in Carbondale needs to fully embrace the strong spirit of community that



RALEIGH BURLEIGH - Credit: Klaus Kocher

we’re lucky to have,” he says. “Show your face, volunteer, support the schools and nonprofits in the valley. If you love the community, it will love you back.”

Raleigh Burleigh, editor of The Sopris Sun, echoes that sentiment.

“Diversity is key to what makes this such a great community,” he said. “I’d like to see businesses that encourage that diversity to continue to thrive. Also, for community spirit to remain a guiding principle. The more businesses are interwoven, the stronger the social fabric.”

The newspaper helps keep people aware of one another—building cohesion. Through Sol del Valle, the paper’s Spanish-language counterpart, that connection stretches valley-wide.

A TASTE OF HOME

Carbondale’s restaurant scene keeps expanding with flavor and purpose. Newcomer Maria Cardenas brings warmth and authenticity to the table. “Ever since I was little, restaurants have been my happy place,” she said. “We don’t just want to open a restaurant; we want to become a community hub.”

Meanwhile, Silvina Rodriguez of Domingo Sausage Catering shares her Argentine roots through food that celebrates family and togetherness. “People connected not just with the food but with the feeling behind it—warmth, authenticity and joy around the table.”

On the east end of Main Street, Rich Camp and Terrance McGuire are creating Townline Trucks, a food-truck court that will host rotating vendors. It’s the kind of community-minded culinary innovation that’s propelling Carbondale’s food scene into the future.

GROWTH, BALANCE, AND BELONGING

At Back to Balance, naturopathic doctor Hilary Back reflects on two decades of practice in town. “Carbondale is vibrant year-round, the perfect town for a holistic doctor,” she said. Her clinic’s expansion—with a fertility specialist joining the team—comes at the perfect time.

Jodi Burgart, founder of Mindful Me Playhouse, opened an indoor playroom and mindfulness spot for families.



JODI BURGART

“Collaboration is at the center of my vision,” she says. “I’d love to see more partnerships between educators, wellness providers and family-oriented businesses. Growth, to me, means deepening community roots—not just expanding outward.”

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Carolyn Parker empowers women in the outdoors. She hopes Carbondale continues to balance affordability with opportunity. “We need to encourage business diversity while keeping the history and charm that define us,” she says.

INNOVATION FROM THE GROUND UP

Carbondale’s entrepreneurial pulse beats across technology, recreation and design. Tyler Moebius, co-founder of the nonprofit COVENTURE, champions rural innovation by supporting startups and offering co-working space. “Providing space for community and gathering is what’s important,” he says.



ADRIAN GLASENAPP

That same inventive drive runs through Adrian Glasenapp, creator of RKYMTN Adult Drinks. After years at New Belgium Brewing, he launched a locally made, adventure-inspired beverage brand headquartered on Dolores

Way. “This is a Western Slope brand—a mountain-based brand,” Glasenapp says. “We want to grow with meaning and strategy, starting right here.”

And in the biking world, Adam Miller of Revel Bikes keeps Carbondale on the map for cycling innovation. “Grow without losing the soul,” he says. “We’re focused on creating high-quality jobs and building a hub where riders and creators can leave their mark.”



ADAM MILLER

THE COMMON THREAD

From restaurateurs and radio hosts to filmmakers and healers, one truth unites Carbondale’s movers and shakers: a shared devotion to community and connection.

“I think a community is measured by the strength of its social fabric,” Chester

White said. “Here, that fabric is strong—it’s the kind of place I want to raise my kids.”

As 2026 approaches, Carbondale’s creative current feels electric. It’s a town that celebrates curiosity, collaboration and growth rooted in care. In every corner, Carbondale’s innovators prove that progress doesn’t mean losing small-town soul. It means deepening it.

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BIKING TRAILS IN CARBONDALE

By Savannah Nelson

Carbondale has a rich reputation as one of Colorado's most bike-friendly mountain towns, for good reason. There are miles of scenic roads, routes and singletrack trails catering to every kind of rider, with iconic and diverse nature views.

Here are some of the best biking trails and routes to explore in and around Carbondale.

RIO GRANDE TRAIL

Perhaps the most iconic route in the valley, the Rio Grande Trail follows the former Denver and Rio Grande Railroad corridor for 42 miles between Glenwood Springs and Aspen. The paved, multi-use path traverses through downtown Carbondale and offers riverside views, wildflowers and glimpses of Mount Sopris.

PRINCE CREEK TRAIL SYSTEM

Just minutes from downtown, the Prince Creek area is Carbondale's go-to mountain biking destination, home to 52 trails. A mix of flowy singletrack and technical climbs, these trails offer variety for all skill levels.

Popular loops include Father of Ginormous, Skull Bucket and Monte Carlo—each with smooth descents and epic Sopris vistas. The system connects to the Crown, providing even more options for big-mile rides.

RED HILL RECREATION AREA

Visible from town across Highway 82, Red Hill offers another local favorite for both biking and hiking. Its network of trails weaves

through red sandstone formations, piñon pines and juniper forests, ranging from 2 to 12 miles. The 6.5-mile Three Gulch Loop is a popular moderate trail that offers a steady climb to sweeping valley views, followed by a fast and fun descent.

CRYSTAL VALLEY TRAIL

This paved path runs between Carbondale and Redstone, paralleling Highway 133 and offering a safe and scenic ride along the Crystal River. The multi-use path is 13.4 miles out-and-back, connecting the town of Carbondale to the natural beauty beyond. The rolling terrain and mountain views make it perfect for e-bikes or leisurely spins of all levels.

SPRING GULCH TRAIL SYSTEM

Known mostly for its winter Nordic trails, Spring Gulch offers some fun seasonal gravel riding opportunities when the snow melts. The rolling ranchland and open vistas make it a peaceful spot for an off-the-beaten-path ride just a few miles west of town.

CROWN BLM LANDS

Connecting the Prince Creek network to more advanced terrain, the Crown is a vast area of public BLM land crisscrossed by trails



and jeep roads. The views of Sopris and the Roaring Fork Valley stretch for miles, and the riding is classic Colorado—dusty, technical, and endlessly rewarding.

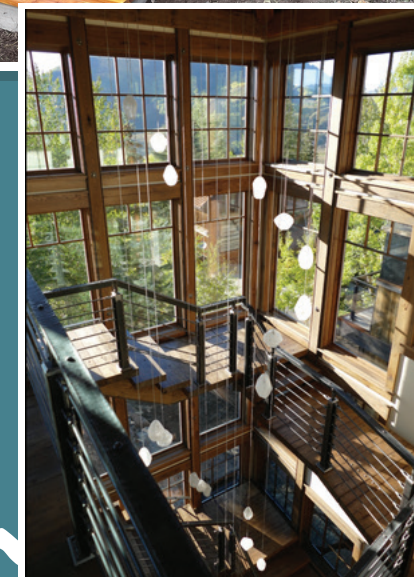
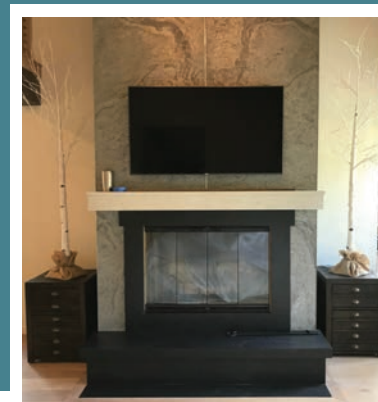
HAY PARK TRAIL

Accessed via Prince Creek Road by El Jebel, the Hay Park Trail is a moderate-to-advanced ride that rewards every climb with stunning views of Capital Peak in the upper meadow. The route winds through meadows, aspen groves and pine forest, offering a mix of technical terrain and smooth singletrack, while keeping close to town.

From gentle riverside paths to lung-busting climbs, Carbondale is a true cyclist's paradise. Whether you ride for exercise, views or the sense of freedom that comes from two wheels and an open trail, there's no better place to explore than Carbondale.

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BEER WORKS

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Amy Bradley



Carbondale is a town I like to think of as “small but mighty”. It has an incredibly dense amount of culture, arts and community feel for its size. It is the Colorado mountain town I wish I lived in and one I frequent throughout the year. One staple every visit is Carbondale Beer Works and it is nicknamed “Carbondale’s living room” for a reason. There is a palpable sense of acceptance and familiarity when you walk in the door. When assigned this feature and a chance to interview the owner Patrice, I was excited. I have a memory of my husband and I visiting a few years ago and him spending at least an hour chatting about bourbon barrel-aged stout beers with Patrice. The mutual love of the craft was so fun to watch for me and it made us feel like we were part of the locals crowd. I have to say, after interviewing her, my love of this place has only increased. Her story is fascinating, her staff is wonderful, the products she serves are top-notch quality and on top of it all, she does generous things for her community while creating a safe and inclusive environment.

Carbondale Beer Works has been in operation for 15 years with Patrice taking over ownership in April of 2016. She was living in Seattle and considering spots for a new adventure and signed paperwork on Beer Works after only 36 hours in



Carbondale. There is even a beer on the menu now called “on a whim IPA” to commemorate the impulsive decision that has led to a Carbondale staple. At the time, the brewery then became one of only 12 in the nation to be owned by a female. She is passionate about showing the industry that women have an equal place in it, employing many women including her brewer, Kelly Snyder.

Over the years, her mission has been to grow and expand the brewery by elevating the food and having a platform to raise awareness for local causes. She has accomplished all of this and more, now doing several events throughout the year including distillery dinners and trivia nights with donations to charities.

Carbondale Beer Works has certainly become an excellent spot to have food even for those who do not necessarily enjoy beer, thanks to Pete Mullery. On staff for about six years, he has created a scratch kitchen (everything made in-house) menu full of flavor. The variety of dishes is also an unexpected treat for what is typically seen on brewery food menus. Staples such as burgers, wings and pretzels with beer cheese are on the menu next to dishes such as Buddha bowls packed with kale and miso vinaigrette, oven roasted broccoli and blackened salmon. It’s an elevated menu that is impressive on its own before even remembering it is slightly unexpected for the environment. With Pete, it is clear he is passionate about his work. He is a genuinely kind and welcoming human who wants you to feel joy during your time at BeerWorks. Pete is quick to offer suggestions on drinks, is (rightfully) proud of the food he is producing and wants everyone to be satisfied.

While on this particular visit I tried the broccoli, topped with parmesan and a fresh squeeze of lemon which was divine in its simplicity. The tacos were next. Since my vegetarian friend was along for the ride, we opted for the pastrami-style mushrooms in place of the chicken. These tacos were bursting with flavor with the combinations of the mushrooms, avocado salsa and pickled red onion. Just rich enough to feel like a splurge but not heavy enough to make you feel weighed down. Highly recommend! Next, I tried the burger with kale and mushroom parmesan fries. I had never had those toppings on fries before, and it was a delicious surprise. As far as the burger goes, I’m going to be honest,

I like almost all burgers. BUT . . . with that being said, this burger was so good! The beef is local from Nieslanik, which makes a flavor difference. Pete even pointed out the hills where the cows graze (fed by grain from them and also the Marble Distillery over the years, creating a cycle of re-use) which just adds another layer of supporting local. Patrice has said that she wouldn’t have the burger on the menu without Nieslanik’s delicious beef.

Aside from the day-to-day menu, Carbondale Beer Works also hosts about 4 – 6 distillery pairing dinners throughout the winter months. Each event features a different Colorado whiskey distillery that a food menu is then created from by Patrice and Pete. This has been a unique and fun way to collaborate with fellow local businesses while showcasing different products from around the state. Other events hosted by Beer Works include live music on First Fridays and trivia nights that generate donations to local charities. Patrice expressed her desire to use her platform to give back to the community where she can. They have donated to programs for kids, food banks and ensured they are giving back to their community. The amount of businesses in this town that consider this a priority is truly so inspiring and one of my favorite things about Carbondale.

Carbondale Beer Works has been a stop for my husband and me on every single trip to the area for years. I believe it should be on everyone’s list. Don’t let “brewery” stop you if you aren’t a beer fan! The food, NA drink options and overall friendly, welcoming vibe are all reasons to visit whether you

are a beer drinker or not. Plus, supporting businesses that support their community always feels good. You’re doing the town a service while enjoying some excellent women-made craft beer, from-scratch cuisine and inclusive atmosphere! No negatives there in my mind.



Amy Bradley

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Day Trip to Basalt

By Savannah Nelson

Sitting at the confluence of the Fryingpan and Roaring Fork Rivers, Basalt offers a charming blend of mountain-town serenity and outdoor adventure. Originally a railroad town in the late 1800s, Basalt was named for the dark volcanic rock found in the area. Today, Basalt is a 4,000-person town full of year-round character, charm and mountainous beauty. It has evolved into a laid-back yet sophisticated hub of activity and recreation, making it an ideal day-trip destination from Carbondale.

Here are the best ways to do a day trip to Basalt each season.

WINTER

Winter in Basalt is tranquil and inviting, a quieter complement to its bustling summer and fall seasons. Begin with a warm breakfast at Café Bernard before heading out for a snowshoe or Nordic ski adventure. Trail options include Crown Mountain Park Loop, The Rio Grande Trail, Roaring Fork Club Trails and Dinkle Lake Road.

For those seeking indoor relaxation, explore what downtown Basalt has to offer. The Art Base often features winter exhibits; Midland Shoe is a local favorite; Heirlooms has consignment items; and Mountain Heart Brewing is an excellent spot to grab both a coffee or a beer. Round out your day with a delicious meal at Free Range Kitchen.

SPRING

Spring in Basalt hums with energy as the rivers swell. It's the ideal time to experience one of Basalt's defining activities—fly-fishing. The Fryingpan River is a Gold Medal-designated and is renowned for its year-round fishing. Spring, however, brings particularly lively waters, with hungry rainbow and brown trout. Stop by Frying Pan Anglers or Taylor Creek Fly Shop in downtown Basalt for gear, guide services or local tips before heading out to the riverbanks. While you're at it, grab a cup of locally roasted coffee from CC's Café.

Grab a late lunch at Heather's Savory Pies and Tapas Bar for a relaxed, local favorite meal and cap off your afternoon with a riverside walk along the Basalt River Park. Stop by the Willits Town Center for shopping options like Bristlecone Mountain Sports and Hollyann Boutique.

SUMMER

Summertime brings Basalt to life with a blend of outdoor recreation and lively community events.

A perfect summer day trip starts with a paddle or picnic at Ruedi Reservoir, located just 15 miles up Fryingpan Road. The scenic drive itself winds through steep canyon walls and pine forests, leading to a sparkling alpine lake perfect for kayaking, paddleboarding or swimming.

Back in town, head to one of the weekly Basalt Farmers Markets, where local vendors—farmers, bakers and

artisans—line Midland Ave. with colorful booths. Pick up a snack or a handmade souvenir before exploring Basalt's hiking trails. Popular options include Arbaney Kittle Trailhead, Thomas Lakes or Glassier Open Space.

As evening falls, enjoy dinner on the patio at Tempranillo, a much-loved Basalt restaurant offering Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and an impressive wine list. Summer nights often bring live events to town, so check the local calendar for concerts, comedians, movies and shows hosted by TACA (The Arts Campus at Willits), Basalt's cultural centerpiece.

Don't forget to swing by The Tippy Trout for dinner and a nightcap. It's a casual hangout that serves burgers, trout and other familiar fare alongside drinks on their impressive, river-facing deck—a summer must in Basalt.

FALL

Few places rival Basalt in the fall, when the aspen groves surrounding town burst into autumnal hues. One of Basalt's most delightful fall mysteries is its annual pumpkin phenomenon: pumpkins lining the Fryingpan River. No one quite knows who's behind it, but the pumpkins have become a cherished Basalt tradition. In addition to must-see fall colors, the pumpkins add a touch of whimsy to the season.

After, be sure to wander into downtown Basalt or Willits Town Center to enjoy the warmth of the season indoors. Woody Creek Distillers offers a cozy tasting room experience, where visitors can sample small-batch spirits crafted from Colorado-grown ingredients. The cocktails here are creative and refined, perfect for a slow afternoon of conversation or journaling by the window.

Just a short stroll away, Westbound and Down Brewery serves up hearty seasonal fare and locally brewed pints in a welcoming atmosphere. End your day at another cozy dining spot—like Basalt's modern tavern favorite, Brick Pony Pub.

With its rivers, trails and alpine character, Basalt is more than a stop along Highway 82—it's a destination in its own right. No matter the season, a day spent here promises a taste of Colorado's best.



CARBONDALE'S CREATIVE DISTRICT

By Savannah Nelson

Creativity is a driving force in Carbondale. Beyond the very apparent artistic influences in and around town that shape the community's colorful, quirky way of life, Carbondale is also one of Colorado's officially designated Creative Districts.

This designation reflects what everyone knows and loves about the Mount Sopris community: Carbondale is both a hub and destination for innovation, culture and collaboration.

AN OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

In 2016, Colorado Creative Industries, a division of the state Office of Economic Development and International Trade, designated Carbondale as a Creative District, which is managed by Carbondale Arts. This statewide program recognizes towns that foster cultural and economic vitality through the arts. This honor isn't just symbolic; there are 30 communities across Colorado brimming with galleries, artists-in-residence and special art events.

The official Creative District encompasses downtown Carbondale and nearby

corridors, weaving together Carbondale's rich identities—creative industries, cultural heritage, ranching and local outdoor recreation, outdoor recreation—with its energetic community of grassroots artists. Walking through town, visitors encounter a seamless blend of art and everyday life—from sculptures and installations to colorful murals.

A THRIVING HUB OF ARTS AND EVENTS

At the heart of the Creative District is Carbondale Arts, the nonprofit organization that manages the district and produces some of its most beloved events. The Launchpad, home to Carbondale Arts and Dance Initiative, serves as the creative headquarters—hosting gallery exhibitions, classes and workshops throughout the year. The building itself embodies Carbondale's ethos: accessible, inspiring and community-driven.

Throughout the year, the Creative District buzzes with activity. First Fridays bring downtown to life each month with live music, themed street closures and extended hours to encourage connections between businesses and the community. Mountain Fair—the town's signature summer event—celebrates art in all forms, from fine crafts to performance art. Seasonal



favorites like the Dia de los Muertos Celebration, Art Walks and the spring fashion show showcase the district's creative range, blending traditional artistry with fresh, contemporary expression.

CREATIVE DISTRICT PROJECTS

Among its many initiatives, the Creative District spearheads a range of signature projects. These are designed to embed art, creativity and public engagement into Carbondale. These include programs like The ARTway, Art in Motion, Carbondale Walls and the Gateway Public Art Project, among others. Through each, the Creative District supports local artists, activates public spaces and nurtures a vibrant and accessible creative economy.

A CONNECTED, COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY

Carbondale's Creative District is easily summarized through inclusivity. Artists and non-artists alike are invited to participate, whether by volunteering, attending events or simply engaging with the work on display. The Creative District also offers opportunities for artists and creators through fellowship programs, exhibition resources and a network of information on projects, art shows and ongoing creative engagement.

Carbondale's Creative District allows creativity to fuel connection, as art becomes a unifying common language throughout the community. At its core, Carbondale's Creative District isn't just about art—it's about the spirit of a town that dares to imagine, create and celebrate together.

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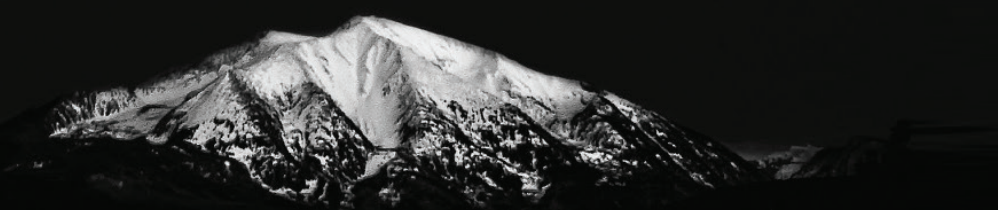
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ALL ABOUT MOUNTAIN FAIR

THE 55TH MOUNTAIN FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24-26, 2026

By Savannah Nelson



Every summer, Carbondale transforms into a vibrant hub of creativity, music and community for one of Colorado's most beloved small-town celebrations: Mountain Fair. Since 1971, this free, three-day festival has captured the heart and spirit of the Roaring Fork Valley, blending art, performance and Carbondale charm into one joyful weekend.

Organized by Carbondale Arts, Mountain Fair takes over Sopris Park each year during the last weekend of July. What began as a modest gathering of local artists has grown into a regional tradition that draws more than 20,000 visitors from across the state. The fair remains proudly non-commercial, volunteer-powered and focused on the creative soul of the community, offering one-of-a-kind events that showcase Carbondale's eclectic flair.

A CELEBRATION OF ART

At its core, Mountain Fair is an art festival. Over 140 artists and vendors line the park, selling and showcasing wares ranging from pottery and paintings to handmade jewelry, textiles, and woodwork. Shoppers can browse, chat with artists and purchase one-of-a-kind pieces.

There's also a silent auction booth, which raises funds for Carbondale Arts.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Mountain Fair embraces the idea that art is living, breathing and experienced. There's a diverse lineup of local and national performers filling the fair's two stages with music, ensuring good music is playing on constant rotation. There's also a range of other performance art, from dance to juggling to circus and live yoga classes, showcasing a range of disciplines.

CONTESTS

Mountain Fair is as much about participation as it is about performance—the element of competition keeps the community engaged with silly, goofy fun year after year.

For example, the cake and pie contests reward both taste

and imagination. The Wood Splitting competition channels Carbondale's rugged, mountain-town roots as contestants test their strength, skill and speed with an axe in a lively, crowd-cheering showdown—the Mtn. Fair 4-miler is a downhill fun run, the singles and doubles horseshoes are a longtime favorite, the fly casting competition harnesses a love of fishing technique, the Limbo contest brings the vibes low, low and lower, the Potters Throwdown is a four-person relay and the singer-songwriter competition consists of performances of original songs.

There's something for everyone, truly, at Mountain Fair.

A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Behind the scenes, local volunteers bring Mountain Fair to life each year—running recycling stations, staffing beverage booths, managing stages and keeping the park pristine. Sustainability is a key focus, a "near-zero waste" goal.

One of the fair's dynamic features is the Oasis Block Party on Main Street, which includes a music stage, activity lounge, food trucks, mist-cooling stations and creative zones designed to engage children and families.

MORE THAN A FAIR

For Carbondale, Mountain Fair is more than just a summer event—it's a homecoming, a reunion and a reminder of what makes this mountain town so special. With Mount Sopris in the background, the creative pulse beats just a little louder, coming together to celebrate community in its truest form.

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CARBONDALE'S ENDURING WATERWORKS

By Sue Gray

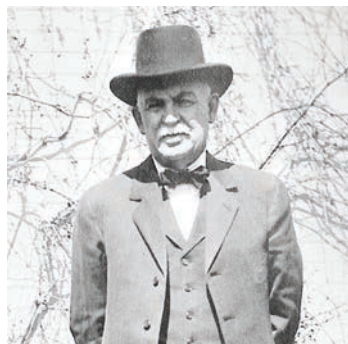
Visitors to Carbondale may wonder about the narrow dirt channels running alongside streets and through parks, which are full of water in the summer, and go dry in winter months. These are part of the town's extensive gravity-fed irrigation system, comprising between six to eight miles of open ditches and underground culverts. The water is diverted from the Crystal River southeast of town, with headgates opened around April 15th and closed in October, when irrigation is no longer needed.

When homesteaders began settling here in the 1880s they had to bring water from the rivers to their farms, so they dug irrigation canals by hand using pickaxes and shovels. One of the area's early settlers, William Dinkel who came from a farming family in Virginia, homesteaded land east of where the town is now. He wrote in his autobiography; "In the summer of 1882 I built the first irrigation ditch out of the Roaring Fork River. Since I had no surveying instruments, I established grade by watching the flowing water and correcting the slope."

By the early 1900s, large agricultural operations around Carbondale required major irrigation projects. William Dinkel, now a wealthy entrepreneur, and his partners Fate Girdner and Frank Sweet, owned the Big Four Ranch on the East Mesa, where they produced cattle and potatoes for the Dinkel Mercantile Company. Frank Sweet was put in charge of constructing the eleven-mile-long

canal required to bring water from the Crystal River to the ranch, at a cost of \$25,000, equivalent to about a million dollars today.

After Sweet sold his interest in the Big Four and bought property on the West Mesa, he became partners with Lou Sweet (no relation) and Henry Clay Jessup in constructing a sixteen-mile-long canal to provide enough water for 2000 acres of potatoes. It took three years, from 1902 to 1905, and \$50,000 to complete the Sweet-Jessup Canal, which is still in operation today, irrigating hay and cattle grazing land on Crystal River Ranch.



William Dinkel c. 1915: "William Dinkel was called the Daddy of Carbondale because he served as Mayor, built the mercantile, started the bank, and helped bring water and electricity to the town." DeBeque Collection photo

The Roaring Fork and Crystal Valleys are not unique in creating these waterways. The entire state of Colorado relies heavily on its historic irrigation ditches. Along with the construction and use of these systems, came legislation protecting water rights.

The first rules of water usage in Colorado pertained to gold miners in the 1850s, who diverted stream water into their sluices. Water rights belonged to the first person to appropriate water from a stream or river, and they retained those rights over anyone who came later, creating a hierarchy of senior and junior water rights that continues today. This system of water use was written into the Colorado Constitution as the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation.

To maintain and administer the irrigation water in rural areas of Carbondale, individual Ditch Associations were



Water Pipe Nettle Creek: "Workers construct the diversion tunnel that will bring water from Nettle Creek to Carbondale's municipal water system." DeBeque Collection photo

formed. Users pay an annual fee to draw water from their respective ditches. The exceptions are the Town Ditch and the Weaver Ditch and their tributaries, operated by the Town of Carbondale Utilities Department, which doesn't charge its users.

Though irrigation needs were taken care of early on, there was still no indoor plumbing for the first twenty-three years after Carbondale's founding in 1888. Potable water for household use was delivered by vendors driving a horse-drawn wagon carrying a large wooden tank. The water was pumped into shallow holding tanks called cisterns, dug into the ground near the house, then drawn out with buckets for daily use.



Town Ditch Sopris Park: "The Town Ditch runs along the west side of Sopris Park in downtown Carbondale." Rita Marsh photo

In the first decade of the new century some of the town leaders, including William Dinkel, commissioned a survey to find a pure, clean source for a municipal water supply. It was therefore determined that a spring on Nettle Creek, on the north side of Mount Sopris about eight miles south of town, was the ideal choice.

In 1910 the first load of pipe for the new water line was delivered. The pipe was made of one-inch-thick wooden slats about eight to ten feet long and four inches wide, placed in a circle and wrapped with a spiral of heavy wire. The pipe sections resembled a long narrow barrel with an inside diameter of eight inches. When water passed through the wood pipe, the wood swelled and made a tight seal. In 1911, the seven-mile-long water line was turned on at the Nettle Creek spring and Carbondale households finally enjoyed the benefits of indoor plumbing.

However, the wood pipes were leaky, and the fittings frequently failed requiring constant repair, so in 1923 new six-inch galvanized pipe with riveted connections was installed from Nettle Creek to the town. Around 1964 the water line was again replaced, this time with ten-inch steel pipe.

By 1975 the demand for municipal water had risen significantly and it was decided that a well should be constructed near the Crystal River just south of town limits. Another well was eventually constructed near the Roaring Fork River north of town. Between the wells and Nettle Creek, Carbondale's waterworks currently serves around 2,300 households with over 6,000 people.

In the 21st century, warming temperatures and drought conditions are threatening Carbondale's water supply. According to a 2018 report, streamflow since 2000 has been about 13% lower than the 20th-century average.

In the summer of 2018, severe drought caused the senior water-rights holder on the Ella Ditch, which serves agriculture lands south of Carbondale, to place a call for more water to be diverted from the Crystal River. That caused junior water-rights holders, around forty households on the Nettle Creek pipeline, to have their water supply reduced.



Carbondale's town irrigation system was also affected by the drought, but they received an emergency substitute water-supply plan from the state, allowing for a temporary change on another ditch, from agricultural use to municipal use, so that the town ditches could still receive enough water to irrigate parks, schools and residential yards.

Another concern is that the increased demand for water diverted from our rivers is threatening our fish populations and river activities like fishing, rafting and kayaking. The Town of Carbondale is taking measures to address future water shortages, like installing automated gate systems that monitor stream volume and adjust flow. Considering the predictions of worsening drought in the next several decades, water conservation should also be a top priority for both residents and visitors.



First load of water pipe: "Sherriff DeVilbiss and William Dinkel stand near the back wheel of the first wagonload of water pipe arriving in Carbondale in 1910." DeBeque Collection photo

Weaver Ditch headgate: "Water flow into the ditches is controlled by adjusting the height of the headgate diverting water from the river." Photo by James Steindler, the Sopris Sun Newspaper

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15 SPECTACULAR HIKES NEAR CARBONDALE

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From paved bike paths to rocky trails leading to mountain lakes, the roaring fork and crystal river valleys have unparalleled opportunities for exploring on foot. The following twenty-five hikes have something for everyone. Whether you're looking for a challenging full-day adventure, a leisurely picnic by the river, or a quick morning workout. Hikes are rated from easy to very difficult based on relative length, elevation gain and trail conditions. All mileage listed is round-trip. Regardless of which hike you choose, make sure to take your own ability level into account and carry appropriate equipment to stay safe while you're in the mountains.

CARBONDALE AREA

THOMAS LAKES

Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult

Dogs: yes, on leash

Miles: 8

Features: alpine lake, Mt. Sopris views

The Thomas Lakes trail winds through pine forests, open meadows and aspen groves before ending at two tourmaline blue lakes at the base of Mt. Sopris. Definitely pack a picnic and if you're so inclined, a fishing rod. Make sure you have a valid Colorado fishing license if you plan to fish.

MT. SOPRIS

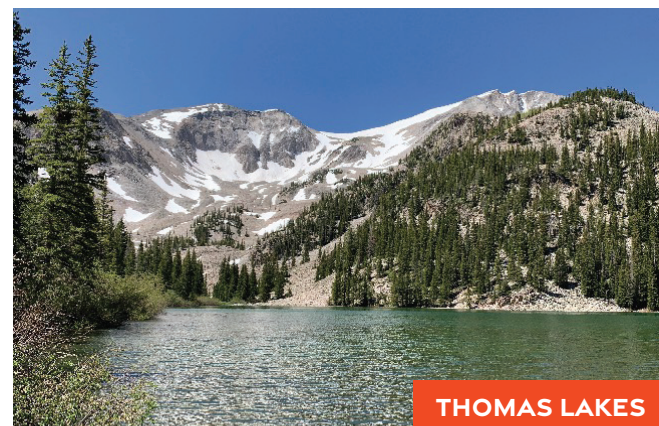
Difficulty: Very difficult

Dogs: not recommended

Miles: 13.5

Features: panoramic vistas

Mt. Sopris is certainly one of the Roaring Fork Valley's most iconic hikes, but should only be attempted by very fit hikers



THOMAS LAKES

when conditions are excellent. The first four miles to Thomas Lakes are fairly moderate, but the nearly 3000' of elevation gain over the 2.75 miles to the summit is formidable. Hiking Mt. Sopris is a full-day affair and hikers should plan to leave early enough to be off the summit before noon to avoid potentially deadly thunderstorms. Hikers need to be prepared for widely variable weather conditions and carry sufficient supplies for a full day in the mountains.

HAY PARK TRAIL

Difficulty: Moderate

Dogs: yes, leashed

Miles: 4.4 to East Sopris creek (most popular turnaround point)

Features: aspen groves, mountain views

The Hay Park trail shares the Mt. Sopris/Thomas Lakes trailhead and follows the same route for approximately the first 1.5 miles. Bear left at the trail junction and enjoy winding through shady aspen groves. This trail is popular with horseback riders; etiquette dictates stepping to the downhill side of the trail when encountering horses.

MUSHROOM ROCK/RED HILL

Difficulty: Moderate

Miles: Varies

Dogs: yes

Features: views, quick workout

Almost certainly Carbondale's most popular trail, Mushroom Rock/Red Hill offers a variety of options. The "classic" route, a straight-up-and-down 2-mile roundtrip, is a quick (and rocky) workout, but a vast network of longer, mellower options exist as well. The trails can be confusing, so looking at a map ahead of time and paying attention to trail signs is important.

MARION GULCH

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Miles: 3.3

Dogs: yes

Features: aspen groves, minimal crowds

Marion Gulch, very popular with skiers and snowshoers in winter, is overlooked as a very pleasant, easy summer hike. Just fifteen minutes from Carbondale, this trail follows Marion Creek and includes several easy creek crossings. A large clearing in an aspen grove marks a great picnic spot and turnaround for a short hike, although it is possible to continue all the way to Sunlight Ski Resort. The trail becomes much steeper and more overgrown past this point so hikers need to make sure they are paying attention to any turns they take!



LORAX TRAIL

LORAX TRAIL

Difficulty: Easy-Moderate

Mile: 3

Dogs: yes

Features: Mt. Sopris views, juniper forests, kid-friendly

The underappreciated, close-to-town Lorax Trail travels over rolling terrain through sagebrush and juniper trees. It remains shady for most of the day, therefore doesn't require the very early morning or late afternoon timing as some of the other lower elevation options. This "lollipop loop" is easy to follow, but note that the trail does continue through a fence at the top of the loop. Many people have gotten lost once they leave the loop; only do so if you know where you are going.

BUCKHORN TRAIL

Difficulty: Moderate

Miles: 2.8

Dogs: yes

Features: valley and mountain views, sunshine, sagebrush and wildflowers

The Buckhorn trail is popular with mountain bikers and is part of a larger mountain bike system, but can be a very enjoyable, short dog-friendly hike. The trail winds through sagebrush and wildflowers but doesn't offer much shade. On a hot day, stick to this one early or late in the day.



CRYSTAL MILL

MARBLE AREA

BUCKSKIN BASIN / AVALANCHE PASS

Difficulty: Very difficult

Miles: 8, add an additional 1.6 miles if your vehicle is not high clearance

Dogs: yes

Features: views, wildflowers, waterfalls

The 3,000-foot climb to Avalanche Pass requires a full day and a high level of physical fitness, but rewards hikers with wide-open fields of wildflowers, creeks and cascades (several crossings required) and vistas of surrounding mountain ranges. Even completing a portion of this hike is worth the trip. As more than half of this hike is above treeline, hikers should begin early so that they will be well on their way back before afternoon thunderstorms arrive. Note that the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead requires a highclearance vehicle.

CRYSTAL MILL

Difficulty: Moderate

Miles: 9

Dogs: yes

Features: shade, views, one of the most photographed places in Colorado

The iconic Crystal Mill is one of the most photographed places in Colorado. Look it up – you're almost certain to have seen the picture before. The 4.5 miles one way to the mill follows a dirt road which is not particularly steep, but is very popular with jeeps. If you do choose to walk, prepare for some noisy interruptions.

BASALT AREA

LYLE AND MORMON LAKES

Difficulty: Moderate - Difficult
Miles: 3 (Lyle Lake), 6 miles (Mormon Lake)
Dogs: yes, leashed
Features: alpine lakes, views, minimal crowds

The Forest Service calls this hike “one of the most scenic in the Fryingpan River area.” It’s a bit of a drive (about an hour from Basalt) but the views from Lyle and Mormon Lakes are well worth the trouble. Lyle Lake is 1.5 miles from the trailhead with minimal elevation gain and is a great place for picnicking and relaxing. Those who choose to continue on to Mormon Lake face some steeper slopes and uneven terrain but are rewarded with long-distance mountain views and fields of wildflowers.

FRYING PAN LAKES

Difficulty: Difficult
Miles: 8
Dogs: yes, leashed
Features: alpine lake, fishing, minimal crowding

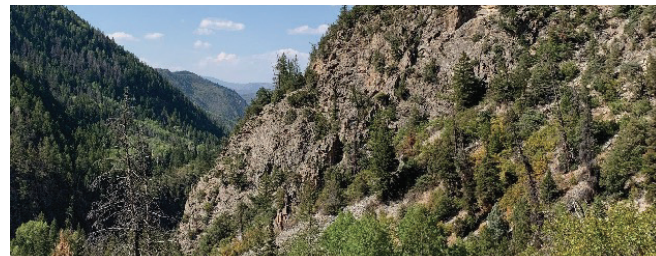
Frying Pan Lakes is another beautiful hike in the Fryingpan River area, but the hike also requires a long drive from Basalt. However, the driving distance gives visitors more solitude than hikes closer to town. Prepare to cross several creeks and consider bringing fishing equipment, as the lakes are very popular with anglers. (Make sure you pick up a permit if you plan to fish.)

GLASSIER HIKING / BIKING TRAIL (OPEN MAY 1- NOVEMBER 30)

Difficulty: Moderate
Miles: 3
Dogs: no
Features: views of local farms and Basalt Mountain

The Glassier trail climbs through oak brush and connects to The Crown trail system, though a short hike to this junction can provide a satisfying moderate hike with views of the valley. This trail is popular with mountain bikers. Keep an eye out for mule deer and grazing cattle.

REDSTONE AREA



AVALANCHE CREEK

Difficulty: Moderate
Dogs: yes, leashed
Miles: 5
Features: creek, shade

The Avalanche Creek trail climbs through the red rock cliffs and pine forests of the lower Crystal River valley. The hike initially closely follows the creek, then ascends above the valley. Though

the trail doesn’t feature the expansive views of some of the other hikes in the area, it makes for a very pleasant and scenic moderate hike.

EAST CREEK TRAIL

Difficulty: Very difficult
Miles: 16
Dogs: yes
Features: mountain and valley views, few visitors

The East Creek trail is arguably the most difficult trail in the area. Those wanting to complete the out-and-back should be prepared to start very early and be out for close to 12 hours. However, though steep, this trail provides lovely views of the valley below fairly early into the hike and visitors can, of course choose to turn around at any time.

BIKE PATHS / ADA ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS

RIO GRANDE TRAIL

Difficulty: Easy
Miles: Varies
Dogs: yes, leashed
Features: paved, Roaring Fork river access, kid-friendly

The Rio Grande Trail is a 40-mile paved bike path that follows the Roaring Fork River from Glenwood Springs to Aspen and can be accessed from multiple points along the route. Choose a section for a leisurely out-and-back or arrange a shuttle for a one-way trip. Like other bike paths in the area, the Rio Grande Trail is popular with cyclists and is a good option for families with children or people with ADA accessibility needs.

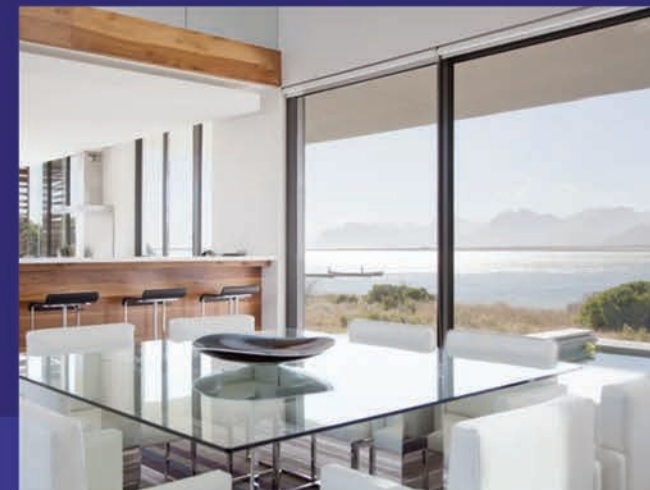
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3BsBakery.com
234 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
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This bakery named after the owner's 3 cats has a daily selection of assorted cakes, pies, bars and breads. They also do custom orders and specialty full-size cakes and pies. Open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10-4.

2. 502 Diner

502Diner.com
155 CO-133, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-7120

This new local diner is an excellent mix of Mexican and American cuisine with items for both lunch and dinner. Named after Guatemala's Country Code, dishes like chilaquiles are going to hit the spot.

3. Beijin-Tokyo

BejinTokyo.com
1194 Highway 133, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-1888

This extensive menu has all the Japanese and Chinese cuisine favorites from Kung Pao chicken to Szechuan beef. For something a little different and unique, try the Singapore Rice Noodles. This stir-fry medley of veggies, meat and egg comes with a side of Chinese crepes and plum sauce. Closed on Tuesdays.

4. Black Nugget Bar

411 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-4498

This local community bar and music venue is a great locale for pool, live music, karaoke and a bite to eat. Slow-cooked street tacos and freshly squeezed juices in their margaritas, this place is a delight for locals and tourists alike who want a little more lively atmosphere while they eat.

5. Bonfire Coffee

BonfireCoffee.com
433 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 510-5327

While in Carbondale, Bonfire is an excellent morning stop before strolling the downtown area. They offer egg sandwiches, quiche by the slice and several locally-made pastries (come early as they usually go very fast!). Their coffee menu is extensive and is guaranteed to have something for everyone. If you enjoyed it, they sell bags of their coffee beans to take home with you. Try the Oat Milk latte.

6. Brass Anvil

BrassAnvilCarbondale.com
348 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 510-5794

Known primarily as a steak house, this location makes a great date night or lunch. A number of steak cuts combined with sides such as pork belly mac and cheese are sure to create a hearty and satisfying meal. If you are partial to appetizers, the bison meatballs are excellent! Chicken is roasted in-house.

7. Breakfast in America

BreakfastinAmerica.com
58 El Jebel Road, El Jebel, CO
(970) 963-2739

A classic breakfast joint with all the usual favorites including omelets, steak & eggs and breakfast burritos. Or try the local's favorite, a bagel topped with a mixture of scrambled eggs, smoked salmon, cream cheese, green onion and tomato.

8. Carbondale Beer Works

CarbondaleBeerWorks.com
647 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 704-1216

Carbondale Beer Works serves excellent burgers featuring local beef and salads and Buddha bowls for those wanting to stay on the healthier side. Try the Shishito peppers and the pastrami-style mushroom tacos with one of their killer beer options during happy hour from 4-6!

9. Casa Tequila

CasaTequilaElJebel.com
64 El Jebel Road, El Jebel, CO
(970) 340-4276

A huge menu of traditional Mexican dishes. Try one of their numerous burritos or fajitas with a spicy jalapeño margarita. They're open 7 days a week and offer a (long!) happy hour from 2-6.

10. Cocoa Club by Pollinator Chocolate

PollinatorChocolate.com
786 Highway 133, Carbondale, CO
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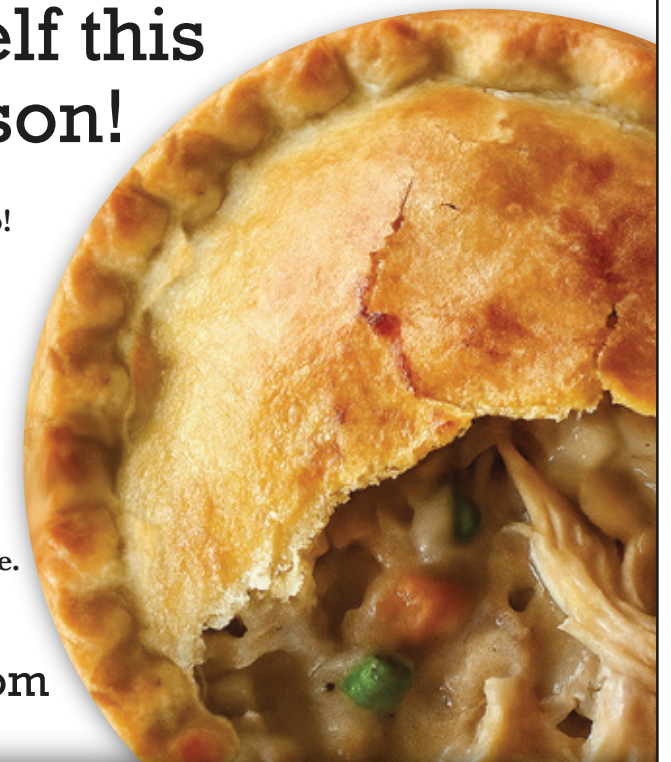


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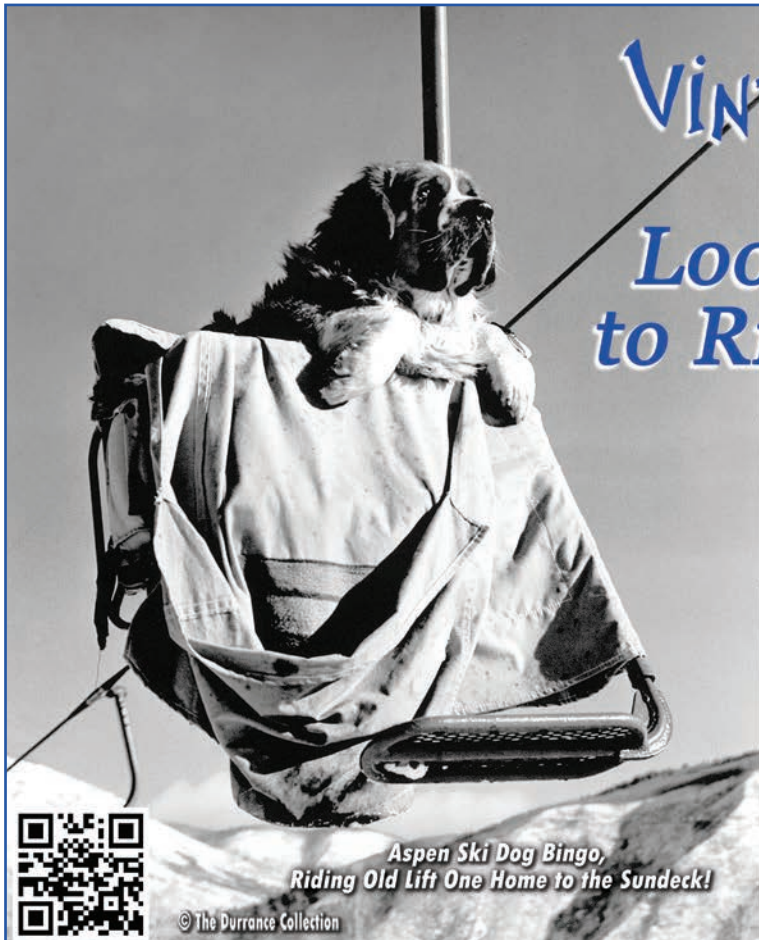
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12. El Dorado

ElDoradoStayGold.com
358 Main Street, Carbondale, CO

The atmosphere of this place is such a fun blend of styles for a craft cocktail. A combination of bohemian, speak-easy and "western psychedelic allure" the vibes will immediately transport you while you enjoy a number of delicious cocktails or mocktails. They also happen to have fun names such as the "I'll be your snickerdoodle," "Rocky Mountain Chai" and more.

13. Fatbelly Burgers

FatbellyBurgers.com
220 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-1569

For a solid, traditional burger with fries or onion rings and homemade ice cream, try Fatbelly burgers next time you're in the area if you want a simple, quick bite. Don't pass on a milkshake with the homemade ice cream. It's the perfect complement to a tasty burger.

14. Garcia's Market

Facebook.com/garciasmarketofficial
211 Highway 133, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-4532

This family-owned market offers a wide variety of Mexican and Salvadorian products. They have an in-store restaurant, butcher shop and bakery for an indoor dining experience as well as a market.

15. The Goat Kitchen & Bar

Facebook.com/thegoatkitchenbar
995 Cowen Drive, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-4628

This place offers a great variety of Greek sandwiches, salads and burgers. They are closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday so make sure to hit them on a weekday. Try the Lambolicious! A burger stuffed with feta and oregano, topped with crispy gyro meat and a mint aioli. It's a great twist on a traditional gyro fused with a killer burger.

16. Granetta Panini

Granetta.com
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17. Homestead Bar and Grill

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18. Hominy Southern Kitchen

HominySouthernKitchen.com
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20. Jalisco Grill Carbondale

JaliscoGrillCarbondaleCo.com
568 CO-133 ste 104 105, Carbondale, CO
(970) 504-3015

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21. KENICHI Izakaya Carbondale

IzakayaCarbondale.com
225 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 340-4225

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22. La Fogata

LaFogataRest.com
995 Cowen Drive, Carbondale, CO
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23. La Placita Carniceria

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25. Marble Distilling

MarbleDistilling.com
150 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-7008

This incredible distillery is making sure that sustainability is their focus. Enjoy small plates, Charcuterie, bruschetta boards and delicious hummus.

26. Ming's Cafe

MingsRestaurants.com
934 Highway 133, Carbondale, CO
(970) 340-4941

This place has a little of everything. Traditional Vietnamese noodle pho, fresh sushi, and a variety of classic Chinese and Japanese dishes fill the menu with plenty of variety. Full bar. Open for lunch and dinner. Enjoy the seasonal patio. Take out available.

27. NY Pizza

400 E. Valley Road, El Jebel
(970) 510-5812

This place prides itself on its huge slices! Classic pizzas, salads, calzones and sandwiches make up this colorful menu. Try the "white garden" pizza if you're a fan of basil pesto.

28. NY Pizza

901 Highway 133, Unit E, Carbondale
(970) 963-6088

Visit NY Pizza's second location, located next to the newer City Market on Highway 133 in Carbondale.

29. Panaderia and Deli San Miguel

60 El Jebel Road, Carbondale, CO
(970) 510-5198

This Salvadoran gem has several delicious items including the carne asada torta, which is the star of their menu. For a sweet treat, try the cinnamon-sugar pan dulce.

30. Peppino's Pizza

PeppinosPizzaCarbondale.com
524 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-2993

If you want a twist on a typical pizza, try the KJ! A mozzarella pizza topped with roasted red peppers, crispy prosciutto, balsamic glaze and pesto. If this sounds a little too odd for you traditionalists, fear not. All the delicious pizza classics are available, as well as a menu of hot subs and salads.

31. Phat Thai

PhatThai.com
343 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-7001

An amazing Asian fusion restaurant. Not your typical Thai food. All of their delicious Thai entrees, such as the spicy duck and crispy tofu dumplings with coconut broth, are complemented with one of their several rice options including jasmine, sticky, brown and coconut.

32. Plosky's Deli

www.PloskysDeli.com
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33. Propaganda Pie

PropagandaPie.com
467 Redstone Blvd, Redstone, CO
(970) 963-9515

A collection of unique pizzas make up this menu, including one favorite: "I'm not a Crook" which is composed of pepperoni, ricotta cheese, sweet cherry peppers, basil and arugula, with confit garlic. Delicious! Also, try the BBQ bandwagon pizza!

34. Pour House

Facebook.com/pour-house
351 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
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35. Qdoba Mexican Eats

www.Qdoba.com
901 CO-133 Unit C, Carbondale, CO
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Qdoba is always an excellent option for that, with fresh meats and veggies, healthy options and quick service. It has all manner of spice levels and menu items and a build-your-own bowl/burrito/salad/taco option for those that like to have a little more say in their ingredients. Don't forget the side of queso or guacamole!

36. Redstone Inn

RedstoneInn.theGilmoreCollection.com
82 Redstone Blvd, Redstone, CO
(970) 963-2526

Whether your trip to Redstone includes a stay at the Inn or not, make sure to stop in and explore this Historic hotel and perhaps enjoy a meal in the casual bar or the beautiful formal dining room. Try the baked brie as a decadent appetizer before splurging on one of their delicious entrees. Fresh salads and hearty sandwiches await. Be sure to ask your server or bartender about ghost stories while you're there too . . . the locals all know the hotel is haunted! The Inn is especially magical in the winter months with the deep volumes of snow outside, an abundance of twinkle lights and Christmas activities. It makes a glass of wine and a great meal in the lounge a very cozy experience. Enjoy the seasonal patio.

37. Slow Groovin' BBQ

SlowGroovinBBQ.com
101 W. 1st Street, Marble, CO
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Some of the best barbeque you may ever have in your life is hidden away in the small town of Marble. It is worth the wait that is almost always there from the moment they open their doors. Full bar and both indoor & outdoor seating at this seasonal joint.

38. Subway

Restaurants.Subway.com
1010 Hwy 133, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-0212

While Carbondale doesn't have many fast food options, Subway is an easy, quick option for dine-in or take out. Enjoy a picnic by the river.

39. The Supply Collective

TheSupplyCollective.com
655 Buggy Cir Unit C, Carbondale, CO
(970) 379-2307

This place is such a treat for the busy person on the go! The meals are designed to be convenient and quick but still full of flavor and high quality. From dinner entrees like lasagna, enchiladas or roasted chicken, to simple salads, sides and desserts, this is a great option for a busy person after a long day.

40. Tiny Pine Bistro

TinyPineBistro.com
968 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 340-4471

This quaint American bistro is a cozy atmosphere to enjoy some delicious seasonal vegetable dishes, fresh pastas, steaks and sandwiches with a fun cocktail list, including mocktails so everyone can enjoy.

41. True Nature Healing Arts

TrueNatureHealingArts.com
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(970) 963-9900

For those who enjoy nourishing their souls as well as their bodies, True Nature hosts a small nutrient-dense café. The True Nature Café has a unique and healthy menu with options such as turmeric lattes, dandelion chais and nutritious smoothies, as well as a small but health-packed food menu with vegan and vegetarian options, buddha bowls, daily quiche and salad options. Closed on Mondays.

42. Village Smithy Restaurant

VillageSmithy.com
26 S. 3rd Street, Carbondale, CO
(970) 963-9990

If you're a sucker for a fun benedict, this place is a must for a breakfast/brunch fan. The arugula avocado bacon balsamic benedict is just as flavor-packed as you would envision from the name. Local's favorite! For vegetarians, try the tofu scramble: a flavor-rich breakfast option that is sure to satisfy. Enjoy a latte or maybe a tasty Mimosa.

43. White House Pizza

WhiteHousePizza.com
801 Main Street, Carbondale, CO
(833) 200-6878

If the menu items listed included a bacon burger, blue cheese and buffalo chicken, pad thai and gyro, would you believe they were all pizzas? Believe it! If you want to try a unique pizza experience, this place is certainly a must visit in Carbondale.

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Chacos Park

4th and Main Street

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8th Street and Main Street

Red Hill Trails

Highway 82 and Highway 133

Gianinetti Park

Village Road (between Surrey Road and Wheel Drive)

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Weant Boulevard and Glassier Drive

Hendrick Dog Park

Holland Drive and Hendrick Road

Hendrick Ranch Park

Holland Drive and Hendrick Road

Keator Grove Park

Keator Road

Miners' Memorial Park

Hendrick Road and Barber Drive

Jail and Cabin History Park

Weant Boulevard and Highway 133

Nuche Park

Highway 133 (South of Crystal Bridge Drive)

Orchard Park

Crystal Bridge Drive and Crystal Canyon Drive

Riverfront Park

Adjacent to South Bridge in River Valley Ranch on the Crystal River

Sopris Park

Euclid Avenue, Weant Boulevard, and 7th Street

Stairway Park

Adjacent to Crystal River, Below Oak Run Road, Between Crystal Road and Greystone Drive

Thompson Park

North Bridge Drive and Jewels Lane

Triangle Park

Highway 133 and River Valley Ranch Road



CARBONDALE REC YEAR AT A GLANCE

For additional information, visit carbondalerec.com.

SEASONAL/ONGOING:

- January - February: Youth Hockey, Adult CoEd Broom ball League, Drop in Adult Hockey
- January - March: Boys Basketball (3rd-6th Grade)
- January - April: and Adult CoEd Winter Volleyball League
- April - May: Youth Early Release Dodgeball
- May - September: Carbondale Aquatics Center (Opening Spring 2026)
- June - July: Youth T-Ball, Youth Hikes
- June - August: Youth Baseball/Softball, Youth Friday Field Trips
- June - September: Adult Softball
- September - May: Monthly Youth Climbing Classes
- September - December: Adult CoEd Fall Volleyball
- October - November: Dinky Dunkers (1st & 2nd Grade Basketball)
- October - December: Girls Basketball (3rd-6th Grade)

YEAR ROUND:

- 20+ Drop-In Fitness Classes per week
- Tae Kwan Do
- Drop in Adult Basketball
- Drop In Mahjong
- Older Adult Trips
- Open Gym

ONCE PER YEAR EVENTS & REGISTRATION DATES:

- January:** Buy 3 Months, Get 1 Month Free Deal
First Friday Family Skate Night
- February:** Puzzle and Pie Night (February 22)
- April:** Youth Baseball/Softball Registration Opens
Adult Softball Registration Opens
First Friday Spring Into Wellness
Where My Peeps At? (April 19)
- May:** Bike Rodeo and Pump Track Time Trials
- July:** Preschool Baseball
4th of July Parade
- August:** Youth Backpacking Trip
Youth Volleyball Camp
Youth Sports Camp
Adult CoEd Fall Volleyball Registration Opens
Our Town One Table
- September:** Girls Basketball (3rd-6th Grade) registration Opens
Dinky Dunkers (1st & 2nd Grade Basketball) Registration Opens
- October:** Potato Days
- November:** Boys Basketball (3rd-6th Grade) Registration Opens
Thanksgiving Camp



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WALKING TOUR OF Historic Downtown Carbondale

BY SUE GRAY, CARBONDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

> Begin at Town Hall, 511 Colorado Avenue, walk east to the curb and look at the yellow building across the street.

1 TRAIN DEPOT - 97 N. 3RD STREET -

Carbondale was once a major junction of the Crystal and Roaring Fork lines, which hauled potatoes and passengers up the Crystal River Valley and between Aspen and Glenwood Springs. The building was moved about 100 yards from its original location, which was closer to the tracks.

> Continue east and take the pathway to the right of the apartment building. WATCH FOR BICYCLES! Take the Rio Grande Trail east to N. 2nd Street.

The railroads and telegraph lines that came with them brought more people and commerce to the west. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad ran from 1887 to 1991 and was converted into a Rails to Trails recreational path between 2001 and 2008. The Rio Grande Trail runs 42 miles from Glenwood Springs to Aspen.

> Continue to the intersection of N. 2nd and Main Street and look across the street at the small house on the NE corner.

2 TANNEY RANCH STAGE STOP - 199 MAIN STREET -

This building is one of the earliest surviving residences in Carbondale, occupied since 1888. It sits on the site of the ranch where Mrs. Ottawa Tanney ran the State Station, once the only stage stop along the Glenwood-Aspen line that served meals to travelers.

In November 1891, a large fire destroyed the main part of town, which was concentrated on the east end of the current town center.

Ottawa Tanney's stage stop was one of the few buildings that survived the fire and is still present today.

> Cross Main Street to the building on the SW corner.

3 THE CREAMERY - 220 MAIN STREET -

This two-story structure was the local creamery, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Smoke, where local dairy farmers could pasteurize and sell their milk. It continued in business until the 1940s, then became a private residence. Later, it was a tire repair shop.

> Continue west on Main Street.

4 BLACKSMITH SHOP - 26 S. 3RD STREET -

Note the anvil by the main entrance, similar to one used by the first occupants; blacksmithing brothers Roy and Hugh Pattison.

Other businesses in this building included a machine shop, tropical fish store, a nursery school and offices of one of Carbondale's newspapers, now defunct, The Valley Journal.

> Cross 3rd Street to the two-story stone building on the SW corner.

5 ODD FELLOWS LODGE - 302 MAIN -

The Odd Fellows Lodge No. 75, dedicated on July 4, 1888, burned down exactly 17 years later, July 4, 1905 and was rebuilt the following year. The fire began when someone lit a carbide lamp in the basement. The main floor was used for dances, traveling shows and movies. It has since housed a craft store, a church and the high school basketball court.

Seven Stars Rebekah Lodge #91, established in 1903, acquired the building in 1995. The Rebekahs are the female component of the Odd Fellows, created in the late 1800s as a service organization for the isolated ranching and farming families. They helped whenever there was a need in the community and they still donate much of the proceeds of their "Near New" Thrift Store to non-profits and schools.

> Cross Main Street to the corner of 3rd and Main.

6 DAD LONG'S STORE - 303 MAIN STREET -

This 1890's era building with the recessed entry, large display windows and decorative brick corbels is typical of commercial architecture of the day, seen in many of Carbondale's Main Street buildings.

This was the location of Dad Long's Store, which advertised in a 1911 Potato Day program; "The Best...for the least. Dry goods, clothing, groceries and shoes." The back room was a social center for farmers and cowboys, who sat around the potbellied stove, bought crackers from the barrel and helped themselves to a slice of cheese.

> Walk west along the north side of Main Street.

7 SHERWOOD MOTION PICTURE THEATER - 351 MAIN STREET -

This decorative brick building once housed the theater where it cost 10 cents to see a movie. Later, it became Kenney's Pharmacy. It has been the Pour House Restaurant since 1985.

8 POTATO GROWERS ASSOCIATION - 389 MAIN -

This bottle-glass storefront was once the headquarters for the Potato Growers Association, formed in 1923. The first carload of potatoes was shipped out of the valley 30 years earlier and by 1912, the Carbondale area was a leading producer of spuds for the hotel and dining car trade.

In an excerpt from his 1912 book *The Potato*, PGA member Eugene Grubb, co-owner of Mt. Sopris Farm, wrote in his chapter on Carbondale; "The Roaring Fork and Crystal River Valley section of Colorado is as nearly perfect in soil conditions as can be found and the potatoes grown there are not excelled anywhere in the world."

In the 1920s, growers shipped 1,000 train car loads of potatoes a year

across the country. But as demand for potatoes increased, larger mechanized equipment was developed not suitable to Carbondale's small, rolling fields. This and labor shortages contributed to the potato's disappearance from commercial cultivation in the valley by the 1940s.

9 PING'S STORE - 399 MAIN STREET -

German immigrant William Ping owned this dry goods store as late as World War II. The building was divided into several commercial spaces, one housing a drug store complete with the classic soda fountain.

> Stand here on the corner of Main and 4th Street in front of Ping's Store and look west across 4th street at the massive brick building.

10 THE DINKEL BLOCK - 400 BLOCK OF MAIN -

Carbondale's most imposing building, built by William Dinkel after his original store was destroyed in the 1891 fire.

Dinkel operated the Bank of Carbondale out of his store. The original bank safe was rescued from the fire and moved to its new location in the northeast corner of the building, where it sits to this day.

The southwest corner housed Dinkel's Mercantile and the second story was occupied by the Mt. View Hotel.

> Cross Main Street to the SE corner of 4th and Main.

11 POTATO DAYS - 4TH AND MAIN STREET -

Carbondale's longest running annual celebration was first celebrated in this town square beginning in the fall of 1909. Farmers and their families would load up the wagons with their potato harvest and bring them to town for sale at the Potato Brokerage. Then they'd celebrate with a community picnic and contests for the largest beets, potatoes and babies. By 1911, there was all-day music, a horse race and a Grand Ball.

> Continue south on 4th Street to the first building on the left.

12 THE GORDON COOPER LIBRARY - 76 S. 4TH STREET -

Formerly named for the NASA astronaut. His mother Hattie Cooper had family in Carbondale and resided here until her death in 1991. She is

buried in Hillcrest cemetery. Gordon spent summers here as a child and as an adult he was a member of the Freemason Lodge 82 in Carbondale.

> Turn around, cross 4th Street and Main Street to the corner of the Dinkel Block. Walk to the intersection of the alley and look at the long brick building across the street to the east.

13 LIVERY STABLE - 36 N. 4TH STREET -

When trains arrived at the depot, a two-seated buggy would be driven from here to pick up the passengers and carry them the short, often muddy or dusty distance to Main Street. With the coming of the automotive age, the livery was converted to a mechanic's shop.

> Walk north across the alley to the fenced yard.

14 LIEBERMAN'S BAKERY - VACANT LOT -

The crumbling brick oven is all that remains of the Lieberman's German Bakery. The 1910 census showed that Carbondale had immigrants from Canada, Poland, Switzerland, Germany, Slovenia, Great Britain, Mexico, Sweden, France, Scotland, Italy, Belgium, Ireland, Denmark, Wales, Hungary and Japan. Many started their own businesses here.

> Walk north to the next building.

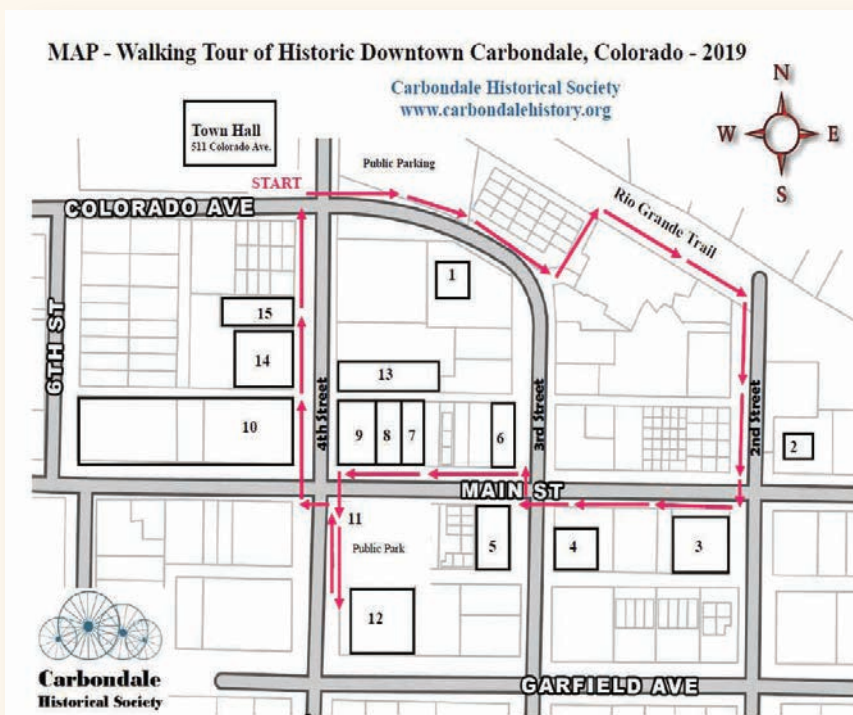
15 SHERIDAN'S SALOON/ BAGETT GROCERY - 55 N. 4TH STREET -

The downstairs was a bar and upstairs was a brothel. The wood floors still bear scrape marks from the motion of the beds.

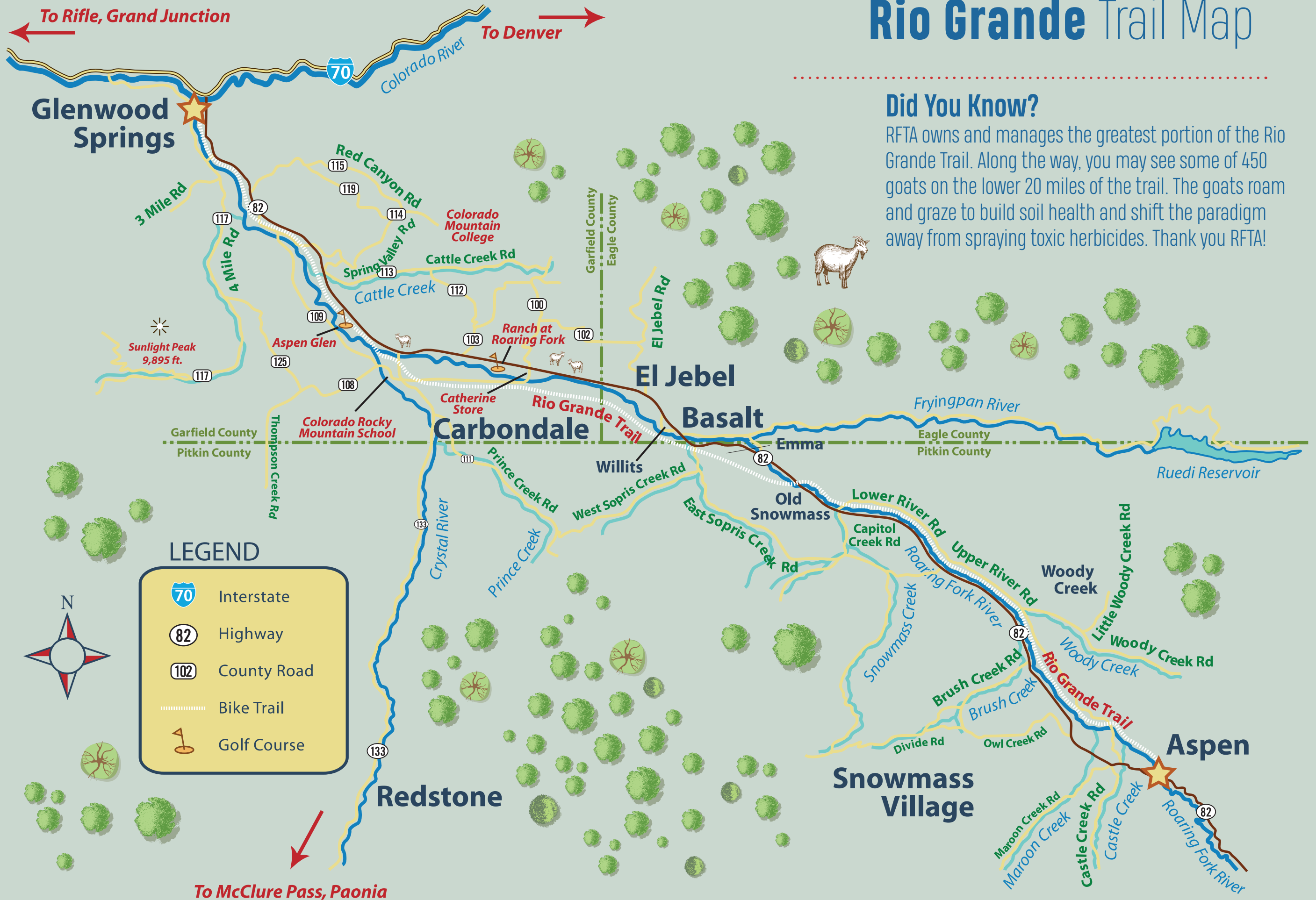
When Prohibition closed the saloon in the early 1920s, the building became Bagett's Grocery. In 1927, at age 15, Guido Bagett (GUY-doe Ba-JETT) delivered groceries for his father's store. He married a gal he met at a Potato Days dance when he was 19, and the marriage lasted 77 years. In 2015, Guido died at the age of 102.

> Continue north, back to Town Hall.

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Rio Grande Trail Map



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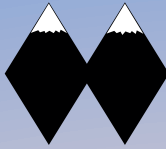


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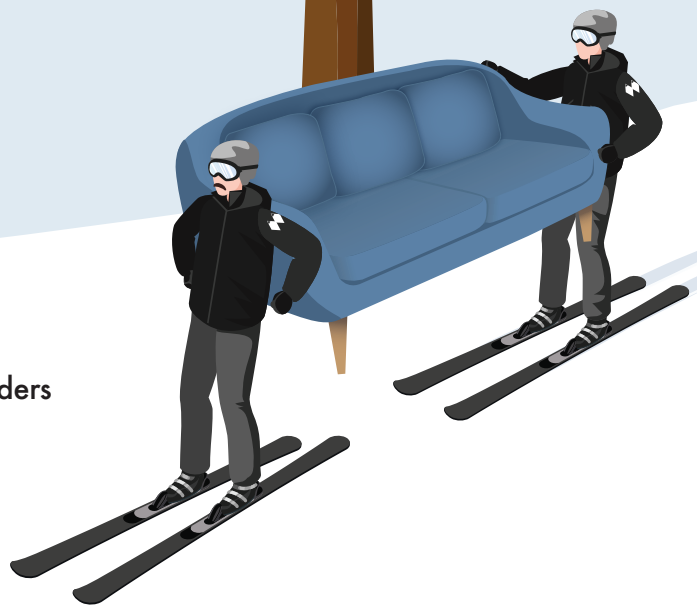
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