

## Colorado's Summer Stories 2021: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Crested Butte

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Feel the freedom of the open road this summer by touring the best of what Colorado's high country has to offer. With five resorts located within a few hours of one another, embark on one epic road trip filled with scenic hikes, the best mountain biking trails, and plenty of time to relax and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends.

First, Keystone Resort, a 1.5 hour drive west of Denver, is the ultimate location for families to enjoy an authentic mountain experience at a pace they dictate. Just 17 miles south of Keystone, Breckenridge offers a variety of activities and trails on-mountain, and restaurants and shops along historic Main Street. Along the way, the drive around Lake Dillon is not to be missed. Across Vail Pass, Vail offers a weekly Farmers' Market in Vail Village, and signature mountain bike trails across the mountain. Families visiting Beaver Creek can enjoy hikes through the aspen trees.

Lastly, travel south along the Sawatch Range en route to one of the birthplaces of mountain biking. Deemed the official "Wildflower Capital of Colorado," Crested Butte is located at the end of the road, beneath the panorama of Paradise Divide and the Elk Mountains. Newly paved Cottonwood Pass provides an off-the-beaten path approach to Crested Butte through magnificent Taylor Park, where moose frequent the roadsides trout-filled streams stretch in every direction. With five unique destinations and endless outdoor activities, following are suggestions to help maximize the time at each resort.

No matter the destination, our resorts' high alpine environment offers the perfect place to get out and cool off in summer! With base area elevations of more than 8,000 feet, low humidity and average summer temperatures in the 70s, the mountains are the perfect summer retreat to escape the heat, humidity and hustle-and-bustle of the big city.

### Awesome Activities for Kids (of Any Age)

Take the whole family on a road trip and explore each of our resorts that have fun for all ages! From gem panning and coasters to rock climbing walls and trampolines, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy. [Learn more about Colorado's family-friendly activities at Breck, Keystone, Crested Butte, Vail and Beaver Creek here.](#)

### Best Decks to Take in the Views (and Brews)

Enjoy the outdoors without breaking a sweat at these decks as they're all accessible by lift. The only thing sweating should be your cold local craft brew.

Summit House (Keystone)

Vista Haus (Breck)

Eagle's Nest (Vail)

Spruce Saddle (Beaver Creek)

Ten Peaks (Crested Butte)

[Learn more here about the decks here.](#)

Ride off into the Sunset

Air up those tires and grab your helmet, because nothing says summer in Colorado like two wheels on a smooth section of singletrack.

[Whether you're looking to break a sweat or enjoy lift-served biking, check out these bike parks for the ultimate adventure.](#)

## **Take a Hike**

Get your blood flowing and take in magnificent mountain scenery on one of these must-do hikes:

Interpretive Hiking Loop (Breck)

Dercum Summit Hiking Trail (Keystone)

Berrypicker Trail (Vail)

Beaver Lake (Beaver Creek)

Peak Hike (Crested Butte)

Snodgrass Mountain (Crested Butte)

[Learn more about hiking in Colorado here.](#)

## **Trails Aren't Just for Skiing and Snowboarding**

Whether you're running for exercise, training for your first marathon, or a seasoned ultra-runner, your favorite Colorado ski resorts have hundreds of miles of co-use trails perfect for trail running. All within a few hours from Denver, these running trails are the perfect excuse for an exercise-oriented day trip. If you've got some extra pep in your step, link some of these quintessential trail runs for a great weekend in the mountains:

Keystone Gulch (Keystone)

Peak 8 and Peak 10 (Breck)

Legendary Back Bowls (Vail)

PHQ Hill Climb (Beaver Creek)

Peak Trail (Crested Butte)

[Learn more about these iconic trail runs here.](#)

## **Protecting Our Outdoors: Sustainability Stories**

Our mountains are our business and our future, but most importantly they're our home. As a company deeply rooted in the great outdoors, at Vail Resorts, we're committed to achieving a zero net operating footprint by 2030 across all 37 of our resorts—including Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, and Crested Butte. Our industry-leading Commitment to Zero creates

the opportunity for one mountain resort company to have a big impact on preserving the environment through its three pillars: zero net emissions, zero waste to landfill, and zero net operating impact on forests and habitat.

[\*Learn how each of our resorts in Colorado are doing their part to move us closer to a zero net operating footprint here.\*](#)

### **Where to Stay in Colorado this Summer**

After a long day of adventuring, unwind with a relaxing hotel stay. Choose from historic slopeside accommodations to quaint village hotels and, of course, family (and pet) friendly lodgings!

[\*Learn more about our lodging options here.\*](#)

### **About Vail Resorts, Inc. (NYSE: MTN)**

Vail Resorts, Inc., through its subsidiaries, is the leading global mountain resort operator. Vail Resorts' subsidiaries operate 37 destination mountain resorts and regional ski areas, including Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Crested Butte in Colorado; Park City in Utah; Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in the Lake Tahoe area of California and Nevada; Whistler Blackcomb in British Columbia, Canada; Perisher, Falls Creek and Hotham in Australia; Stowe, Mount Snow, Okemo in Vermont; Hunter Mountain in New York; Mount Sunapee, Attitash, Wildcat and Crotched in New Hampshire; Stevens Pass in Washington; Liberty, Roundtop, Whitetail, Jack Frost and Big Boulder in Pennsylvania; Alpine Valley, Boston Mills, Brandywine and Mad River in Ohio; Hidden Valley and Snow Creek in Missouri; Wilmot in Wisconsin; Afton Alps in Minnesota; Mt. Brighton in Michigan; and Paoli Peaks in Indiana. Vail Resorts owns and/or manages a collection of casually elegant hotels under the RockResorts brand, as well as the Grand Teton Lodge Company in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Vail Resorts Development Company is the real estate planning and development subsidiary of Vail Resorts, Inc. Vail Resorts is a publicly held company traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: MTN). The Vail Resorts company website is [www.vailresorts.com](http://www.vailresorts.com) and consumer website is [www.snow.com](http://www.snow.com).

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