



## **SNOWMASS AMPS UP THE ADRENALINE IN THE SUMMERS**

**Alpine adventures abound, from mountain biking to whitewater rafting to paragliding**

**Snowmass Village, CO (Spring, 2008)** – Snowmass Village is a haven for exhilarating summer mountain adventure. Whether guys are craving a “mancation” to test those testosterone limits, the girls want to head off for a girlfriends’ getaway, or couples want to bond and try something new, Snowmass offers pure thrills and plenty of downhill to suit any quest for adventure.

### **Mountainboarding**

Snowmass is one of the nation’s premier mountainboarding destinations for this extreme “dirt” sport that looks like a snowboard on wheels. Snowmass offers trails, rentals, a terrain park, lessons for both adults and kids (through Camp Aspen/Snowmass 800.724.2066 or [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com)) and the U.S. Open Mountainboarding Championships July 24-26.

**Insider Tip:** Those not ready to give up their snowboards can visit in early June (weather permitting) to snowboard the winter terrain park and mountainboard the summer terrain park all in the same weekend!

### **Mountainbiking:**

Over 40 miles of trails and 25 miles of mix & match single track trails await just within the borders of Snowmass Village with over a hundred miles of additional trails available throughout the valley. The Rim Trail is a local favorite, as are the B.C.-style freeride and downhill trails accessible via chairlift (bikes are free, day pass is \$10). Those wanting to brush up on their skills can sign up for a guided single track tour with Blazing Adventures. (1.800.282.7238 or [www.blazingadventures.com](http://www.blazingadventures.com)). Competitions with amateur divisions include the **NEW** Snowmass G3 Race (Aug. 8-10) and the Twelve Hours of Snowmass (Sept. 14), along with the prestigious Mountain States Cups Series’ 8<sup>th</sup> annual Blast the Mass (July 11-13), which offer UCI points for certain events.

**Insider Tip:** For the ultimate technical day ride, take the Government Trail from Snowmass to Aspen and you’ll get there in time for a late lunch. Stop by the Butcher’s Block deli for take-out sandwiches (\$10) or kick back for a siesta at the outdoor patio at La Cantina. For an easier ride, try the new Brush Creek Trail down to the Rio Grande and zip down to Basalt for lunch at the Riverside Grill, where you can watch anglers catching gold medal trout while munching on a grilled trout sandwich (\$10). Not in the mood to bike back? Not to worry: public transportation back to Snowmass from Aspen or Basalt is free in 2008, plus \$2/bike (Call RFTA for info on where to catch a bus with your bike. 970.925.8484)

### **Trail Running**

Over 40 miles of multi-use trails wind through Snowmass Village, from gentle wide paths with spectacular views like the Ditch Trail to the heart-thumping Anaerobic Nightmare. Spectacular alpine meadows and mountain views await. The La Sportiva Trail Race Trifecta returns (June 14-15) with competitions ranging from a 5K to a hill climb to a half marathon, while the Goldenleaf Half Marathon (Sept. 27) is one of the most spectacular scenic races in the nation.

**Insider's Tip:** Ninety-five percent of Snowmass' lodging is ski-in /ski out, meaning it's walk-out-the-front-door trail friendly as well. Within minutes from your door, you can be heading out into the fourth largest wilderness area in the state with an additional 100 miles of trails.

### **Rock Climbing**

Climbers can practice their moves on the new bouldering and climbing walls coming to the Snowmass Recreation Center this summer for starters, then sign up for a trip to regional hot spots such as Independence Pass, where climbing is available for all levels. Guided tours with Aspen Expeditions (970.925.7625 or [www.aspenexpeditions.com](http://www.aspenexpeditions.com)) or guided rock climbing classes through Blazing Adventures (800.282.7238 or [www.blazingadventures.com](http://www.blazingadventures.com)) are available.

**Insider Tip:** Before the big climb, fill up the night before on carbs at northern Italian restaurant Il Poggio (970.923.4292). Order a specialty hearth-baked pizza (\$9) such as the Alformaggio or the Margherita. In the morning, stop by Fuel for a double dose of energy in the form of fresh roasted Steaming Bean coffee and a California breakfast burrito (\$7).

### **Mountain Climbing:**

Aspen/Snowmass is surrounded by the Elk Mountains and the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Area. Regional peaks, including seven in the infamous "14ers" category range from the mild to the wild. Experienced climbers can sign up for guided tours to the top of Mt. Sopris (12,998'), Castle Peak (14,265'), South Maroon Peak (14,156 ft.), Snowmass Mountain (14,092 ft.), North Maroon Peak (14,014 ft.), Pyramid Peak (14,018 ft.), and Capitol Peak (14,130 ft.). (Aspen Expeditions 970.925.7625 & [www.aspenexpeditions.com](http://www.aspenexpeditions.com) or Blazing Adventures 800.282.7238 & [www.blazingadventures.com](http://www.blazingadventures.com)).

**Insider Tip:** June and July are the best times of year to try "peak bagging" in Colorado. Any earlier and the snows may not have melted, while any later and climbers run into the monsoon weather that typically arrives in August.

### **Whitewater Adventures:**

When the white powder melts away, the whitewater takes over. Rafting and kayaking trips are available on regional rivers through Blazing Adventures (800.282.7238 or [www.blazingadventures.com](http://www.blazingadventures.com)). For extreme rapids, catch the spring run-off on a Slaughterhouse trip or later in the summer try Numbers, an action packed class IV section of the Arkansas river. For the ultimate trip that combines whitewater, floating, and incredible views, try the Shoshone section of the Colorado river through Glenwood Canyon.

**Insider Tip:** In the heat of the summer, local rivers average about 55 degrees. Sunscreen and appropriate clothing is key to enjoying a whitewater adventure.

### **River Sledging:**

Plunge head first into regional rivers on a specially designed river sledge capable of carrying passengers through water ranging from tame class two rapids all the way up through class five. This unique and exhilarating whitewater experience is imported straight from New Zealand. (970.618.4569 or [www.aspenseals.com](http://www.aspenseals.com)).

**Insider Tip:** Local river sledging starts mid-May and continues in the valley until early July when water levels drop and trips move over to the Arkansas river. For the best local whitewater, plan your trip mid-June and combine it with either the Chili Pepper & Brew Fest (June 6-8), the La Sportiva Trail Race Trifecta (June 14-15) or the NEW Snowmassive Disc Golf Open (June 21-22).

### **Paragliding:**

Those wanting to catch air off a cliff in mid-summer and check out the bird's eye view of the Elk Mountains can paraglide off Aspen mountain either tandem or solo. (970.925.7625 or [www.aspenexpeditions.com](http://www.aspenexpeditions.com)).

**Insider Tip:** To avoid afternoon thunderstorms and showers, book your paragliding trip first thing in the morning. Fly high on a Saturday, and you can head over to the Aspen Saturday Market afterwards before catching the free local bus back to Snowmass.

### **Fly-Fishing**

Ok, we know fly fishing may not *seem* like an adrenaline sport, but when you're standing waist-deep in a pristine Colorado Gold Medal river and an 18 inch brown bites your fly, we guarantee you'll thrill at the chase. Diverse guided wading and rafting fly fishing trips on regional rivers are available through Taylor Creek Flyfishing (970.927.4374 or [www.taylorcreek.com](http://www.taylorcreek.com)).

**Insider Tip:** Those who think that the early angler catches the fattest fish had better roll over & go back to sleep. Laziness is the order of the day for local trout, who often don't start biting until mid-day.

### **Adventure Packages**

#### **Adventure package (6/1/08 – 7/1/08 and 7/7/08 – 8/27/08)**

Rafting, Biking or 4-wheeling is part of your stay at The Crestwood. Book your adventure today. \$110/person/night based on quad occupancy, includes room and one adventure per person. Please call 800-356-5949 or [res@thecrestwood.com](mailto:res@thecrestwood.com) to book your adventure package.

#### **Mountain Biking Package: Summer Riding, (6/1/08 – 8/27/08)**

Right in the heart of mountain biking action and within walking distance to the chairlift and trails, the Snowmass Inn and the Pokolodi Lodge offer a special mountain biking rate of 10% off for those staying two or more nights. Guests also receive 30% off bike rentals at Gene Taylor Sports and a Snowmass water bottle. To book, contact The Snowmass Inn (800-635-3758 or [www.snowmassinn.com](http://www.snowmassinn.com)) or The Pokolodi at (800-666-4556 or [www.pokolodi.com](http://www.pokolodi.com)).

#### **Adventure Package: The Laurelwood Condominiums**

A record snowfall this year means that river levels and wildflowers will be outrageous. Stay at the Laurelwood studio Condominiums in Snowmass Village and bike, hike or raft the Rockies. Package includes lodging and your choice of activity starting at \$128.50 per person plus tax based on double occupancy. Book your outdoor adventure package now! To book, contact 866-356-7900 or <http://www.laurelwoodcondominiums.com>

For more information, visit the official Snowmass Village website at [www.snowmassvillage.com](http://www.snowmassvillage.com) or call 1-800-SNOWMASS.

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