



ePostcard

Winter Adventures

Happy November!

If you love fresh snow, then you'll love the outdoor adventures Carbondale has to offer this winter!

Cross-country Ski the Spring Gulch Nordic Trail System

Seven miles west of town you'll find the Spring Gulch Nordic Trail System and its 12 miles of groomed trails. All levels of skiers can find trails in this system that will suit their abilities. Stop by the Carbondale Chamber to pick up your copy of the Spring Gulch map.

Backcountry Ski on Avalanche Creek

For backcountry skiing, head south to Avalanche Creek just off Highway 133. The trail follows Avalanche Creek up a beautiful, steep-walled valley. The route is great for snowshoers!

Alpine Ski Up and Down the Valley

From Carbondale, drive east 30 miles to Aspen for alpine skiing at [Aspen Mountain, Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass](#). Just 12 miles south of Glenwood Springs, [Sunlight Mountain Resort](#) offers an uncomplicated trail system with a variety of terrains. The laid-back, friendly resort also has trails for [snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing](#).

Ice Climb the Crystal River Valley

The Crystal River Valley near Marble and Redstone is home to over a dozen superb ice flows of all difficulties- including Marble Falls, the Redstone Pillar and Avocado Gully. Hay Creek Falls, near Redstone, offers short and easy roadside ice climbing, and is a favorite early season practice area for locals.

Ice Skate at the Gus Darien Ice Skating Arena

Visit the public Gus Darien Ice Skating Arena for ice skating and hockey games. [Check out the events calendar for more information](#).

Light Up Carbondale in Historic Downtown

The Town of Carbondale Recreation Department along with CCAH is inviting kids and adults of all ages to light up downtown Carbondale, sing along with the carolers, and welcome Santa on Friday, December 5, from 5:30pm to 8pm at 4th Street Plaza. This is a chance to mingle with friends, family and Santa!

[Click here to contact us & request information](#). See you next month!

Carbondale, Colorado. Your base camp awaits.

The picturesque town of Carbondale is located 170 miles west of Denver, 30 miles from Aspen, and 12 miles from Glenwood Springs. At an altitude of 6,181 feet, and resting in the magnificent shadow of 12,953-foot Mt. Sopris, Carbondale is in the heart of Colorado's Rocky Mountains.

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