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Outdoor Activities

Happy March!

Break away from your day-to-day routine with a full palette of outdoor activities! Opportunities for [recreation](#) and adventures are plentiful around town. The Roaring Fork Valley is home to some of Colorado's favorite [rock climbing](#), [mountain biking](#), [hiking](#), [Gold Medal Fly fishing](#), and more.

Within an easy drive of Carbondale you'll find riverside [climbing](#) boulders near Redstone. To visit the picturesque Redstone boulders, go south out of Carbondale toward Redstone, drive about 50 yards past the first Redstone entrance and park in the large pullout on the left; the boulders are visible near the river. You can fish and swim there, too. Several of the colorful rocks are small and kid friendly and this is a great place to experiment with the feeling of rock climbing without the acrophobia or need for equipment.

The [hiking](#) and [biking](#) around Carbondale provides some of the most spectacular scenery in all of Colorado. Whether you want to stay close to town, take a short day hike, or venture further afield, there's a trail for you. One of the most popular spots in Carbondale is the Red Hill Recreation Area, often referred to as "Mushroom Rock." Located just a mile from downtown, this area of BLM land includes some of the best mountain-biking trails in the valley. A parking lot at the base of County Road 107, at the intersection of Highways 82 and 133, gives easy access.

With plentiful opportunities ranging from high alpine lakes and reservoirs to streams and rivers offering [Gold Medal waters](#), the Roaring Fork Valley is an angler's dream. The Colorado Wildlife Commission declared the 13 miles of the Roaring Fork River between Basalt and Carbondale as "Gold Medal Water," creating a 42-mile stretch that is the longest continuous section of "Gold Medal Water" in the state. The stretch of water between Carbondale and Glenwood Springs is known as the lower Roaring Fork. From just below the town of Carbondale, downstream to the confluence with the Colorado River, this stretch is also designated "Gold Medal Water" and turns into a classic meandering western river.

For information about events in the Carbondale area visit our [events calendar](#).

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

Carbondale, Colorado. Your base camp for adventure.

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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