



ALPINE Adventure

FABULOUS FISHING

Aspen Fly Fishing 601 E. Dean St., 970-920-6886; aspenflyfishing.com

Aspen Outfitting 315 E. Dean St., 970-925-3406; aspenoutfitting.com

Little Nell Adventure Center 675 E. Durant Ave., 970-920-4600; thelittlenell.com

Taylor Creek Fly Shop 183 Basalt Center Cir., Basalt, 970-927-4374; taylorcreek.com

BEST IN BIKING

Ashcroft Valley to Pine Creek Cookhouse Intermediate, 12 miles one way, Elevation: 9,500 feet; aspenchamber.org

Independence Pass Advanced, 20 miles one way, Elevation: 12,095 feet; aspenchamber.org

Maroon Bells Intermediate, 10 miles one way, Elevation: 9,580 feet; aspenchamber.org

Old Snowmass & Monastery Intermediate, 30 miles round trip, Elevation: 7,908 feet; aspenchamber.org

TOP MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES

Government Trail Snowmass, Intermediate to advanced, 12 miles, aspenchamber.org

Rio Grande Trail to Woody Creek Tavern Beginner, 8 miles one way; woodycreektavern.com; aspenchamber.org

Rim Trail Snowmass Village Intermediate, 7 miles; aspenchamber.org

Smuggler-Hunter Creek Trail Intermediate, 5.5 miles; aspenchamber.org

GEAR UP & GO WITH A PRO

Ajax Bike and Sports 400 E. Cooper Ave., 970-925-7662; ajaxbikeandsport.com

Aspen Expeditions Prospector Road, Aspen Highlands, 970-925-7625; aspenexpeditions.com

Aspen Golf Club 39551 Hwy. 82, 970-429-1949; aspengolf.com

Aspen Parks & Recreation 970-544-4100; aspenrecreation.com

Aspen Sports 408 E. Cooper Ave., 970-925-6331; aspensports.com

Aspen Velo 465 N. Mill St., 970-925-1495; aspenvelo.com

Blazing Adventures 555 E. Durant Ave., Snowmass Village, 970-923-4544; blazingadventures.com

Sundog Athletics 312 Teal Ct., 970-925-1069; sundogathletics.com

The Hub 315 E. Hyman Ave., 970-925-7970; hubofaspen.com

Ute City Cycles 231 E. Main St., 970-920-3325; utecitycycles.com

BOOT TO TRAIL: HIKING

American Lake Moderate to difficult, 6.4 miles round trip; Elevation: 9,400-11,400; aspenchamber.org

Cathedral Lake Moderate to difficult, 7 miles round trip; Elevation: 9,500-11,866 feet; aspenchamber.org

Hunter Creek Trail Easy to moderate, 6.5 miles one way; elevation: 8,900-10,400 feet; aspenchamber.org

Ute Trail Difficult, .9 miles up steeper terrain; Elevation: 1,000 foot vertical gain; aspenchamber.org

Sunnyside Trail Moderate to Difficult, 6.3 miles one way; Elevation 8,000-10,000; aspenchamber.org

NATURE WALKS

Aspen Center For Environmental Studies 100 Puppy Smith St., 970-925-5756; aspennature.org

Aspen Historical Society 620 W. Bleeker, 970-925-3721; aspenhistory.com

JUST ADD WATER

Aspen Whitewater Rafting 520 E. Durant St., 970-920-3511; aspenuitwater.com

Aspen Kayak & SUP Academy 315 Oak Lane, 970-925-4433; aspenskayakacademy.com

Blazing Adventures 555 E. Durant Ave., 970-923-4544; blazingadventures.com

Elk Mountain Expeditions 902 Colorado 133, Carbondale, 970-456-6287; elkmtexpeditions.com

Kiwi Adventure Ko., 970-948-4818; kiwiadventureko.com

HORSING AROUND

Blazing Adventures 555 E. Durant Ave., 970-923-4544; blazingadventures.com

Cozy Point Ranch 210 Juniper Hill Road, Snowmass Village, 970-922-6755; cozypointranch.com

T Lazy 7 Ranch 3129 Maroon Creek Road, 970-925-4614; tlazy7.com

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Above It All Balloon Co. 970-963-6148; aboveitallballoon.com

Aspen Expeditions Worldwide 0133 Prospector Road, Aspen Highlands, 970-925-7625; aspenexpeditions.com

Aspen Paragliding 151 Riverdown Dr., 970-925-6975; aspenparagliding.com

GO GLAMPING!

Roughing it never looked so good with this new ultraluxe adventure.

BY DALENE ROVENSTINE

Sleeping among the stars sounds peaceful, but when tent prep is involved, it becomes decidedly less luxe. That's where Aspen/Snowmass comes in: Set atop the Elk Camp gondola, the glamorous camping adventure—known as glamping—provides a haute way to enjoy the wild. "We provide everything you could possibly need," says Sue Way, director of the children's programs at Aspen/Snowmass. Professional outfitters lead the trip and take care of all the nitty-gritty details, leaving you to bike, fish, hike, or simply dine on chef-prepared gourmet food (paired with wines by local sommeliers). 970-923-1227; aspensnowmass.com



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