



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

**BEAVER CREEK OFFERS A MULTITUDE OF
OPTIONS FOR ANY SORT OF GROUP**

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legendary
attention to
detail means

there's always something for everyone to enjoy, both on and off the mountain. Year-round, the resort and village caters to kids, families and adults, from its outdoor recreation to cultural and music events. Though there's plenty to explore throughout the area, here are a few places to start, based on your own interests.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GLIDE

Beaver Creek has just added ice bikes to their plethora of fun on ice. As if outdoor ice skating in the summer wasn't cool enough, now you can ride a bike with blades during the winter. The ice rink sits in the middle of the village, dotted with stainless steel fire pits, and, of course, unique shops and restaurants. So go ahead: take a spin, be it on traditional blades, or an ice bike.





FOR KIDS, TEENS, ART AND FUN-PHOTO LOVERS

Posing with bronzes of George Washington, Albert Einstein or Olympic figure skater Paul Wylie is a whimsical way to take home memories, and now Beaver Creek is upping the phot-abulous opportunities with its new art installment: Beaver Creek Wonder.

The artistic playground features oversized sculptures, scattered throughout the village, that you can interact with. Each element in the open-air, public gallery provides photo-worthy backdrops, which highlight both winter and summer seasons.

Installations include: illuminated flower petals, a nostalgically remodeled ice cream truck, a life-sized snow globe and vibrant, larger-than-life goggles.

FOR GROWN UPS

It started with the take-out trend caused by the pandemic last summer, but Beaver Creek's new common consumption area (CCA) is here to stay. As long as you're old enough to legally drink, you can buy a to-go cocktail, beer or wine and stroll through the village with it. The common consumption area stretches from St. James Place to the covered bridge. It ends at the resort's base, or basically, where the snow begins.

Hooked is a great place to start for drinks, with its rotating selection of locally crafted beer. But that's just the beginning. You can choose from any of these establishments: Alpine & Antlers, Beaver Creek Chophouse, Beaver Creek Club, Blue Moose, CBar, Coyote Café, Dusty Boot Roadhouse, Golden Eagle Inn, 8100 Mountainside Grill, Powder 8, Rimini, The Met Kitchen and Toscanini.

FOR COFFEE LOVERS

This ski season, Vail Mountain Coffee & Tea debuts in the former Starbucks location.

"It will be a great option for those looking for a more local experience in Beaver Creek," says Jessie Vandenhouten, manager of communications.

The company has been a pioneer in both the retail and wholesale sides of specialty coffee and tea, gathering the best products throughout the world. And, the owners actively support farmers who consciously care and invest in their lands and communities.

"We believe that the farming communities do the hard work, and it's our responsibility to pay tribute to their efforts by bringing out the best roast profiles possible," say co-founders Chris Chantler and Craig Arseneau.

Vail Mountain Coffee & Tea's menu includes a full flight of espresso drinks, sweet and savory croissants, muffins, breakfast empanadas and quiches. Pastries, beignets and fresh-baked cookies are available all day. The shop offers whole-leaf teas and coffees from the roastery in Minturn. And, don't miss its après selection of micro brews, wines and hot and cold coffee cocktails.





FOR SPA LOVERS

An important part of a mountain vacation involves taking the time to unwind, and there's no better way to do that than at a spa.

"Now, more than ever, people want to relax and escape a bit," says Angie Brown, director of Exhale at Park Hyatt Beaver Creek.

The spa's signature, 100-minute Ginger Peach Scrub + Massage exfoliates skin with freshly ground ginger, orange peel, sugar, honey and jojoba and follows it up with a full body massage, completed with a rich ginger butter wrap. If you want to add another 30 minutes to your indulgent spa service, the Colorado Wild Rose Cure uses warm rose compresses to calm the nervous system before a rose shea butter and wildflower body scrub, followed by a lavender bath soak and a custom body massage. Or, treat high-altitude dryness with the deep cleansing, peeling, hydrating and protection of a HydraFacial, which employs super serums full of antioxidants, peptides and hyaluronic acid.

Every spa service at Exhale comes with access to hot tubs and soaking showers, heated stone lounge chairs and the fitness center, though you must reserve your time for these included amenities.

This year, Spa Anjali Beaver Creek launches its new menu of spa services. Located in The Charter, the spa indulges your body and mind in a variety of treatments, from nails, skin care and specialty massages like couples, pre-natal and CBD to complete Spa Journeys.

The spa's signature treatments, the Rocky Mountain journey and the Alpine journey, feature either a river stone massage, healing crystal body polish, foot massage or magnesium melt. The Matterhorn

foot massage is a great way to relieve feet after they've been cooped up in ski boots all day — and it also helps neck and shoulders unwind with a relaxing massage. And there are plenty of men's treatments, too, such as the Gentlemen's facial and the Mountain Man manicure and pedicure.

And, or course, now more than ever it's important that people take the time to self-soothe.

"Crazy times call for a little more you time," says spa manager Michele Townsend. "It's important to take the time to treat yourself and support your mental health."

FOR BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE SKIERS AND RIDERS

Anyone learning how to ski or ride, or sharpening their skills, will love the Signature Parks Collection. The dedicated learning areas in Haymeadow and Red Buffalo parks mimic advanced terrain elsewhere on the hill.

Few resorts afford beginners the opportunity to ski at the top of the mountain, but Beaver Creek's Red Buffalo Park lifts you up to the gorgeous, forested environment at 11,440 feet. Its 13 trails, designated as a family adventure zone, offer family-friendly features, from a dedicated Ski School Skills Zone to Kids Adventure Zones

and snow sculpted parks. The Buffalo Express quad lift (#5) brings you up the mountain in just over 4 minutes.

Haymeadow Park Learning Area features a beginner gondola and lift (Haymeadow Express Gondola (#1) and Highlands Lift (#2), as well as magic carpets. Groomers perfectly sculpt the snow to ensure your days as a beginner go as smoothly as possible. For example, the Winding River trail is shaped like a winding river, which helps you learn how to turn in a more parallel stance. Once you gain some confidence, try out Haymeadow's beginner race course; Buffalo Bumps and Berms; and Ske-Cology environmental learning.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KEEP IT (RELATIVELY) FLAT

Enjoy the mountains at a slower speed by cross-country skiing, or pick up the pace with introductory skate lessons.

McCoy Park, off the Strawberry Park Lift, spans over 32 kilometers of groomed and rustic trails, between Beaver Creek and Bachelor Gulch villages.

Snowshoes, classical, skate, telemark and even alpine touring equipment are available at the Nordic Sports Center, located across from the covered bridge in the Strawberry Park building. Though the Nordic Center won't offer complimentary guided tours this season, lessons are still going strong.





FOR BIKING AND HIKING LOVERS

Beaver Creek offers miles of rolling, lift-accessed singletrack bike trails for a wide variety of skills — from adrenaline junkies to casual riders. Rent a bike at Beaver Creek Sports, or bring your own. Seasoned guides can show you the best the mountain has to offer, or you can explore the vast vistas on your own.

Cinch, at the base of the mountain, is a great place for families to pedal together. From Cinch, you can turn right at Allie's Way and wind your way through aspen groves and hook into the Village-to-Village trail. Village-to-Village connects all three of Beaver Creek's bases (Beaver Creek, Bachelor Gulch and Arrowhead) together. If you want to skip the trek back to the main village after exploring these areas, you can haul your bike up on the free bus; just request a ride through Village Connect.

If you really want to break a sweat, bike the nearly 1,500 vertical rise on Beano's Hill Climb. It starts from the Red Tail Camp area and endures just over 3 miles of switchbacks. Your reward: amazing views at the top of Strawberry Park Chair.

Just like Beaver Creek's biking trails vary in ability, so, too, do its hiking trails.

"It can be as easy or difficult as you want to make it," Vandenhouten says.

Leashed dogs are allowed on the beginner Beaver Creek Village Lunch Loop Hike, which starts on the back lawn of the resort, next to Centennial Express chairlift. The 3.1-mile loop gains less than 600 feet vertically, with a gradual climb from the village to 0.4 miles of steeper climbing, followed by switchbacks on the Aspen Glade trail. After the initial climb, the Village Loop takes you mostly

downhill as you loop across the mountain.

Grouse Mountain Loop is a tough, 27.8-mile trail, and Overlook Trail is a cardio machine. However, if you're looking for a middle ground, check out the intermediate Lower Arrowhead Loop. Begin on the Ute Trail, which climbs through the aspen groves between Arrowhead Village and Bachelor Gulch. The ascent is mostly gradual, with a few sections that will definitely get your heart pumping. Take a right on Apache, a singletrack near the top, that delivers stunning valley views. Once you hit a dirt road, follow Piece O'Cake down to the base.