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New and Happening in Estes Park, CO for Spring & Summer 2018

*New offerings, renovated lodging and interesting events
enhance one of Colorado's most beloved mountain destinations*

ESTES PARK, Colo. – Known as the base camp to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) and only 90 minutes from Denver International Airport, Estes Park is an authentic Colorado mountain village beloved by residents and guests alike. With a variety of historical tours; a range of activities and adventures guided by local outdoor experts; and a number of unique festivals, Estes Park is an excellent destination for guests of all ages looking for wild to mild experiences.

Below is a sample of new offerings and events in the destination.

New and Improved in Estes Park

- **[Estes Valley Community Center](#)** – The Estes Valley Community Center opened in March 2018. This multi-generational, \$26 million center, open to locals and visitors, boasts 70,000 square feet of space that includes a robust schedule of classes, indoor walking and jogging tracks, a natatorium with a lazy river, diverse fitness equipment and even a golf simulator.
- **[Estes Park ATV Adds New Vehicles](#)** – This spring, Estes Park ATV Rentals is adding new TOMCAR ATVs to their fleet. The new ATV vehicles are military designed and one of the safest ATV options available. Estes Park ATV Rentals offers half day (4 hours) or full day (8.5 hours) rentals for unguided riding through Roosevelt National Forest, with scenic views of the Rocky Mountains.
- **[Beef Jerky Outlet Opens](#)** – The Beef Jerky Outlet opened in April 2018 and offers more than 100 jerky varieties. Options include exotic meats like kangaroo, alligator, venison and elk, and specialty flavors such as moonshine and Cajun.
- **[Golf Course Celebrates 100th Season](#)** – The Estes Park 18-Hole Golf Course kicked off its 100th season on April 14th. Multiple specials and promotions are planned, as well as a centennial golf tournament on July 4, 2018.
- **[Running Camps in Estes Park](#)** – Active at Altitude offers new categories of camps designed to deliver the best possible experience based on runner pace and ability. High altitude training is great for visitors looking to boost oxygen-carrying red blood cells for physical and mental benefits that last weeks after returning to sea level. Women's only running camps are available June 18-24, July 16-11, and August 13-19. Camps include accommodations, coaching, video analysis of running form, meals, transportation and more.

Outdoor Adventure – Estes Park is an ideal spring and summer destination for families, couples and solo adventurers. The charming mountain town provides a convenient and affordable getaway with an abundance of outdoor activities, including guided excursions for all ages.

- [Llama Backpacking Trips](#) – Kirks Flyshop in Estes Park now offers llama pack day trips and overnight excursions in Rocky Mountain National Park. The adventure gives guests a backcountry experience with the help of a llama (animals that are native to high mountain terrain) to lighten the load. The guide sets up camp, prepares all meals and provides fly-fishing guidance.
- [Lake Estes Marina](#) – Open from May to early October, Lake Estes Marina is a one-stop resource for everything to do on and around Lake Estes. The marina store rents kayaks, paddleboards, paddleboats, canoes, pontoon boats, bikes, pedal carts, and rods and reels. The store also sells fishing supplies, snacks, souvenirs, and State of Colorado fishing licenses.
- [Rocky Mountain Conservancy Programming](#) – With unprecedented access to Rocky Mountain National Park and hands-on field opportunities, Rocky Mountain Conservancy offers a number of educational programs that will last a lifetime. New classes offered this spring and summer include “Life as an Owl,” “Falcons: Streamlined for Speed,” and “Birding with a Naturalist.”
- [Estes Park Memorial Observatory](#) – One of the only observatories in a mountain village setting, the Estes Park Memorial Observatory offers several free programs for travelers to get closer to the cosmos. With light pollution causing dark skies across the globe to dwindle, now is the ideal time for visitors to enjoy celestial gazing outdoors.
- [Performance Park Climbing](#) – Located next to downtown, Performance Park offers rock climbing at their natural rock wall. Climbing is conducted by one of three local companies ([Colorado Mountain School](#), [Estes Park Mountain Shop](#), and [Kent Mountain Adventure Center](#)). Climbing sessions can be arranged directly with the individual companies in advance or on site. Availability, times, and costs vary.

Other Not-To-Miss Spring/Summer Festivals & Events

- [Memorial Day Weekend \(May 26-28, 2018\)](#) – Celebrate Spring with Estes Park’s Annual Art Market at Bond Park. Don’t miss the wide variety of one-of-a-kind art from more than 90 local, statewide and national artists. From pottery to glasswork, jewelry to paintings, and interactive art experiences to inspire your creative side, the entire weekend will be a bustling celebration of abundance.
- [Estes Park Jazz Fest Weekend \(June 2-3, 2018\)](#) – Start your summer off right with a variety of jazz performances amid the beautiful rock backdrop of Performance Park outdoor amphitheater.
- [Wool Market & Fiber Festival \(June 7-10, 2018\)](#) – Workshops, markets, hands-on activities, and entertaining performances make for an ideal weekend of family fun. The ever-popular event will feature a vendor barn, animal tents, and demonstrations including sheep to shawl, a children’s tent, sheep shearing, herding dogs and more.
- [Scandinavian Midsummer Festival \(June 22-24, 2018\)](#) – Pay homage to the Scandinavian Culture and celebrate the summer solstice with this festival of music, dancing, crafts, food and more. All offerings are inspired by the rich culture from the region of Scandinavia.
- [Fourth of July Celebration \(July 4, 2018\)](#) – Estes Park is the ideal all-American destination for celebrating Independence Day. Special events and activities include concerts, a car show, pancake breakfast and fireworks display over Lake Estes.
- [Rooftop Rodeo \(July 5-10, 2018\)](#) – The rodeo features professional cowboys competing in saddle bronco riding, steer wrestling, tie-down roping, bareback bronco riding, barrel

- racing and bull riding events. A variety of other family-friendly activities and vendor booth as also available for an authentic western-themed experience.
- [Estes Park Wine Festival \(August 11-12, 2018\)](#) – Enjoy tastings from over 20 Colorado wineries, fresh food, local Colorado vendors and live music at the third annual Estes Park Wine Festival. From red to white and pink, the Estes Park Wine Festival offers the opportunity to taste and learn about each style of wine and the unique process of how wine is made in Colorado.
 - [Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival \(September 6-9, 2018\)](#) – Estes Park's Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival is the largest gathering of its kind between the Mississippi River and California, and traditionally hosts bands (from the marching kind to the rocking kind and everything in-between) hailing from Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States.

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