



# Summer School in Estes Park Checklist

Learning during the summer doesn't need to be avoided entirely.

Check out these fun, educational ways to spend time during your summertime visit to Estes Park.

## SCIENCE



### View constellations at Estes Park Memorial Observatory



Extra Credit!  
What is the name of this constellation?

The observatory schedules private and group viewing sessions and hosts educational lectures on astronomy, cosmology, astrophotography and special astronomical events.



### Join a free kids' class with Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute

The Field Institute offers more than 40 free kids classes throughout the summer on topics including wildlife, geocaching, kids survival and more.



### Observe wildlife in Estes Park and the surrounding area



Extra Credit!  
What animal leaves these tracks behind?

While most often seen during fall and winter, summer sightings of big game are common. Smaller animals—beaver, coyote, chipmunk, squirrel, raccoon, badger and marmot—are abundant year-round. During summer, birds and butterflies abound. Tiny hummingbirds, brilliant bluebirds, noisy nutcrackers, magpies and jays share the air with hundreds of butterfly species. Far above there are raptors: golden eagles, peregrine and prairie falcons and red-tailed Cooper's hawks.

## HISTORY



### Tour a historic homestead at MacGregor Ranch

Just passing beneath the entrance gate inspires a fondness for simpler times as Percheron draft horses and ranch hands can be seen working the hay meadow alongside grazing Black Angus cattle. The main ranch house has been transformed into a museum, perfect for children's groups and summer visitors to learn more about this rugged and rewarding way of life.



### Visit the historic Stanley Hotel

Built by wealthy businessman Freelan Oscar Stanley—who was known for his steam-powered car, the Stanley Steamer—The Stanley Hotel is one of the most important and significant landmarks in Estes Park dating back just over 100 years.



### Scavenger hunt for Pikas in the Park



Activity guide!

Pikas in the Park is a scavenger hunt throughout Estes Park, offering a wonderful tour of the village along with historical facts in honor of the Estes Park Centennial. This activity includes 12 bronze sculptures of Pikas, the small mountain-dwelling relatives of rabbit, placed throughout downtown. Download an activity guide to begin your Pika Hunt, and once you've found all 12 you can head over to the Estes Park Visitor Center to claim your Pika Finder Button!

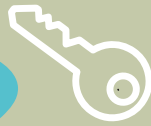
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## LITERATURE



**Search for your favorite key at Seven Keys Lodge**

Extra Credit!  
Who haunts the Baldpate Inn?



Named after the mystery novel, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," by Earl Derr Biggers, the Seven Keys Lodge is home to more than 20,000 keys from around the world, including the Pentagon, Westminster Abbey and even Frankenstein's Castle.



**Find a new favorite book at Macdonald Book Shop**



Extra Credit!  
Who is Isabella Bird?

Family owned since 1928, Macdonald Book Shop offers a wide selection of books for visitors of all ages.



**Check out The Little Free Library**

As a community project led locally by the Estes Valley Library, there is a Little Free Library at the Glacier Basin Campground meant to serve the summer guests of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as one located just east of KIND Coffee in Estes Park.

## RECESS



**Get out on Lake Estes**



Extra Credit!  
What types of fish are in Lake Estes?

Visit the Lake Estes Marina for your one-stop resource for everything to do on and around Lake Estes. The marina store rents kayaks, paddle boards, paddle boats, canoes, pontoon boats, bikes, pedal carts, and rods and reels. The store also sells fishing supplies, snacks, souvenirs, and State of Colorado fishing licenses.



**Explore Rocky Mountain National Park**

With majestic peaks in every direction, wildlife roaming the valleys and some of the most incredible outdoor adventures on the planet, it is no wonder more than three million people flock to the park each year.



**Hike Roosevelt National Forest**

Roosevelt National Forest surrounds Estes Park where Rocky does not and affords more, generally less crowded, outdoor opportunities. Dogs are allowed in the national forest, as well as mountain bikes and off-road vehicles.

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## ART



Express yourself at Creativity Cabin

Pick an item to paint from a collection of preformed, ready-to-paint pottery. Creativity Cabin will glaze and fire it to be taken home the same day!



Take a photo tour with Yellow Wood Guided Tours

Learn more about photography settings and composition on camera or even the phone camera app to take amazing photographs of wildlife and scenery.



Extra Credit!  
What is the rule of thirds?



Visit one of Estes Park's art galleries

Explore beautiful local art and even chat with artists at one of Estes Park's many art galleries, conveniently located within the downtown area.

## LUNCH

Find the perfect restaurant for your family — these offer delicious kid's menus



## SNACK

Show your report card to take advantage of these special offers from local coffee shops:



Free tea bread with the purchase of any 12oz drink from **Inkwell & Brew**.  
*Limit one tea bread per drink purchase.*



Buy one scoop of ice cream, get one scoop free from **Cliff's Scoop Shop** at **KIND Coffee**.



Finished for the day? Find more fun things to do or where to go to dinner at **VisitEstesPark.com**