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To name just a few in 2026



Estes Park SkiJor
January 23-25 Estes Park Fairgrounds an action packed competition with horse and rider pulling a skier on a course with gates, jumps, & obstacles! \$20k prize purse, indoor kid fun, food trucks & suds
www.runningwildevents.com/skijor.html/



Estes Park Visitor Center
Stop by the Estes Park Visitor Center for the latest on special events, lodging, shopping, attractions, area maps. Our friendly team is happy to help you make the most of your visit & have an unforgettable Estes Park experience - ask about our free Pika Scavenger Hunt for a fun way to explore town!
Open daily 9am-5pm and Sundays 10am-4pm



Snowy Peaks Winery Friday Live Music
Friday, January 23 Neilson & Nicholson live music 4:30-6:30pm
Reservations highly recommended 970-586-2099
Join us in the Tasting Room, Snowy Peaks Winery at 292 Moraine Ave. snowypeakswinery.com



Wine & Chocolate Presents "Peaks & Pours"
Sat. Feb. 7, 12-6 pm at Estes Park Event Center. Wineries, breweries, delicious sweet treats, baked goods, and other related vendors. Fun for all ages. Chocolates, souvenir wine glass, a tote bag.
eventsinestes.com/wine-chocolate-festival



Ed's Cantina & Grill
Open Mic at Ed's Cantina every Tuesday 5-8pm
Hosted by Jon Pickett January thru February 24. Six open mics in a row to warm up your winter! Music lovers come in and enjoy a variety of music.
<https://www.instagram.com/p/DTlVfNkuVX/>



Whiskey Warm Up
Sat. March 7, 1-4pm at Riverside Plaza presented by Elkins Distilling Co. Commemorative glass, samples, live music, vendors, all outdoors so dress for the weather. Limited tickets, buy them now!
eventsinestes.com/whiskey-warm-up/



Lonigans Karaoke, Music, NFL Playoffs
Weekly Karaoke Nights are Fridays & Saturdays 9pm. Everyone is welcome! Grab the mic!
Sundays Nick Wag & the Rabble Rousers 6-8pm
Happy Hour 4-7pm daily, food and drink specials
110 W Elkhorn Ave. www.lonigans.com



Frozen Dead Guy Days 2026
March 27-29, at the Estes Park Events Complex & The Stanley Hotel & locations in Town. It's a Festival, A Bar Crawl, A Royal Blue Ball, Coffin Races, Live Stage Music, Food Trucks, Beer, Polar Plunge, etc.
www.visitestespark.com/events-calendar/frozen-dead-guy-days/



The American Legion Music, Games
Fri. Jan 23 Queen of Hearts raffle jackpot \$12,207
SkiJor Raffle 50/50 Sat & Sun \$1 ticket (2,000)
Sunday January 25th Broncos Party, open 11am
AFC Championship game against NE Patriots!
Friday, January 30 music by Marshall, free show



Estes Park Bigfoot Days
Bigfoot BBQ Friday, April 24, 6-9pm ticketed dinner. Free Festival Saturday, April 25, 10am-4pm in Bond Park. Live music, food & craft vendors, Bigfoot calling contest, stories, experts, and TV celebrities!
www.EPBigfoot.com



Avant Garde Aleworks
Fri 1/23 - Teacher Appreciation 12-9
Sat 1/24 - Beer Poking 4-8
Sun 1/25 - Beer Poking 4-8
Tue 1/27 - Vinyl Night 2-8
Sun 2/1 - Stout Month begins!



Running Wild Endurance Events
Bigfoot Half Marathon, 5K Run and Costume Run Saturday April 25. Flat course, beer and live music!
Samson's Revenge Races 10K, 27K, 55K May 17
Running Wild Events is based in Estes Park.
www.runningwildevents.com



Bogey's Sports Bar January Events
Jan 23-25 SkiJor Weekend in Estes Park
Sat Jan 24 Jeremy Smith live music 6-9pm
Jan 25 NFL Conference Championship Games
Denver Broncos host the New England Patriots!
Wednesdays: Fear Factor Watch Party 7pm



The Great Estes Park Duck Race
Saturday, May 2, 11am-5pm, for 37 years, this fun & entertaining fund raiser happens on a downtown river. Thousands of little rubber ducks race for you to adopt one or more and possibly win valuable prizes supporting 74 local nonprofits. epduckrace.org



Lumpy Ridge Brewing Co.
Original brewery location on Hwy 7, 531 S St Vrain
On the Hook Fish & Chips Food Truck Fri Jan 30
Après SkiJor specials all weekend at both locations
Public House: Chef's Kiss Catering meatball subs fresh bread & soup Friday 2-8 & Sat 1-8



Estes Park Car Club 2026 Events
Cars & Coffee -informal sharing summer Saturdays
Cool Nights Cruz In - May thru Sept free car shows
4th of July Car Exhibition at American Legion Post
Check facebook.com/groups/612754346622436 or website www.estesparkcarclub.com



Art Center of Estes Park
Meet the New Artists; Janine Belletire, Chris Crews, Kay Keyes Farrar, Stephen Goddard, Cindy Martin and Mark Nelson. Social media outlets - Instagram: artcenterofep; Facebook: Art-Center-of-Estes-Park; or, visit our website at artcenterofestes.com.



Safety Fair, By Estes Park Police Dept.
Saturday, May 9, 10am-2pm at the Estes Park Events Center. Free food, free fun, free prizes!! Police, Fire, Paramedics, SWAT Teams, K9 Officers, Bomb Squad, Rangers, Bike Course, Bouncies!
www.estes.org/pd



The Barrel
Celebrating 10 Years in Estes Park
Daily Food Trucks - Check Calendar for Schedule
Taster Tuesday - 15% off Taster Flights
Boozy Bingo Tournament - Wednesday 6-9
Thirsty Thursdays - 15% off Select Spirits



Lake Estes Fishing Derby 2026
Sat June 6, 7am-2pm Estes Valley Recreation & Park District's annual fishing derby. Free t-shirt with paid entry, no license required, prizes for biggest fish each age group, largest overall, youngest catch, oldest catch, best fishing outfit! evrpd.org



Visit Estes Park Online Information
The official online website for tourists of Estes Park. Find things to do, scenic hikes, wildlife watching, lodging, dining, download the Visitor Guide. Read about local live music, family activities, Rocky Mountain National Park. www.visitestespark.com



Friends Of Folk Festival
June 23, Tuesday, 4-10pm Friends of Folk Festival, celebrating Dick Orlean's legacy with music, both professional & amateurs. Free admission at Performance Park, by the Estes Arts District. estesartsdistrict.org



Rocky Mountain National Park
Timed entry is not required at this time of year. For current park road status call 970-586-1222. Trail Ridge Road is CLOSED for the season. 970-586-1206, 8:00am-12:00pm nps.gov/romo. Tips for RMNP: #PlanLikeAParkRanger



Estes Park Wool Market
Estes Park Wool Market, Workshops June 5 & 6, Wool Market June 7 & 8. Llamas, alpacas, sheep, rabbits, and fun activities for the family. Held at the Estes Park Events Complex. Free & open to the public. EPWoolMarket.com



January Is Locals Month At YMCA of Rockies
The YMCA of the Rockies is offering local Estes Park residents free day passes to access the facilities in January for skating, swimming & more! Go to: ymcarockies.org for more information or call 970-586-3341



Fireworks Celebration Over Lake Estes
Saturday, 4th of July! Plan to sit back and enjoy the the best pyrotechnic display in Northern Colorado. Be dazzled at the sparkling fireworks over beautiful Lake Estes. Several music concerts, a car show! Fireworks start after 9 pm. visitestespark.com



Macdonald Book Shop Kid's Storytime
Monday, January 26: Opposites
At Macdonald Book Shop 152 E Elkhorn Ave
Storytimes 9:00 am, free for all ages.
Visit online: macdonaldbookshop.com



Award Winning Rooftop Rodeo & Parade
July 6th through July 11th, 2026. Enjoy the USA's best bronc riding, bareback riding, roping, steer wrestling, mutton bustin, barrel racing, clowns, bullriding and more! Rodeo parade is downtown. Buy tickets now at: rooftoprodeo.com