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FALL in Love with Golden!

August & Autumn Activities in Denver's Closest Mountain Town

Here's what's happening in Golden in August and throughout Autumn. What a great time for a day trip, weeknight escape or weekend staycation in nearby Golden....

Weeknight Escapes in Golden

Experience Golden like a local with a weeknight getaway. With Colorado's later sunsets, you have plenty of time for happy hour and a hike, dinner on a patio, live music or theater. Enjoy less crowds and more room to roam. Check out [the Visit Golden website](#) for events and ideas to liven up your weeknights.

Buffalo Bill Days Are OFF, but Get Your Western ON in Golden ANYTIME!

Buffalo Bill Days are cancelled for 2021 but you can get your Western on in Golden anytime with this [fun Western day trip itinerary](#).

Sip Your Way Through the World's Biggest Little Beer Town with Tap Trails!

Did you know that Golden brews more beer than any other city on the planet? Be part of Golden's legendary craft beverage scene with the [Golden Tap Trail](#), a free mobile passport that will take you to the best breweries and distilleries in beautiful Golden. Score great deals and discounts at your favorite local breweries and distilleries. You can redeem deals at ten locations and earn a Golden Tap Trail stainless steel pint glass. Cheers!

Tour Golden by Foot, Haywagon, e-Bike and More

There are so many ways to check out Golden in the fall. [Golden History Tours](#) offers a variety of guided walking tours – even Haunted Ghost Tours in the fall – where you'll hear all amazing stories of Golden's storied past. If you're more focused on getting to know Golden's bar scene, Golden History Tours offers a Wild West Pub Crawl or you can reserve a spot with the [Golden Hayride](#) and ride along in a haywagon as you check out the beer scene. Or, if you prefer to tour on your own, you can check out the self-paced [History Tour](#) and [Public Art Tours](#) of Golden or check out an e-Bike from [Adventure West](#) or [Pedego](#) and pedal (or pedal-assist!) your way through town.

Colorado Railroad Museum's Rail Fair, August 14, 2021

There's more to Colorado's rich railroad heritage than simply trains! Join the fun at the [first-ever "Rail Fair."](#) as the Colorado Railroad Museum celebrates the role railroads have played in the agricultural, mining and transportation history of our state. Train Rides will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., pulled by an authentic, coal-fired steam locomotive. During those same hours (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.), a variety of special activities and demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the Museum's extensive outdoor campus.

31st Annual Golden Fine Arts Festival, August 21 – 22, 2021

A Golden icon for three decades, [Golden Fine Arts Festival](#) is a prestigious juried art show located in the heart of historic downtown. With free admission to the public, this premier event traditionally draws over 30,000 visitors over two days to enjoy art, live entertainment, beer and wine gardens and food vendors.

Peaks to Plains Gateway Segment Opens in Late August

With a Grand Opening scheduled for late August, [the Gateway Segment adds 1.75 miles of new paved trail to the Peaks to Plains Trail](#), extending the existing Clear Creek Trail through downtown Golden, 1.75 miles further up into Clear Creek Canyon Park, all the way to Tunnel 1. The new trail segment will include three new bridge crossings over

Clear Creek, two restrooms, parking for 160 cars at two trailheads, and a stone and timber stairway climbing to a half-mile of newly restored trail along the historic Welch Ditch Wooden Flume. Some 1,600 dump trucks of dirt and rock had to be removed to create the new segment, which will offer amazing views of the river and canyon as it clings to cliffs, zig-zagging along the river following the old railroad route of 1872. The vision of the Peaks to Plains Trail is to create a 65-mile trail that will one day connect the South Platte Trail in Denver through Golden, up Clear Creek Canyon to Idaho Springs and eventually to the headwaters of Clear Creek at Loveland Pass. Once completed, it will connect four counties and seven cities, with a total elevation gain of more than 1 mile. Come check out the progress!

Fall Foliage by Foot

Denverites love to “go for the gold” in the fall, setting out on day trips as the aspens put on their annual color show. But the gold rush from Denver can mean bumper-to-bumper traffic. A better idea? Golden, Colorado. Avoid crowded highways and chart a gorgeous drive – or hike – through splendid fall colors around Golden. You’ll miss the crowds, save time and can even enjoy leisurely post-fall foliage fun at Golden’s acclaimed restaurants, beer gardens and outdoor patios. Check out some [ideas from Visit Golden’s website](#).

Shop Golden Saturday & Sidewalk Sale, September 11, 2021

Bargain hunters and shoppers, take note, the Golden Sidewalk Sale returns with an expanded focus to Shop Golden and support local. Pick up some bargains and support your favorite local merchants – it’s a win-win! More [info here](#).

Colorado Mountain Fest, September 25 & 26, 2021

The Colorado Mountain Club takes over Parfet Park in Golden for [Colorado’s premier mountain festival](#) featuring a fun-filled, family-friendly weekend of multi-sport adventuring, educational programming and celebration of all things Mountain! The festival will feature a variety of clinics, competitions, gear demos, swag, entertainment and local food and libations.

Autumn Fest, October 3, 2021

The Golden History Museum (923 10th St.) and Golden History Park present [Autumn Fest](#), a packed afternoon of fun with free family activities, including incredible chalk art, hourly puppet shows (plus hands-on stations to make your own show), make-your-own-bubbles station, silent movie viewing, 4-H petting zoo, craft stations, BIG TRUCK demo (Streets, Fire, and Police Departments), costumed Civil War interpretation, Westernaires pony rides (\$3 per ride), CODA Brewing Company beer garden and local food vendors.

Knock Your Boots Off Chili & Beer Tasting, October 9, 2021

Spice up your fall with Golden’s beloved annual autumn salute to chili and beer. The event will be held in Parfet Park at 10th and Washington and is sure to “knock your boots off!” More info will soon be posted at VisitGolden.com.

Colorado Railroad Museum’s Harvest Haunt, October 24 & 25, 2021

It’s full steam ahead for tricks, treats and trains! The Trick or Treat Train at the [Colorado Railroad Museum](#) features Steam Train Rides behind newly restored, 1899-vintage Rio Grande Southern steam locomotive No. 20, plus lots of socially distanced family fun!

And – it’s never too early to mark your calendars for Golden’s beloved holiday events. More details coming soon...

- Golden Candlelight Walk, Friday, December 3, 2021
- Olde Golden Christmas Parade, December 11, 2021

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