

## Planning Your Trip

The following few precautions will help ensure a delightful adventure.

- Before beginning your tour, it is a good idea to fill your gas tank, plan your lunch, and check weather and road conditions along your route.
- Prepare for a variety of weather. Montrose enjoys 250 sunny days each year, making good water supplies, sunscreen, and lip balm essential equipment.
- Summer showers and high-country breezes can come up unexpectedly, so take a jacket and rain gear along.
- High-clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended for traveling unimproved roads. Avoid these roads during or immediately following heavy rain or snow. Cell phone service can be lost in remote areas, so be sure to inform someone of your planned route and your expected return time.

## Additional Activities

Montrose is home to some of the best and most diverse terrain, scenery, and activities in Western Colorado. A variety of scenic day trips have been designed to enhance your visit to Black Canyon country.

Take your time, and explore some of the wonders that make Montrose special. While on your way to or from the summit, consider a few highlights in the vicinity that are also great for trail and road biking:

- Black Canyon National Park
- Silver Jack Reservoir and Owl Creek Pass
- Curecanti National Recreation Area
- Uncompahgre River Recreation Trails
- Montrose Water Sports Park
- Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area

Don't miss the Museum of the Mountain West on your way to Cerro Summit!

Discover more about these and other Montrose attractions and activities by stopping by the Montrose Visitor Center or by taking a trip to [VisitMontrose.com](http://VisitMontrose.com).



*Cerro Summit is a wonderful place for year round recreation as sledding, cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, birding and more can be enjoyed with ease.*

## Helpful Recreation Tips

Traveling across a natural landscape has inherent risks, so proceed with caution. Help create a positive experience for fellow outdoor enthusiasts by observing the following reminders:

- Sheep guard dogs can be aggressive; avoid them when they are present.
- Control dogs at all times, and pick up after them.
- Trails are for non-motorized use.
- Glass containers are not allowed.
- Overnight camping is not allowed.
- Follow sledding hill rules as posted.
- For emergencies call 9-1-1.
- View wildlife from a safe distance.
- The area has no bathrooms or trash receptacles
- Please dispose of human waste properly, and pack out all trash.

## Montrose Visitor Center

107 S Cascade Ave  
970.497.8558 or  
855.497.8558

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## RECREATION

Cerro Summit Recreation Area is a 110-acre property owned and managed as open space by the City of Montrose.



**28 MILES ROUND TRIP**  
**45 MINS. TO 1.5 HOURS**

Located just a short distance from Montrose, the area is a convenient place to play year round. Cerro Summit is a part of Montrose's wintertime recreation tradition — a great location to enjoy sledding, cross-country skiing, and family-style downhill skiing and snowboarding. In recent years the area has become an attraction for warm weather recreation as well, thanks to a trail system that has been developed for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. The trails are diverse with family-friendly paths building into lengthy, more advanced trails.

Other than three small parking areas and trails, the property is undeveloped. The landscape is wild, hilly, and dominated by mountain scrub, open sage flats, and grasslands. Wildlife such as elk and deer frequent the area; black bear have been seen on occasion. It is also a great place for birding.





## DIRECTIONS

The Cerro Summit Recreation Area is located 14 miles east of Montrose along U. S. Highway 50. The recreation area is just south of the summit off of County Road P77, along the former route of the historic Denver & Rio Grande Narrow Gauge Railroad. Directions are as follows:

- From the Montrose Visitor Center head northwest on S Cascade Ave for 456 ft toward S 1st St continuing to traffic light.
- Turn right onto E Main St and in 1.8 miles E Main St becomes US Highway 50 E.
- Continue onto U.S. Highway 50 E for 12.3 miles (15 minutes). Destination will be on the right.



## Trail Etiquette

- Mountain bikers yield to hikers and runners.
- Uphill traffic has the right of way.
- Do not use trails when they are muddy.
- Control your bike at all times: ride within your ability.
- Greet other trail users with a smile.

## Appreciating Partnerships

The City of Montrose continues to work with partners such as the Montrose Rotary Club, the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, the Montrose Bicycle Alliance (MABA), and other local groups and organizations to develop and maintain recreational opportunities in the area. Our sincere thanks to these organizations and their enthusiastic volunteers who work hard to enhance quality of life in our community.

