

# MOUNTAIN VILLAGE TRAILS

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# HIKING & BIKING TRAILS



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## Welcome to Mountain Village

Situated at 9,545 feet in the unrivaled San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado, Mountain Village was incorporated in 1995 as a European ski-in/ski-out, pedestrian-friendly resort with Mountain Village, a three-stage gondola transportation system installed to connect the two towns. This incredibly scenic and environmentally-conscious transportation system allows one to take advantage of the regional offerings without the need of a car.

In winter, Mountain Village is home of the Telluride Ski Resort and the town's business district — Mountain Village Center. The Village Center bustles with visitors, and is, without question, a sought-after locale with its innately spectacular setting and royal treatment. Summertime in Mountain Village is gaining in popularity due to its expanded recreational amenities — hiking, cross-country and downhill biking, disc golf, bouldering, fishing and tennis — and access to supreme music, film and cultural festivals and events. All of this, and much more, makes Mountain Village a world apart from other resorts.



## Boomerang Trail to Alta Lakes

From Prospect Trail or Basin Trail, this trail follows a historic Forest Service dirt road approximately two miles to scenic Alta Lakes and the historic mining town of Alta. Vehicles may be encountered.

## River Trail

West of Station Telluride, this popular and pleasant two-mile trail intersects with the Boomerang Trail and has a graded natural surface along the San Miguel River. Once at this intersection, you can cross the Valley Floor and then follow the paved Bike Path east into the Town of Telluride or west to Highway 145. The River Trail follows the San Miguel River upstream for two miles, past Telluride Town Park, and on to the Idarado Legacy Trail which leads to the end of the canyon and Bridal Veil Falls.

## Bear Creek Trail

One of Telluride's most popular trails, the 2.5-mile climb begins at South Pine Street and leads through the 325-acre Bear Creek Preserve to upper Bear Creek Falls. This trail also connects with the Wasatch Trail, Wasatch Connection, and finally See Forever Trail leading down the ridge into Mountain Village for an 8.3-mile high altitude adventure.

## Camel's Garden Trail

This trail connects with the lower portion of the Telluride Trail and to lower Bear Creek Trail.

### TRAIL RATINGS

● Beginner	■ Intermediate	◆ Advanced/Expert
🚲 Biking	🚶 Hiking	🚶🚲 Hiking/Biking

Trail ratings are guidelines only. Conditions may change and unmarked hazards exist.



### Stay Connected

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### Important Numbers

- Gondola Station: (970) 729-3435
- Lost and Found: (970) 728-9281
- Mountain Village Police: (970) 728-9281
- Telluride Medical Center: (970) 728-3848

# TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

## Meadows Trail

Starting in the Meadows neighborhood in Mountain Village, just up the road from where Adams Ranch Road crosses Prospect Creek and 0.5 mile west of Big Billie's Apartments, this one-mile trail drops 200 feet to the Lawson Hill neighborhood and Highway 145.

## Big Billie's Trail

Beginning on the south side of Country Club Drive in Mountain Village, this refreshing 0.5-mile trail winds down 200 feet and ends at Big Billie's Apartments in the Meadows neighborhood.

## Jurassic Trail

This scenic one-mile trail begins on the north side of Country Club Drive in Mountain Village and to the left of the Boomerang Trailhead (see below), then follows the ridge west and 300 feet down into the Meadows neighborhood.

## Russell Trail

From the intersection of Adams Ranch Road and Russell Drive, this easy one mile trail begins on the shoulder. The trail continues below Russell Drive onto a dirt surface and connects with the Meadows neighborhood.

## Boomerang Trail to Valley Floor

Beginning on the north side of Country Club Drive in Mountain Village and to the right of the Jurassic Trailhead (see above), this steep one mile trail descends through the Uncompahgre National Forest to the Valley Floor below. Expect a 700-foot elevation change.

## Boulevard Trail

From Lost Creek Lane near Mountain Village Center, this easy 2.5-mile trail begins on a paved surface and continues to Town Hall Plaza. Once at Town Hall Plaza, the paved trail becomes a natural surface trail and continues west towards Highway 145 and the entrance to the Town of Mountain Village. Watch for signage and pedestrian crossings.

## Ridge Trail

For **hiking only** and beginning at Station St. Sophia, this two-mile trail drops 1,000 feet to Station Mountain Village and the Mountain Village Center. With its valley views and peaceful switchbacks throughout the aspen forest, and benches to rest while taking in the surroundings, this trail is a local favorite. Do watch for a fork in the trail about 0.2 miles below the radio tower as the route to the right is more rocky and steep.

## Overlook Trail

This 0.2-mile trail starts at Station St. Sophia and offers a bench with scenic overlooks of the Telluride valley below.

## Telluride Trail

Accessing this trail from either the Town of Telluride or off Coonskin Loop Trail in the Town of Mountain Village makes no difference: either way its 2.6-miles of steep, rocky terrain only accessible on foot. Sorry to shout, but **NO BIKING ALLOWED** as people have been hurt doing so. This trail follows a dirt ski service road from Station St. Sophia 1,800 feet down to the Town of Telluride. Vehicles may be encountered.

## Coonskin Loop Trail

Beginning and ending at Station St. Sophia and with an elevation change of 170 feet, this dirt ski service road is a short 1.3-mile loop starting from and returning to Station St. Sophia. It crosses over Telluride Trail, Lookout and Milk Run ski trails and serves as bike access for the See Forever Trail.

## Village Trail

From Station St. Sophia, this rolling three-mile descent crosses several ski trails with great views to the west while traversing through aspen and spruce-dominated drainages. After crossing Prospect Creek Drive, this trail descends into a creek bottom, crossing the wetland on a boardwalk, and then continues down and connects with the Boulevard Trail, providing access to Town Hall Plaza and Mountain Village Center.

## Sheridan Trail

This two-mile trail begins at Station St. Sophia and continues to the right, where the trail forks near the top of Lift 4. It then follows a dirt ski service road to the winding, steep and paved San Joaquin Road, one mile from Mountain Village Boulevard. Vehicles may be encountered.

## Basin Trail

Beginning at Station St. Sophia, this trail forks with the Sheridan Trail and continues left, past the snowmaking storage ponds and gate, for six miles on a dirt ski service road. There are 2,240 feet of steep climbs and descents past the top of Lift 5, the bottom of Lift 14, past Lift 12 and down through the ski area to connect with Prospect Trail. Vehicles may be encountered.

## See Forever Trail

The hiking-only portion of this trail starts 0.2 miles south of Station St. Sophia. For bikers, the access point to the See Forever Trail is from Station St. Sophia via the Coonskin Loop Trail. Steep and strenuous, this dirt ski service road climbs along the ridgeline 1,710 feet in 2.8 miles to the Wasatch Connection Trailhead. Vehicles may be encountered. With 360 degree views of surrounding mountain ranges and peaks, this trail is often combined with the Wasatch Connection to the Wasatch Trail to form an all-day, 8.3-mile, 3,510-foot steep descent onto Bear Creek Trail, leading into the Town of Telluride.

## Wasatch Connection

This steep and rocky 1.4-mile trail connects the See Forever Trail to the Wasatch Trail that leads to the Bear Creek Trail. The Wasatch Connection drops off the back side of Gold Hill. Combine these trails for an arduous, day-long adventure.

## Prospect Trail

Ten miles in length and the longest on the ski area, this trail begins at Station St. Sophia and traverses across numerous ski trails under Lifts 4 and 5 and into Prospect Creek. After crossing Prospect Creek, the trail climbs through dense forest to the top of Lift 10. This trail then continues two ways: either along the upper loop through Prospect Basin or a shortcut past the teepee and the top of Lift 10 before the descent begins to Station Village Parking and Town Hall Plaza. For a longer hike or bike, Prospect Trail also connects with the Boomerang Trail which leads to Alta Lakes.

## Mountain Safety

Please be advised: hiking, mountain biking and other mountain activities are at your own risk and the trails on this map are not patrolled. In case of an accident or injury, call 911.

There are risks associated with strenuous physical exertion and with mountain biking, hiking and other mountain activities. Property damage, injuries and/or death may result from engaging in any of these activities. Be aware that these trails and roads are used for many purposes during the summer including mountain biking, hiking and motorized vehicle travel. Expect to encounter bikers, hikers and vehicles at any time and without warning. Trails may be closed and/or detoured due to construction and other projects. Hikers and bikers must remain on designated trails and obey all posted trail closures, warning signs and detours. Mountain gates, roads and trails close at dusk.

- Also ...
- Mountain weather conditions can change rapidly.
  - Lightning and thunderstorms are common in the mountains. Seek shelter and stay away from ridge tops, chairlifts, power lines and signposts.
  - Bring adequate clothing; layers are recommended.
  - Purify any water from natural sources.
  - Carry plenty of water and food.
  - At high elevation, sunscreen is a must (even on cloudy days).
  - Be aware of the health effects of high altitude.
  - Tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.
  - For updated trail information, inquire at any local outdoor store or gondola station.
  - Purchase a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card at an outdoor store.

## Trail Etiquette & Stewards of the Land

We encourage you to support these trail etiquette and simple safety-conscious rules.

- Hikers and bikers choose trails that match your abilities.
- Hikers and bikers stay on designated trails.
- Bikers yield the right-of-way to other non-motorized trail users. Downhill bikers yield to everyone.
- Bikers use caution when overtaking another, and make your presence known well in advance.
- Bikers maintain control of your speed at all times.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Do not litter.
- Respect public and private property.
- Always be self-sufficient.
- Do not travel solo in remote areas.
- Observe the practice of minimum impact bicycling.

## Trail Access Parking & Gondola Information

To access the Mountain Village Hiking and Biking Trail System, we recommend you park in Gondola Parking Garage (free daytime) or Heritage Parking Garage (first two hours free), both located off Mountain Village Boulevard, which will give you the most convenient access to our trail system, and of course our celebrated gondola.

As for the gondola, it may not be the reason why you come here, but once you discover our preferred form of transportation you'll want to retire those car keys. The gondola, the first and only free public transportation of its kind in the United States, officially opened 20 years ago on December 20, 1996. Since that time, it has become a popular attraction for both our residents and visitors as it offers them a front row seat with Mother Nature at 10,500 feet and access to a copious amount of hiking and biking trails as well as shops, restaurants and watering holes.

The gondola is open daily from 7 a.m. to midnight during the winter and summer seasons. In some instances, gondola operational hours are extended. When this occurs, signs will be posted in the various gondola stations. Expect long lines during peak times; your patience is appreciated. Without notice, the gondola may close temporarily due to weather, a power outage, or something else that is beyond our control. When this occurs, we do our best to communicate details of the closure and alternative transportaion options.