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Summer 2010 Press Kit Steamboat Springs on a Shoestring

In Steamboat, you don't need a lot to have the vacation experience of your dreams



If you are rethinking your summer travel plans or contemplating what kind of a vacation will fit into your budget this summer, know that you are not alone. Millions of Americans will be taking a good, hard look at what they can afford this summer and the good news is that Steamboat in the Summertime is a slam dunk when it comes to variety, affordability and family memories. Start planning your 2010 summer Rocky Mountain getaway now; it is easier and less expensive than you thought.

What makes Steamboat Springs stand out from other Colorado mountain communities is that it is a "real town." It is a hard feeling to put into words, but Steamboat has an authenticity that cannot be replicated. Numerous four generation ranches are still in operation and every street corner brick building and bend in the river has thousands of stories to go with it. A great, free way to learn more about the rich history of the Yampa Valley, is to try out the walking tours offered both by the Tread of Pioneers Museum or self-guided tours. Take the Downtown Historic Walking Tour, the Olympic Heritage Tour, Mineral Springs Walking Tour or the Tread's Brown Bag Lecture Series and get to know the "real" Steamboat Springs.

You may overhear locals talking about the new "hot spot" in town and quite honestly you may be surprised. No, it's not a new bar or restaurant; it isn't a club or boutique either. It is the Bud Werner Memorial Library. This iconic Steamboat landmark is in the ideal location. In September 2008 the library reopened its doors to an expansive remodel, boasting a silver level Leeds Certification. More than just a typical library, Bud Werner Memorial library, named for Wallace "Buddy" Werner, a Steamboat Springs native and ski phenomenon, offers many amenities beyond books, research and a comfortable place to read. The programming at the library including art shows, historical exhibits, guest speakers, dance lessons and yoga classes make this the hottest spot in town.

Want some outdoor fun within city limits that the whole family can enjoy? One of the best features of Steamboat in the Summertime is the Yampa River and town's proximity to it. Many winter visitors don't know about the world class fishing, tubing, rafting river literally steps from the hustle and bustle of Lincoln Avenue. Any day spent on or by the river is a day well spent, especially if you spend the day tubing the Yampa River. Whether you take the river on with a tour company or choose to bring your own tube and take on the river solo, river tubing is a great, inexpensive way to enjoy the bounty of the river. Please be respectful to the river though. Remember to pack out what you brought in and always be respectful of posted rules and regulations. Tubing the river is a great time, especially when done right.

Not everything in a mountain town has an enormous price tag. In fact, there are many places in town that offer free classes and clinics to those who are interesting in testing the waters when it comes to a new activity or sport. Why not try before you buy? Local shops like Steamboat Flyfisher and Steamboat Ski & Bike Kare offer clinics throughout the summer to help novice thrill seekers and aspiring professionals understand the basics and help guide individuals as to what will best suit their needs. Never cast a rod before but interested in fly-fishing? Head to a free beginners clinic and see what the sport is all about. Nervous about mountain biking and all that it entails? Learn from the pros as they help other beginners along the way. Steamboat Springs in the summer is all about trying new things and having fun. Let clinics like these help you find your passion and most of all enjoy your vacation.

Steamboat on a shoestring is all about being realistic. You're not looking for less; you are looking for better value and value with staying power. When it comes to summer travel, it is important to be choosy and to demand value. Steamboat Springs offers the best of any family mountain town. Regardless if your "shoestring" is of a running, hiking, biking or walking shoe, we're glad you are here.

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Other Steamboat Springs activities not to miss: ([Links](#))
Watch the Nordic Ski Jumpers at Howelsen Hill
People watching from the 5th Street and 9th Street bridges
Hike to the best view in town, the quarry atop Emerald Mountain
Nickel candy at Lyon's Drugs store
Free sheriff badge at F.M. Light and Sons
Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series

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