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**Summer 2010 Press Kit****Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall**

Enjoy Steamboat Springs' year-round mountain amenities



Summertime in Steamboat is just as exciting as the winter, particularly on the mountains. Instead of seeking Champagne Powder™ snow, guests come in search of rejuvenation, excitement and unique events and experiences.

**Steamboat Ski Area**

The Steamboat Ski Area is open for summer operations mid-June through Labor Day weekend with a variety of activities, culinary options and exciting events. Hiking and mountain biking trails on the mountain provide an array of choices for beginners to experts and the views of the Yampa Valley can't be beat. Trails open as weather and on-mountain conditions permit and guests should check with the Information Center in Gondola Square for a complete list of open trails, activities and current happenings.

The Steamboat Ski Area also offers mountain bike and diggler rentals, as well as guides tours. Another way to explore the mountain is through Guided Gourmet Hikes featuring a scrumptious lunch on the mountain or free nature tours with Yampatika.

If you seek the incredible views, without the adrenaline, the Steamboat Gondola operates daily during the summer, whisking guests up to Thunderhead at 9,080 feet with spectacular views of the Flat Tops, Yampa Valley and the surrounding area. Thunderhead also features the Oasis Sundeck Bar and Grill with special Friday Sunset Happy Hours and Hazie's Restaurant featuring Sunday Brunch on the Mountain.

The first big event of the season, the Free Family Fun Festival on opening weekend, June Steamboat Ski Resort partners with local radio station KFMU-FM to host the annual festival which invites kids of all ages to enjoy the Coca Cola Adventure Zone and other special free activities. In addition, children 12 and under can ride the Gondola for FREE, and adults pay only half price during the festival.

**Howelsen Hill**

Located across the Yampa River from downtown Steamboat Springs is Howelsen Hill, the recreational paradise of town. The Howelsen Hill complex boasts not only the oldest ski area in continuous operation in the state of Colorado, but this side of the river also has baseball fields, volleyball courts, tennis courts, horse stables, biking, hiking and horseback riding trails, the Howler Alpine Slide, the Yampa River Core Trail, Romick Arena which host the Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series and Howelsen Ice Arena. Not bad, huh?

The Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club is the driving force behind the Howler Alpine Slide, which is located at the base of Howelsen Hill. This dual course track is 2400 feet long with a 400 foot vertical drop. It is the steepest track layout in the country and a ton of fun! Enjoy scenic views of downtown Steamboat Springs as you ride a chairlift to the top of historic Howelsen Hill. Using a sled provided to you at the top of the lift, you are in control of your exhilarating ride as you wind down the bends and curves of the natural landscape of beautiful Howelsen Hill. For more information, please visit [www.steamboatpineslide.com](http://www.steamboatpineslide.com).

While at Howelsen Hill check out the horse stables next to the Romick Arena grounds and find Sombrero Ranches. These stables offer horseback riding on the scenic mountain trails of Howelsen Hill. This is a great activity for groups or individuals and offer one and two hour rides, giving you an opportunity to enjoy the clean mountain air and explore this beautiful

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area of Steamboat Springs. For more information, please visit [www.sombrero.com](http://www.sombrero.com) or call (970) 879-2306.

Not only does Steamboat Springs have a rodeo, but the Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series was named 2002 PRCA Small Outdoor Rodeo of the Year. The venue for this characteristic Western tradition is in the Howelsen Hill Complex at Romick Arena. Come watch the bulls, horses, cows, sheep and competitors for 10 weeks, every Friday and Saturday night from June 18th – August 21st and see our real cowboys and cowgirls in action.

In addition to various recreational outdoor facilities including lit tennis courts, two sand volleyball courts and four baseball fields, Howelsen Hill is also home to Steamboat's year round ice arena. Howelsen Ice Arena offers public skating, lessons, drop in hockey, clinics and a great location for birthday parties. Please call (970) 879-0341 for more information.

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