



*This is the West*

**Escape to our Landscape...**

**Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscape**

**Recreation Culture: Wild about the Outdoors**

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## **Running Culture: Running Wild**

Steamboat Springs, Colorado, also known as Ski Town, U.S.A.® because it is the home of over 50 Winter Olympians, is rapidly becoming known as a summer athlete's destination and training ground. After all, when the snow melts, there's cross training to be done and with all the trails in and around town, visitors seeking a change of scenery (and what beautiful scenery it is) they'll know why Steamboat Springs is more than just a ski town.

### **Steamboat Springs Running Series**

Colorado's largest running series, the Steamboat Springs Running Series includes 14 challenging and fun runs from 400 yards to 195 miles over some of Steamboat Springs' most spectacular terrain! Races include the Steamboat Marathon, the Mt. Werner Classic, which ascends slopes of the Steamboat Ski Area, and the Continental Divide Trail. For the more casual runner, shorter less intense courses also include some of Steamboat's local favorite trails. The Steamboat Springs Running Series also includes the Wild West Relay, a 195-mile relay starting in Ft. Collins, Colorado and finishing in Steamboat Springs.

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### **New Running Events**

#### **USA Trail Running Championships**

The Steamboat Springs Running Series has been awarded the USA Track & Field 10k Trail Championship event for the next two years. These championships will be held on June 30, 2007 and June 28, 2008 and will be staged at the Steamboat Ski Area with a start and finish at the Gondola base station. The June 30, 2007 event will also be a qualifying race for the Teva U.S. Mountain Running Team. The top two men and top women will earn automatic berths to the 2007 U.S. Team that will race in the World Trail Championships to be held in Ovrannaz, Switzerland in September.

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#### **Steamboat 50 Ultra Marathon**

The first annual Run, Rabbit, Run 50 mile run features spectacular scenery on one of the most challenging ultra marathon courses in the United States. Race begins at Steamboat Springs ski basin and proceeds up Mount Werner along the Continental Divide to Rabbit Ears Peak and back on mountain trails and roads. For more information visit

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<b>2007 Steamboat Springs Running Series</b>	
May 5	Spirit Challenge 10k & 5k
May 19	Hayden Cog Run 10k & 5k
June 3	Steamboat Marathon, Half Marathon & 10k
June 16	Hot Springs Short Cut (7 miles)
June 30	2007 USA 10k Trail Championships
July 4	Steamboat Sprint 400 yard dash
July 8	Mountain Madness Half Marathon
July 14	Howelsen Hill 8 Miler
July 28	Spring Creek Memorial (9 miles)
August 3-4	Wild West Relay (195 miles)
August 4	Mt. Werner Classic (5 & 12 miles)
August 19	Continental Divide Trail Run (16 miles)
September 2	10k at 10,000 Feet
September 8	Kremmling Road Kill Half Marathon

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