



*This is the West*

**Escape to our Landscape...**

**Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscape**

**Recreation Culture: Wild about the Outdoors**

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## **Recreation Culture:**

### **2007 Summer Outdoor Inspired Events**

Steamboat's winter season has always attracted major ski events including World Cup Nordic Combined and World Cup Freestyle events. Steamboat's summer has also begun to attract new events for the amateur competitive athlete. In the past five years the new events have gained the momentum of a tidal wave:

#### **4th Annual Rio 24 Hours of Steamboat ~ June 9-10**

Steamboat's own 24-hour mountain bike race, dubbed "the climb of your life," will attract up to 500 riders. Starting at noon, solo and team mountain bikers will strive to complete as many laps as possible in 24 hours. Racers climb 2,108 feet from the base of the Steamboat Ski Area to the peak of Thunderhead and cruise down.

[www.rockypeakproductions.com](http://www.rockypeakproductions.com)

#### **NEW for 2007! USA Trail Running Championships ~ June 30**

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.

[www.runningseries.com](http://www.runningseries.com)

#### **4th Annual Wild West Relay ~ August 3-4**

Taking advantage of the full moon, this unique relay event starts in Fort Collins and winds through rural and isolated sections of northern Colorado and Wyoming, passes through several small mountain and ranching communities, crosses over Sand Creek Pass (10,269 feet) and Rabbit Ears Pass (9,426 feet). Sixty-seven miles of the relay route traverse through Roosevelt, Medicine Bow, and Routt National Forests; fifty-nine miles of the route are on dirt roads. The last leg of the relay is primarily on bike paths and trails through Steamboat Springs, finishing at the Steamboat Springs Middle School.

[www.wildwestrelay.com](http://www.wildwestrelay.com)

#### **3rd Annual Revival of Kent Eriksen's Tour de Steamboat ~ August 11**

Rocky Peak Productions presents the 3rd annual revival of the Tour de Steamboat (1975-1985). This non-competitive Century road bike ride brings riders through Northern Colorado's most scenic roadways over Rabbit Ears Pass, Gore Pass, and Yellow Jacket Pass starting and ending in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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#### **3rd Annual Steamboat Triathlon ~ August 26**

The beauty and grandeur of the Yampa Valley and Steamboat Springs welcomes the triathlon world on August 26, 2007. With spectacular mountains as a backdrop, triathletes will swim ¾ mile in beautiful Lake Catamount, ride 20 miles on mostly flat paved roads, and end with a 4 mile run on mixed pavement and dirt roads. For more information visit

[www.5430sports.com](http://www.5430sports.com)

#### **NEW for 2007! Steamboat 50 Ultra Marathon ~ September 15**

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

[www.steamboat50.com](http://www.steamboat50.com)

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