

Early November in Crested Butte

Between great outdoor activities, unique local shopping, vibrant art galleries and fun events, there is always something to do here in paradise. To help you get the most out of your stay, we have outlined some activities to do in town and on the mountain. Whether you like good food, adventure or want to enjoy local happenings, the CB Connection will help guide you. We hope you have a wonderful and memorable time this fall in the Crested Butte area and at Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

Donation Day

CBMR and the Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation (CBSF) are excited to welcome you to the second annual Donation Day on November 22. A \$15 donation gets each person a lift ticket for the day; children 6 and under ski free. All lift ticket proceeds go directly towards supporting the local youth and CBSF. Join us for a day of celebration and giving! Season passes will not be valid until Opening Day on November 23.

The Crested Butte Rental and Demo Center will be open for rental equipment as well as the Adventure Park and Zip Line Tour for family fun off the snow. Guests are invited to peruse the retail shops and fuel up at Coal Breaker Coffee Co., Butte 66 or the WoodStone Grille.

Join us the following day, November 23, for the official Opening Day of the 2017-18 Winter Season!

Snowmaking: a Brief Look Behind the Scenes

Skiing and riding is a favorite pastime in Crested Butte, but before Crested Butte Mountain Resort is buried in some of Colorado's finest powder there are many processes that allow for the resort to open on November 23.

A team of 27 snowmakers work around the clock during the two month "snowmaking season" that typically begins around October 31 (weather permitting) and will continue into December. Cold temps (around 16F) and low humidity combine to create perfect conditions for snowmaking. Humidity plays a big role in snowmaking because it dictates how much moisture from the water will evaporate into the air.

CBMR utilizes 162 snow guns to create ice crystals, which aren't the average snowflake. Instead, the water shoots into the cold air and freezes into tiny orbs. This kind of snow withstands the elements and snow cats better than natural snow, which is why it makes such a good foundation for the nature-made snow we'll get throughout the season.

During the snowmaking season, crews monitor the temperature and humidity around the resort closely in order to adjust the snow guns accordingly. The process is fine-tuned and crews work hard to make sure the guns are optimized for the present conditions—which tend to change frequently. As the temperatures plummet and the humidity thins, continue your snow dances, but don't forget to tip a hat to the snowmakers who help make skiing and riding a possibility.

Get Fit For Snow

The cooler weather has many people dreaming of the ski season, and November is the perfect time to strengthen those muscles for the upcoming winter! Take advantage of the crisp fall days to take a hike around town, and if the weather turns wintry, head inside for a pre-ski season workout. Are you ready to get Fit For Snow? Try these at-home exercises to make sure you're ready for the ski and snowboard season:

Lunges - 20 per side, 3 sets; Squats - 20 for 3 sets; Crunches - 20 for 3 sets
Planks - Start with 30 seconds, each week try to lengthen each set by another 30 seconds

*It is always a good idea to consult your doctor prior to a new exercise routine.

Mountain Dining

Open Daily Throughout Off-season

9380 Prime

Located slopeside in the Elevation Hotel, 9380 is the base area's hotspot for upscale mountain dining. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

BWC Café

Food, espresso, wine, beer and specialty coffees. Open daily from 7 am to 1 pm.

Iron Horse Tap

Located within the Plaza Condominiums, Iron Horse Tap features an American-style menu with tables and couches to stay comfortable while you watch the game. Open Sunday from 11 am to 9 pm, and Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 4 pm to 9 pm. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Store & Deli

Offering made-to-order sandwiches, hot dogs and snacks. Located across Gothic Road from the Grand Lodge. Open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 10 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 9 pm.

Will Re-open in late November for 2017-18 Winter Season

Butte 66 Roadhouse Bar & Grille

CB Burger Co.

Coal Breaker Coffee Co.

Jefe's Mexican Eatery

Spellbound Pizza Co.

The Avalanche

The Waffle Cabin

The WoodStone Grille

Umbrella Bar at Ten Peaks



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Alpenglow Gallery

Located in the Lodge at Mountaineer Square, the Alpenglow Gallery is proud to feature local artists in varying media. The gallery features art that reflects the landscape, culture and creativity unique to Crested Butte through photography, painting, metal sculpture, ceramics, mixed media and weaving.

Rum Distillery Tours and Free Tastings

Montanya Distillers is the preferred rum of Crested Butte Mountain Resort and their rums are handcrafted right in downtown Crested Butte! Montanya Distillers provides rum tastings and individual and group tours of its artisan rum distillery seven days a week. Learn about fermenting and distilling processes of rum and taste their award-winning rums. To schedule a group tour in advance please call (970) 799-3206, otherwise stop by between 11 am and 4 pm and they will be happy to give you a tour if it's not too busy. If you don't want a tour, you can still sample the rums and enjoy the artisan rum cocktails, appetizers and fun atmosphere of their location at 212 Elk Avenue. Trust us, it's worth it!

Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum

Learn about Crested Butte beginning in the 1800's when miners came to stake their claim; back when skiing was used as a form of transportation during the winter months. Ski hills began emerging for recreation in the 1930's, but it wasn't until 1961 that Crested Butte Mountain was founded as a ski area. There are photos in the Treasury Center that can begin your historical inquiry, but visit the museum downtown to get the full story. The Crested Butte Heritage Museum is located on the corner of Elk Avenue and 4th Street, plus it has a museum shop and many exhibits for all ages.

The Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum will be open for scheduled visits throughout November! Please call (970) 349-1880 for more information and to schedule your visit.

Elevation Spa

Come experience the Elevation Spa, Crested Butte's most luxurious spa and fitness center. Their 11,000 square foot facility offers massage therapy for the muscles, body treatments for the skin and facials for a beautiful complexion, along with a cardio center, strength training equipment, pool, hot tubs and sauna. For more information visit elevationspa.com or call (970) 251-3500.

Crested Butte Resort Real Estate

The official real estate brokerage of Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

Whether you are a buyer or a seller, Crested Butte Resort Real Estate offers a full service brokerage with an exclusive on-mountain location across from the Adventure Center in the courtyard of the Lodge at Mountaineer Square. Explore condo, home and land ownership throughout the entire Gunnison Valley. Search the entire MLS at cbliving.com or call (970) 349-4999.

Free Local Transportation

Ride the Mountain Express Shuttle for FREE! The Town Shuttle runs every 40 minutes during the fall schedule with the first bus up the mountain from Old Town Hall in downtown Crested Butte at 7:35 am and down from Mountaineer Square in Mt. Crested Butte at 8:00 am. The last bus up the mountain departs from Old Town Hall at 10:55 pm and leaves the mountain from Mountaineer Square at 11:20 pm. The fall schedule will be in effect from October 2 through November 21, 2017.

For **Late Night Service** call (970) 209-0509. The shuttle has several convenient stops throughout Crested Butte.

Condo Shuttles: Please note that the condominium loop shuttles only operate during the winter season.

For all bus information go to mtnexp.org.

Upcoming Events

November 3-4

Snowsports Foundation Ski Swap

Come check out the 2017 Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation Ski Swap in the Lodge at Mountaineer Square Ballroom and find everything you need for your upcoming winter season. The Ski Swap takes place on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm, but early-bird access is available for a \$10 entrance fee (ages 12+) on Friday evening from 6 to 9 pm.

November 16

Historic Pub Crawl

Crawl the infamous historic drinking establishments of old time Crested Butte with the CB Mountain Heritage Museum. Begin at the Museum for appetizers and your commemorative pint glass prior to receiving a free drink at three different participating bars. A local historian will entertain and edify participants about the history of each bar. Tickets are available at the Museum for \$40 per person. The event begins at 5 pm.

CB Film Festival: Monthly Film Series

The Crested Butte Film Festival partners with the Center for the Arts to bring you the CB Film Series held on the third Thursday of every month. This month's showing is *May it Last: A Portrait of the Avett Brothers*. The show begins at 7 pm at the CB Center for the Arts. Learn more at cbfilmfest.org/monthly-films.

November 22

Donation Day

Crested Butte Mountain Resort is excited to partner with the Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation for the second annual Donation Day prior to the ski resort's official opening. A \$15 per person donation will allow access to the slopes on November 22 while benefitting a local organization. Tickets are available that day at the base area. Come kick start your winter season with a great cause!

November 23

CBMR Opening Day

Join Crested Butte Mountain Resort for our 2017-18 Opening Day. Don't miss the festivities to kick off the winter season at 9 am in the Base Area; plus, live music. Lift tickets and season passes will be required for access to the lifts.

gO Turkey Trot 5k

Prepare for your Thanksgiving feast by running in the second annual gO Turkey Trot 5k. This family friendly event begins at 8:30 am with the 5k running race and continues at 9:15 am with the 1k Gobble Wobble Kid's Race. More information and registration is available at griggsortho.com/performance/challenges/gos-turkey-trot.

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