# MOUNTAIN VILLAGE TRAILS



### **Mountain Safety**

Please be advised: hiking, mountain biking and other mountain activities are at your own risk and the trails on this map are not patrolled. In case of an accident or injury, call 911.

There are risks associated with strenuous physical exertion and with mountain biking, hiking and other mountain activities. Property damage, injuries and/or death may result from engaging in any of these activities. Be aware that these trails and roads are used for many purposes during the summer including mountain biking, hiking and motorized vehicle travel. Expect to encounter bikers, hikers and vehicles at any time and without warning. Trails may be closed and/or detoured due to construction and other projects. Hikers and bikers must remain on designated trails and obey all posted trail closures, warning signs and detours. Mountain gates, roads and trails close at dusk.

- Mountain weather conditions can change rapidly.
- · Lightning and thunderstorms are common in the mountains. Seek shelter and stay away from ridge tops, chairlifts, power lines and signposts
- · Bring adequate clothing; layers are recommended.
- Purify any water from natural sources.
- · Carry plenty of water and food.
- At high elevation, sunscreen is a must (even on cloudy days).
- Be aware of the health effects of high altitude.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.
- For updated trail information, inquire at any local outdoor store or gondola station.
- Purchase a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card at an outdoor store

We encourage you to support these trail etiquette and simple

### **Trail Etiquette & Stewards of the Land**

safety-conscious rules.

- Hikers and bikers choose trails that match your abilities.
- Hikers and bikers stay on designated trails.
- Bikers yield the right-of-way to other non-motorized trail users. Downhill bikers yield to everyone.
- Bikers use caution when overtaking another, and make your presence known well in advance.
- Bikers maintain control of your speed at all times.
- · Do not disturb wildlife.
- Do not litter.
- Respect public and private property.
- Always be self-sufficient.
- Do not travel solo in remote areas
- · Observe the practice of minimum impact bicycling.

we recommend you park in Gondola Parking Garage (free daytime) or Heritage Parking Garage (first two hours free), both located off Mountain Village Boulevard, which will give you the most convenient access to our trail system, and of course our celebrated gondola.

once you discover our preferred form of transportation you'll want to retire those car keys. The gondola, the first and only free public transportation of its kind in the United States, officially opened 20 years ago on December 20, 1996. Since that time, it has become a popular attraction for both our residents and visitors as it offers them a front row seat with Mother Nature at 10,500 feet and access to a copious amount of hiking and biking trails as well as

## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

### Meadows Trail





### Boomerang Trail to Alta Lakes ■ (ki) 🚵

From Prospect Trail or Basin Trail, this trail follows a historic Forest Service dirt road approximately two miles to scenic Alta Lakes and the historic mining town of Alta. Vehicles may be encountered.

### River Trail



intersects with the Boomerang Trail and has a graded natural surface along the San Miguel River. Once at this intersection, you can cross the Valley Floor and then follow the paved Bike Path east into the Town of Telluride or west to Highway 145. The River Trail follows the San Miguel River upstream for two miles, past Telluride Town Park, and on to the Idarado Legacy Trail which leads to the end of the











at South Pine Street and leads through the 325-acre Bear Creek Preserve to upper Bear Creek Falls. This trail also connects with

### Camel's Garden Trail

This trail connects with the lower portion of the Telluride Trail and

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### **Important Numbers**

- Lost and Found: (970) 728-9281

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one to take advantage of the regional offerings without the need sug euniconmentally-conscious transportation system allows was installed to connect the two towns. This incredibly scenic Mountain Village, a three-stage gondola transportation system to its historic sister town, lelluride. With the establishment of beauty and sophistication. Moreover, it is a perfect complement as a European ski-in/ski-out, pedestrian-friendly resort with southwest Colorado, Mountain Village was incorporated in 1995 Situated at 9,545 feet in the unrivaled San Juan Mountains of

### **Trail Access Parking & Gondola Information**

To access the Mountain Village Hiking and Biking Trail System,

As for the gondola, it may not be the reason why you come here, but shops, restaurants and watering holes.

The gondola is open daily from 7 a.m. to midnight during the winter and summer seasons. In some instances, gondola operational hours are extended. When this occurs, signs will be posted in the various gondola stations. Expect long lines during peak times; your patience is appreciated. Without notice, the gondola may close temporarily due to weather, a power outage, or something else that is beyond our control. When this occurs, we do our best to communicate details of the closure and alternative transportaion options.

### Starting in the Meadows neighborhood in Mountain Village, just up

Big Billie's Trail

Jurassic Trail

Meadows neighborhood.

neighborhood.

Russell Trail

Boomerang Trail

Boulevard Trail

pedestrian crossings.

Ridge Trail

more rocky and steep.

Overlook Trail

Telluride Trail

scenic overlooks of the Telluride valley below.

to Valley Floor

### Village Trail

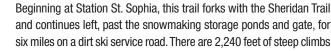
ski trails with great views to the west while traversing through aspen and spruce-dominated drainages. After crossing Prospect Creek Drive, this trail descends into a creek bottom, crossing the wetland on a boardwalk, and then continues down and connects with the Boulevard Trail, providing access to Town Hall Plaza and Mountain Village Center.

### Sheridan Trail



right, where the trail forks near the top of Lift 4. It then follows a dirt ski service road to the winding, steep and paved San Joaquin Road, one mile from Mountain Village Boulevard. Vehicles may be encountered.

### **Basin Trail**



six miles on a dirt ski service road. There are 2,240 feet of steep climbs and descents past the top of Lift 5, the bottom of Lift 14, past Lift 12 and down through the ski area to connect with Prospect Trail. Vehicles may be encountered.

### See Forever Trail

The hiking-only portion of this trail starts 0.2 miles south of Station St. Sophia. For bikers, the access point to the See Forever Trail is from Station St. Sophia via the Coonskin Loop Trail. Steep and strenuous, this dirt ski service road climbs along the ridgeline 1,710 feet in 2.8 miles to the Wasatch Connection Trailhead. Vehicles may be encountered. With 360 degree views of surrounding mountain ranges and peaks, this trail is often combined with the Wasatch Connection to the Wasatch Trail to form an all-day, 8.3-mile, 3.510-foot steep descent onto Bear

This steep and rocky 1.4-mile trail connects the See Forever Trail to the Wasatch Trail that leads to the Bear Creek Trail. The Wasatch Connection drops off the back side of Gold Hill. Combine these trails



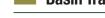
Station St. Sophia and traverses across numerous ski trails under Lifts 4 and 5 and into Prospect Creek, After crossing Prospect Creek, the trail climbs through dense forest to the top of Lift 10. This trail then continues two ways: either along the upper loop through Prospect Basin or a shortcut past the teepee and the top of Lift 10 before the descent begins to Station Village Parking and Town Hall Plaza. For a longer hike or bike, Prospect Trail also connects with the Boomerang Trail which leads to Alta Lakes.

Beginning and ending at Station St. Sophia and with an elevation change of 170 feet, this dirt ski service road is a short 1.3-mile loop starting from and returning to Station St. Sophia. It crosses over Telluride Trail, Lookout and Milk Run ski trails and serves as bike access for the See Forever Trail.



From Station St. Sophia, this rolling three-mile descent crosses several

This two-mile trail begins at Station St. Sophia and continues to the



and continues left, past the snowmaking storage ponds and gate, for



Creek Trail, leading into the Town of Telluride.



for an arduous, day-long adventure.

### Prospect Trail



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the road from where Adams Ranch Road crosses Prospect Creek and

0.5 mile west of Big Billie's Apartments, this one-mile trail drops 200

Beginning on the south side of Country Club Drive in Mountain Village.

this refreshing 0.5-mile trail winds down 200 feet and ends at Big

This scenic one-mile trail begins on the north side of Country Club

Drive in Mountain Village and to the left of the Boomerang Trailhead

(see below), then follows the ridge west and 300 feet down into the

From the intersection of Adams Ranch Road and Russell Drive, this

easy one mile trail begins on the shoulder. The trail continues below

Russell Drive onto a dirt surface and connects with the Meadows

Beginning on the north side of Country Club Drive in Mountain Village

and to the right of the Jurassic Trailhead (see above), this steep one

mile trail descends through the Uncompandre National Forest to

From Lost Creek Lane near Mountain Village Center, this easy

2.5-mile trail begins on a paved surface and continues to Town Hall

Plaza. Once at Town Hall Plaza, the paved trail becomes a natural

surface trail and continues west towards Highway 145 and the

entrance to the Town of Mountain Village. Watch for signage and

For hiking only and beginning at Station St. Sophia, this two-mile trail

drops 1,000 feet to Station Mountain Village and the Mountain

Village Center. With its valley views and peaceful switchbacks

throughout the aspen forest, and benches to rest while taking in the

surroundings, this trail is a local favorite. Do watch for a fork in the

trail about 0.2 miles below the radio tower as the route to the right is

This 0.2-mile trail starts at Station St. Sophia and offers a bench with

Accessing this trail from either the Town of Telluride or off Coonskin

Loop Trail in the Town of Mountain Village makes no difference: either

way its 2.6-miles of steep, rocky terrain only accessible on foot. Sorry

to shout, but NO BIKING ALLOWED as people have been hurt doing so.

This trail follows a dirt ski service road from Station St. Sophia 1,800

feet down to the Town of Telluride. Vehicles may be encountered.

the Valley Floor below. Expect a 700-foot elevation change.

feet to the Lawson Hill neighborhood and Highway 145.

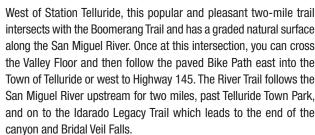
Billie's Apartments in the Meadows neighborhood.



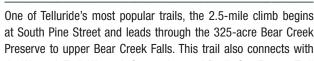








### Bear Creek Trail



the Wasatch Trail, Wasatch Connection, and finally See Forever Trail leading down the ridge into Mountain Village for an 8.3-mile high altitude adventure.

to lower Bear Creek Trail.

### TRAIL RATINGS







Trail ratings are guidelines only. Conditions may change and unmarked hazards exist.



### **Stav Connected**

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- Gondola Station: (970) 729-3435
- Mountain Village Police: (970) 728-9281
- Telluride Medical Center: (970) 728-3848











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Welcome to Mountain Village