



PARK CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA

Chapter 13: Park City

Park City is famous for its 300-plus miles of summer trails that weave up, down, and across the mountains and valleys of Summit County and the Park City area. Winter trails, as snowshoeing, trail running, and fat tire bikes have gained in popularity, have also seen increased development. Park City provides a variety of winter trail venues now - some are fee areas and some are free. The trails listed on this site are free to the public. With increased development to the area, many of the places you could once snowshoe are plagued with bulldozers, or they cross land that is now privately owned.

Ten years ago, when it became obvious that development was making its leap into Park City, avid outdoors people such as Troy Duffin, the first Executive Director of the Mountain Trails Foundation, and Sally Elliott, a long-time key proponent of trails in the Park City area, got together with the intent of preserving trails and natural spaces in Park City. With the establishment of the Mountain Trails Foundation, negotiations between private land owners, county and city governments, and community members, started the work that keeps the trails alive. The Mountain Trails Foundation keeps the trailheads well signed and a trail map of the area is published twice a year. Pick one up at the tourist centers or sporting good stores, no cost.

Park City Transit System serves Kimball Junction to the Park City Historic District, all three ski areas and the nearby canyons. Bus stops are scattered throughout the city and residential areas. The Park City Transit System is free in an attempt to encourage people to leave their cars at home. Running from 6:12 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. you can use the bus all day and all night. Call the 24-hour recorded transit information line at 435.615.5301, or go to www.parkcity.org/citydepartments/transportation.

Warm Ups: Windy Ridge Café and The Bakery at Windy Ridge: In true Park City style, the Windy Ridge Café has managed a true hybrid of concrete floors (ski apparel clad diners welcome) with crystal chandeliers (quality food, bakery fresh, and a touch gourmet). Even Rachael Ray, the celebrity chef visited the Café to feature their Southwestern corn chowder. The menu hosts soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps and huge burgers with fries and a stack of onion rings during lunch 11:00-3:00. The café opens again at 5:00 for dinner: pasta, lamb, steak, salmon, are just part of the list of casual gourmet delights. Decedent desserts are available all day, and signature cakes, tarts and pies are available in the bakery that sits behind the Café. A kids menu is available. Menu prices run from \$5- \$25. All manner of hot drinks are available: cocoa, coffee, espresso, cappuccino, chai, and café latte. 1250 Iron Horse Drive, Park City.