

Head To The Hot Springs While any time of the year is a good

While any time of the year is a good time to visit one of Colorado's many hot springs, January is a great way to experience the coldest part of winter in Mother Earth's hottest geothermal pools. The Centennial State is home to several primitive, commercial, and even clothing-optional hot springs. Popular sites include Strawberry Park Hot Springs, Glenwood Hot Springs, and Mount Princeton Hot Springs.

If you're looking for a free activity and are willing to hike a little bit, head out to a primitive hot spring and maybe even enjoy the natural pools all to yourself. No matter if you opt for developed or undeveloped, be sure to bring your swimsuit, a towel, warm layers, and extra water to rehydrate after your dip.

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The National Western Stock Show & Rodeo

The National Western Stock Show & Rodeo, Jan. 11–26, 2025, celebrates Denver's rich cowtown roots and is a cherished Colorado tradition since 1906.

Held every January at the National Western Complex , it's the nation's premier livestock, rodeo and horse show, serving agricultural producers and consumers throughout the world. Enjoy rodeos featuring top-notch bull riders, horse shows, livestock competitions and auctions. And don't miss acres of shopping at Colorado's largest Western trade show. Make a night of it!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

All events take place at the National Western Complex, unless otherwise noted. Bulls and broncs, cowboys and cowgirls – rodeo's top athletes from around the country roll into Denver for the first major pro rodeo of the season. Don't miss the match-up between two and four-legged athletes, from barrel racers to mutton busters. The circuit also includes fan-favorite MLK Jr African American Heritage Rodeo.

Mexican Rodeo Extravaganza, Jan. 12, 2025

Filled with cultural pageantry, the Mexican Rodeo Extravaganza features Mexican-style bull riding, bareback riding, trick roping and Mariachis, all choreographed by Jerry Diaz, a fourth-generation champion charro.

Xtreme Dog Shows, Jan. 20 & 21, 2025

Dog lovers unite for a show full of amazing tricks, aerial stunts and comedy antics, all performed by man's best friend. Meet the stars of Xtreme Dogs at the Pat & Chat following each performance. National Western's hottest family event. Xtreme dogs competition at National Western Stock Show

Olympics-style Horse Jumping Events, Jan 17 & 20, 2025

The National Western Stock Show hosts two prestigious horse jumping competitions, the Grand Prix and Gambler's Choice. These events combine show jumping technique and precision that require absolute cooperation and teamwork between horse and rider. These exciting events attract top equine athletes and riders from across the nation.

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How To Keep Your New Year Resolution

- Make it realistic: Set goals that you believe you can achieve. For example, don't resolve to never eat your favorite food again.
- **Plan ahead:** Don't wait until New Year's Eve to make your resolution.
- Set small, actionable goals: Use the SMART method to create goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time bound.
- Find accountability partners: Ask friends and family to support you and cheer you on.
- Create a reward system: Reward yourself for meeting short-term goals.
- Track your progress: Keep track of each small success.
- **Be flexible:** If your current approach isn't working, reevaluate your strategies and develop a new plan.
- Have compassion for yourself: Don't beat yourself up if you don't meet your goals.
- **Practice positive thinking:** Remind yourself how your "bad behavior" will affect your goal.

National Plan For Vacation Day

National Plan for Vacation Day, on the last Tuesday in January, reminds us to plan our vacation at the start of the year for the rest of the year. The early bird gets to pack their bags and fly away to a little fun and relaxation!

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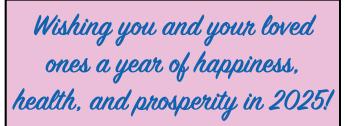
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Breckenridge Snow Sculptures

Breckenridge doesn't just host some of the state's best ski terrains during the snowy months, they also welcome the International Snow Sculpture Championships, one of the most interesting winter festivals around. This highly anticipated week-long event showcases 12 teams from around the world who battle it out to be crowned the best snow sculptors.

This is no ordinary contest. Each 4-person team must handcarve 25-ton blocks of snow into massive sculpted works of art only using hand tools (no power tools are allowed!) to fashion





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their masterpieces.

During carving week, each team slowly brings their vision to life in preparation for viewing week. This is the time visitors have a chance to ogle at the completed sculpture displays. The creations aren't around for long though, as they are taken down on the last day of the event.

Where: Riverwalk Center in downtown Breckenridge When: Monday-Wednesday, January 20-January 29, 2025 -https://www.uncovercolorado.com

January looks forward to the new year and back to the old year. He sees past and future. -M.L. Stedman

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Favorite Snowed In Movies From Rotten Tomatoes

Let the Right One In (2008): Critics Consensus: Let the Right One In reinvigorates the seemingly tired vampire genre by effectively mixing scares with intelligent storytelling.

Groundhog Day (1993): Critics Consensus: Smart, sweet, and inventive, Groundhog Day highlights Murray's dramatic gifts while still leaving plenty of room for laughs.

Monsters, Inc. (2001): Critics Consensus: Clever, funny, and delightful to look at, Monsters, Inc. delivers another resounding example of how Pixar elevated the bar for modern all-ages animation.

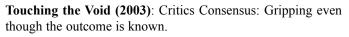
The Crash Reel (2013): Critics Consensus: Smart, compassionate, and moving, The Crash Reel uses the familiar sport-doc formula to subvert expectations and ask challenging questions about ambition and achievement.

Snowpiercer (2013): Critics Consensus: Snowpiercer offers an audaciously ambitious action spectacular for filmgoers numb to effects-driven blockbusters.

March of the Penguins (2005): Critics Consensus: Only the most hardened soul won't be moved by this heartwarming doc.

Winter's Bone (2010): Critics Consensus: Bleak, haunting, and yet still somehow hopeful, Winter's Bone is writer-director Debra Granik's best work yet -- and it boasts an incredible, starmaking performance from Jennifer Lawrence.

Force majeure (2014): Critics Consensus: Gleefully uncomfortable, Force Majeure is a relationship drama that's hard to watch -- and just as difficult to ignore.



Fargo (1996): Critics Consensus: Violent, quirky, and darkly funny, Fargo delivers an original crime story and a wonderful performance by McDormand.

Inside Llewyn Davis (2013): Critics Consensus: Smart, funny, and profoundly melancholy, Inside Llewyn Davis finds the Coen brothers in fine form.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004): Critics Consensus: Propelled by Charlie Kaufman's smart, imaginative script and Michel Gondry's equally daring directorial touch, Eternal Sunshine is a twisty yet heartfelt look at relationships and heartache.

Bridge of Spies (2015): Critics Consensus: Bridge of Spies finds new life in Hollywood's classic Cold War espionage thriller formula, thanks to reliably outstanding work from Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks.

Transsiberian (2008): Critics Consensus: Traditional in form yet effective in execution, this taut thriller updates the "danger on a train" scenario with atmospheric sense.

A Simple Plan (1998): Critics Consensus: A riveting crime thriller full of emotional tension.

Frozen (2013): Critics Consensus: Beautifully animated, smartly written, and stocked with singalong songs, Frozen adds another worthy entry to the Disney canon.

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