



Kick-Off Spring With An Adventure Weekend During Carbondale's 5Point Film Festival, 24-27 April, 2014

Colorado's Basecamp for Adventure Is The Perfect Setting For Activity Inspired By The World-Famous Adventure Film Festival

CARBONDALE, Colo. (March 26, 2014) – The town of Carbondale is known as Colorado's basecamp for adventure and home to the world-renowned [5Point Film Festival](#), which takes place April 24-27, 2014. For those seeking an adventurous kick-off to spring, 5Point weekend is an inspiring time to spend days outside in the mountains, followed by nights viewing the best of adventure filmmaking. Visitors can live out a 5Point adventure of their own, with biking hiking and mountain activity all on Carbondale's doorstep. The town offers a broad range of accommodations and gourmet dining, rounding out a perfect adventure weekend where life could indeed imitate art- or film.

Festival Time

[5Point Film Festival](#) takes place at the Carbondale Recreation Center and across downtown Carbondale venues, April 24-27, 2014, with a four-day-long program of inspiring short adventure films, special guests, filmmakers, outdoor industry professionals and athletes from across the globe. Established in 2008, 5Point Film is on a mission to inspire adventure of all kinds, to connect generations through shared experience, to engage passion with a conscience, and to educate through film. Creating various events, including an annual four-day film festival in Carbondale, CO, 5Point Film continues to deliver a unique atmosphere by drawing in passionate outdoor athletes, artists, filmmakers, films, and the community. 5Point also hosts various film events around the country and organizes the Dream Project an adventure scholarship program for local high school students. Festival passes are available from \$130. Nightly tickets start at \$25 and go on sale on April 1. Visit www.5pointfilm.org for more information.

Bike, Hike, Ski, Skate, Climb

Carbondale is the backdrop for real-time spring adventure: by late April, Carbondale visitors are lucky enough to ski in the morning at close resorts of [Sunlight Mountain](#) or [Aspen and Snowmass](#) or backcountry locations such as **Sopris Mountain**, and [McClure Pass](#), followed by a bike or hike in the afternoon with many mountain biking trails and hiking routes open for the spring and summer season. Local favorite trails include **Mushroom Rock** and **Red Hill** loops and the **Crown Trails**, all offering elevation climbs and stunning views. Other biking trails sometimes available for riders by April include the famous **Prince Creek** and **Porcupine Loop**. Road bikers can enjoy the iconic Roaring Fork Valley trails and loops such as the **Rio Grande Trail** stretching some 44 miles between Glenwood Springs to Aspen, as well as the **Crystal River Valley** towards **Redstone** and road routes network through **Missouri Heights**. Spring climbing is also accessible with sweet spots close to town such as **The Narrows** in **Thompson Creek**, **Redstone Boulders** and the **Frying Pan Crags**. More information about local climbing spots can be found at www.splitterchoss.com Carbondale's **Skate Park** is located

on the North Face sporting complex at Meadow Wood Drive. Home to the 2004 Thrasher Carbondale Run, the 13,300 Sq. Ft. park is considered one of the premier skate parks in the United States, held together with over 700 cubic feet of concrete. An untamed collection of bowls, topped off with an 18-foot full pipe and blessed with a never-ending combination of lines, this park with challenge riders just to drop in.

Charming, Affordable Lodging Options

Ten miles from downtown Carbondale and close to the historic town of Redstone, Avalanche Ranch is often described as Colorado's best-kept secret. [Avalanche Ranch](#) offers breathtaking views of Avalanche Creek and the Crystal River, views of the iconic 12,953ft Mt Sopris, three hot spring pools which are available exclusively for ranch guests from 5pm everyday, 13 cozy log cabins, a three-bedroom ranch house and three charming hand-painted wagons all available for cozy weekend stays. Rates from \$85 a night for wagons and \$135 a night for cabins. For reservations visit www.avalancheranch.com

Located in downtown Carbondale, the Victorian cottage [Euclid House](#) offers guests the comfort and rejuvenation of a Nikken Wellness Home where guests feel cocooned in the restful sleep of magnetic technology; hydrating with pure, alkaline, living water; showering with chlorine-free water; exposed to full-spectrum lighting; and breathing filtered air as if walking in a forest. Nightly rentals available in an owner-occupied home in downtown Carbondale. Rooms available: master bedroom with private bath upstairs; smaller guest bedroom upstairs with full bath available downstairs. The entire house may be rented by special request, sleeping six. Euclid House rates from \$85 per room per night. For reservations visit www.euclidhouse.com For a full list of Carbondale lodging options, more details can be found at <http://www.carbondale.com/lodging>

Where To Eat and Drink

Carbondale continues to draw recognition as a leading culinary hotspot of the Rocky Mountains. From ethnic and multicultural to educational and award winning, the town offers a gourmet selection from high-profile chefs including Mark Fischer and Andreas Fischbacher. Fischer's signature dining spot [Town](#) opened a year ago right across the street from the chef's long-running Asian restaurant [Phat Thai](#) Both have received numerous reviews and recognitions, and are local favorites. Fischbacher was the long-time chef of Aspen Highland's iconic on-mountain European eatery Cloud Nine, but opened his Italian home-cooking spot [Allegria](#) on Carbondale's Main Street two years ago. Other culinary favorites include [The Goat](#), and [Gandhi's](#) serving the only authentic Indian cuisine in the Roaring Fork Valley. Local watering holes include the newly opened [Roaring Fork Beer Company](#), which opened doors to its new taproom and brewery in late March 2014 and [Carbondale Beerworks](#).

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About Carbondale

The picturesque town of Carbondale is located 170 miles west of Denver, 12 miles from Glenwood Springs, and 30 miles from Aspen in the heart of Colorado's central Rocky Mountains. There is plenty to do here in the winter months, and the Carbondale area offers a variety of comfortable lodging options, great casual and exquisite fine dining, creative arts and spectacular entertainment, and intriguing historical areas. Celebrating its 125th anniversary, and recently named one of Colorado's "Best Active Towns," Carbondale is Colorado's Base Camp for recreation, dining, shopping, special events, history, and arts enthusiasts. For more information about Carbondale, visit: www.carbondale.com, call: 970.963.1890 or email: tourism@carbondale.com

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