



ESTES PARK COLORADO
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Free Estes Park Shuttles begin operations Saturday

ESTES PARK -- Estes Park's free Visitor Shuttle service begins this Saturday, June 26 with three routes operating throughout the community.

The shuttles will operate daily through Aug. 29; and again on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6. Riders can park at one of the Estes Park Visitor Center's (500 Big Thompson Ave.) large parking lots and board the free shuttle to their chosen destination. All routes depart and end at the Visitor Center. Riders can then connect to the Hiker Shuttle operated by Rocky Mountain National Park.

Signs designate stops along all three routes, and all bring riders to the core downtown area. The Blue Route services Big Thompson Avenue (U.S. 34 east of downtown); the Red Route operates along Fall River Road (U.S. 34 west of the core downtown area) and the Brown Route travels to campgrounds and other establishments in outlying areas to the south and west of town. The Blue and Red routes are completed in 30 minutes. The Brown Route is a one-hour ride from start to finish.

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Primary operation times for the Blue and Red Routes are every half hour beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. Both routes are completed in 30 minutes. The Blue and Red Routes will continue to operate as one combined shuttle from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The two routes will be combined to make a larger loop with the shuttle leaving the Visitor Center at 7 p.m. for the Blue Route east down U.S. 34/Big Thompson Avenue. The shuttle then returns to the Visitor Center before traveling the Red Route west and down Fall River Road at 7:30 p.m., returning to the Visitor Center at 8 p.m. The combined route is repeated again until 9 p.m., when the shuttle ceases operations for the day at the Visitor Center.

The Brown Route shuttle leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center every hour from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and ends operations at 8 p.m.

A map of the shuttle routes is available at www.estesparkcvb.com. For more information about Estes Park's shuttle routes, contact the Estes Park Convention & Visitors Bureau at 970-577-9900. Shuttles connect with Rocky Mountain National Park's Hiker shuttle, which also departs from the Estes Park Visitor Center. For more information on the Hiker Shuttle, please contact Rocky Mountain National Park at 970-586-1206.

This is the fifth summer that the Town of Estes Park has provided the service at no charge to riders. The shuttle transportation program was initiated after the Town commissioned a comprehensive parking study in 2005. The study recommended a shuttle system to assist with consistently high seasonal traffic and limited land mass available for expanding parking areas.

ABOUT ESTES PARK

Nestled in one of nature's most stunning locations, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park is an outdoor-lover's paradise offering seemingly endless activities. Year-round pursuits fueled by "leg-power" include everything from hiking, horseback riding, fly fishing, wildlife and bird watching, to snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and much more. The authentic, low-key charm of Estes Park coupled with a wealth of activities makes Estes Park a very popular destination not only for nature enthusiasts, but for active couples of all ages and families of all sizes. For the past three years, Estes Park has been recognized as "Colorado's most popular mountain vacation destination," according to Longwoods International. Estes Park is a year-round destination with more than 100 hotels, motels, lodges, bed and breakfasts, guest ranches, cabins and cottages, condominiums and campgrounds.

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