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## **CARBONDALE SUMMER PREVIEW 2015**

*New Lodging Options Including Farm Stays and Marble Distillery Inn Enhance  
The Carbondale Visitor Experience*



*CARBONDALE, Colo. (May 5, 2015)* – Carbondale sits at the foot of the mighty Mt. Sopris (Elevation. 12,953) surrounded by scenic ranching land and positioned at the confluence of the Crystal and Roaring Fork Rivers. The town is renowned as Colorado’s “Base Camp for Adventure”- a place where all mountain activities including mountain and road biking, trail running and hiking, fly-fishing, kayaking and rafting, and climbing, are doorstep accessible. Visitors are attracted to the town’s casual vibe, influenced by its contrasting ranching history, arts community and biking culture. Carbondale is also becoming known for its liquid and food arts with many new offerings making the town a major stop-off for food and drink aficionados. Growing public art programs and a new arts center put the spotlight on the creative energy of the town while rounding out the visitor experience of this well-loved destination, providing more diverse experiences appealing to weekend visitors who find it a convenient weekend break at just three hours from Denver the Front Range. For more information and a complete calendar of summer events, visit [www.carbondale.com](http://www.carbondale.com) or call 970-963-1890.

### **NEW AND RENOVATED LODGING OPTIONS**

This summer sees more options than ever before to enjoy Carbondale overnight, with the unveiling of the town’s first luxury accommodation offering, new and renovated lodging.

**New! Carbondale Welcomes New Craft Distillery And Boutique Inn** Adding to the vitality of downtown Carbondale, [Marble Distilling Company](http://www.marbledistilling.com) (MDC) will officially open doors to its family owned and operated craft distillery, tasting room, and luxury boutique Inn on the east end of Main Street on June 5, 2015. Marble Distilling Company’s handcrafted, artisan spirits will include vodka, gin, liqueurs, and whiskeys being barreled for future release. The small batch spirits will be pot distilled using Colorado grown grains and pure Crystal River spring water using 100% American made distilling equipment. A 250 gallon copper pot still made by Vendome Copper & Brassworks is showcased in a steel tower fronting Main Street. MDC utilize handmade, open cypress fermenters similar to the finest, old world whiskey producers. The hip tasting room features a marble bar cut from a single slab of Yule Quarry marble from just up the road in Marble, CO – the very same stone found at the Lincoln Memorial. With two patios overlooking Main Street, there is plenty of room to

relax in front of the outdoor fireplace with a specialty cocktail after touring the distillery. A whiskey club will house “baby barrels” and provide special offerings for members.

Overnight guests will enjoy contemporary luxury at **The Distillery Inn** in the heart of downtown Carbondale. Five king sized rooms boast hand-selected sustainable materials, sophisticated finishes and elegant Fili D’Oro Italian linens. Luxurious bathrobes, slippers and bath amenities by Colorado based Ranch Organics compliment the oversized bathrooms. All rooms offer a fireplace and private balcony with breath-taking views of Mt. Sopris, while the garden level room offers a private courtyard with outdoor fireplace, fabulous for nighttime stargazing. Other amenities will include flat-screen TV’s, iPod docking stations, Keurig brewers and a personalized mini bar. In true Carbondale fashion, The Distillery Inn is also pet-friendly, offering accommodations with a custom Distillery Inn pet bed, food and water bowl with floor mat, pet-in-room door sign, and a special treat. Rooms from \$179. Reservations can be made at [www.marbledistilling.com](http://www.marbledistilling.com)

### **New! Farm Stays at Sustainable Settings’ “Thompson Creek Ranch”**

Sustainable Settings is a working ranch located on the historic 244-acre Thompson Creek Ranch, which also operates as a whole systems learning center. This daily and long-term committed effort is to provide the arena and programming where human beings might find a harmonious regenerative intersection with nature. The team work on direct and locally applicable solutions to climate change, food and energy security and the regeneration of topsoil, health in all systems. As well as educational programs and workshops, the ranch offers tours, a farmer’s market stand every weekend, weekend “bike and brunch” programs, harvest dinners with local chefs, and new for summer 2015, the ranch offers overnight stays which includes a farm tour and ranch breakfast. Have a ranch dinner Saturday evening, sleep under the stars and wake to roosters crowing, morning ranch life including; milking cows, feeding ranch animals, pasture walk, harvesting your food for lunch. Includes Saturday ranch dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. \$200 per person. Kids 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, reservations required. [www.sustainablesettings.com](http://www.sustainablesettings.com)

### **New Renovated Rooms at Euclid House**

Located in downtown Carbondale, the Victorian cottage [Euclid House](http://www.euclidhouse.com) 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. New for summer 2015 is the addition of a new guest lounge, dining room and additional guest room, expanding the capacity for overall rentals to eight. 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, ground floor garden room. The entire house may be rented by special request, sleeping eight. Euclid House rates from \$85 per room per night. For reservations visit [www.euclidhouse.com](http://www.euclidhouse.com)

### **New! Close to Carbondale, Avalanche Cheese Company’s Farm Dairy Cabin**

Close to Carbondale in Paonia, Avalanche Cheese Company has launched a cabin on a working goat dairy farm. The Farm Cabin sleeps four comfortably and is the perfect place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the daily routine. Settle into a comfy chair with views of goats grazing peacefully in the pasture in front of Mount Lamborn. In the spring guests can help bottle-feed the baby goats. Other times of the year they can help with various farm chores like gathering eggs, feeding goats and chickens and milking the goats. To rent a cabin the cost is just \$200 per night with a surcharge of \$25/person after 4 guests. (Children under 10 not included.) No dogs are allowed. This is a working farm and

there are a lot of opportunities for dogs to be tempted to terrorize the chickens and livestock. <http://www.avalanchecheese.com/>

The [Comfort Inn](#) recently completed a \$1 Million renovation project, adding upgrades including guest room furnishings, lighting, and bedroom vanities. Public spaces and landscaping has also been upgraded across the property. The Inn offers 76 suites and rooms with views of Mt Sopris, located close to the foot of Red Hill and Mushroom Rock trails, and within walking distance of downtown. Rates from \$110 a night. A full list of Carbondale lodging options, more details can be found at <http://www.carbondale.com/lodging>

## **SUMMER EVENTS, EXHIBITS & CLASSES**

### **Sustainable Settings Launches Classes, Farm Stand, Bike-To-Ranch Dinners and More!**

Sustainable Settings is a working ranch located on the historic 244-acre Thompson Creek Ranch which also operates as a whole systems learning center. This daily and long-term committed effort is to provide the arena and programming where human beings might find a harmonious regenerative intersection with nature. For 2015, Sustainable Settings is expanding its program of educational classes and workshops, to include ranch tours, a farmer's market stand every weekend, weekend "bike and brunch" programs, plus harvest dinners with local chefs.

**Every Saturday June 13 – October 3, 10am-2pm Sustainable Settings Ranch Market.** Come to the ranch to purchase beyond organic Biodynamic Products, including produce, eggs and grass fed beef, lamb and pork. Tours of the ranch start at 1pm each Saturday and last about an hour. Suggested donation of \$5 per person. Bring a picnic to enjoy here at the ranch. Please leave dogs at home. **Bike to Ranch early dinners 4-6:30pm \$55 per person** Enjoy one of the best bike paths in the Roaring Fork Valley, along the scenic byway Highway 133, the Crystal River Trail bike path passes right by the Ranch. Dinner is a casual meal prepared with products from the ranch. Saturday July 11 and Saturday August 15, 2015. Reservation required, space is limited 970-963-6107. [www.sustainablesettings.org](http://www.sustainablesettings.org)

### **New Group SUP Tours with Shaboomee**

Carbondale-based stand-up paddleboard outfitters Shaboomee launch an exciting new program of ways to say yes to adventure! From Kodiak Lake to the Colorado River, the team offers flat water and river experiences on the SUP, as well as yoga SUP, early morning sunrise sessions offered Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at Kodiak Lake, with new group river adventures available on the Roaring Fork and Colorado rivers this summer. [www.shaboomee.com](http://www.shaboomee.com)

### **True Nature Healing Arts Launch Personal Wellness Retreats**

True Nature Healing Arts is a new sanctuary for health and wellness featuring one of the only reflexology pathways in the country. The center offers daily yoga and meditation classes; the petit spa offers a well selection of wellness massages, body treatments, facials and holistic treatments. The sanctuary's design incorporates Feng Shui principles, eco-friendly materials, solar panels, local artisan crafts and architectural antiquities from Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Morocco – all creating spaces that transcend time. The high prana food kitchen serves the vegetarian, paleo and raw food communities, featuring items such as 24 medicinal loose-leaf teas, coffee, chai, cold pressed juices, gourmet meals, soups, snacks, and special desserts just to name a few. For summer wellness, True Nature offers personalized "**Design Your Day**" special retreat packages allowing guests to design their own one, two and three-day restorative retreats. Guests can choose from 25 different spa menu items, five to six yoga classes per day and high prana food meals to accommodate healthy lifestyles. A 20 percent discount will be applied to each full day booked, and will be extended to items purchased in the boutique which features handmade, eco-friendly

sustainable gifts crafted by artists from around the world. [www.truenaturehealingarts.com](http://www.truenaturehealingarts.com)

### **New Community Art Unveiled**

Internationally renowned artist **James Surls** unveiled a sculpture for the new Carbondale Roundabout “Sewing The Future.” This sculpture features iconic elements from his alphabet of imagery. It stands about 20 feet high, on a 5-7 foot base, on a landscaped and lighted spot in the center of the reworked 133 and Main intersection. The conception and execution of the work is Surls’s gift to Carbondale, his home. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place June 2015. <http://www.carbondaleroundaboutsculpture.com>

### **The New Powers Art Center Now Open To The Public**

The Powers Art Center offers a world-class gallery facility set against the backdrop of Mt Sopris. The gallery, which opened doors in 2014, is now open to the public Monday through Thursday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Admission is free. The Center’s permanent exhibits showcase Jasper Johns limited edition works on paper, with over 300 works in the collection, the Art Center is able to feature 100 works in each exhibition. The Powers Art Center will present a new exhibit of Jasper Johns works on paper opening June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Powers Art Center was created in memory of the life of John G. Powers as a Museum and study center. John Powers was passionate about collecting art and the Center is a gift to the community and visitors to share his passion and study “Pop Art” through the lens of Jasper Johns. The galleries are supplemented by a library and conference room to facilitate contemplative enjoyment and research of the works. The Powers Art Center is located near Carbondale, among a ranch setting that exemplifies the rural Colorado environment. The building itself is a new 15,000 square foot facility with state of the art solar electric generation and geothermal heating and cooling, designed by Japanese architect Hiroshi Nanamori. [www.powersartcenter.org](http://www.powersartcenter.org)

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

### **Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Season—June 4-August 20, 2015**

Billed as “The place to be on Thursday Nights” The Carbondale Wild West Rodeo Association presents a 12-week summer season of authentic rodeo, featuring competitors from across the state and as far away as Texas. Each week sees more than 150 contestants compete for the coveted end-of-the-year-belt buckle and weekly prize of \$2000. Every Thursday, rain or shine, from 7.30pm. Gus Darien Arena, County Road 100 (Catherine Store Road) Tickets \$10/per person, kids 10 and under free. [www.carbondalerodeo.com](http://www.carbondalerodeo.com)

### **Carbondale’s First Ever “Sopris Century” Road Ride—June 19, 2015**

“Ride for the Child” is a cycling event which provides an opportunity for participants to experience the beautiful Roaring Fork Valley in a most unforgettable way! With distance options to suit riders of all abilities (100 mile, 100K, and 50K), this event is unique in its offering of varied terrain, riverfront riding, and spectacular mountain scenery. Cyclists will start and finish the ride in Carbondale, Colorado, and may look forward to a post-ride meal, music and prize give-away to reward their efforts! Proceeds to benefit CASA of the Ninth, which works hard to provide advocate services to children who are victims of neglect or abuse. Participants can register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

### **The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Fair—July 24-26, 2015**

The Carbondale Mountain Fair began in 1972 with 20 booths showcasing local artists and artisans. Today, the Mountain Fair draws over 145 vendors poised to bring their unique and diverse homemade wares to town each summer. In addition to vendors, Mountain Fair features non-stop entertainment—both in live music and various forms of performing arts; a family-area called The Oasis which provides interactive, creative experiences for children; great food; friendly competitions that run the gamut from pie baking to wood splitting, and an amazing spirit. That spirit is best evidenced by the over 300 volunteers who come

together to run the fair. Throughout the weekend, over 20,000 people pass through from across the state and all over the country. [www.carbondalearts.com](http://www.carbondalearts.com)

### **5Point On The Road Open-Air Screening—Friday September 11, 2015**

Carbondale's world-renowned adventure film festival [5Point Film Festival](#) comes to town this Fall, for 5Point On The Road, an exclusive open-air screening at Bonnie Park, Friday September 11, 2015, from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults, free for children under 12. The program will include 5Point's favorite short films from the latest festival as well as some new films and show them under the stars. These films span across all outdoor, adventure film, but all are hand picked to get your heart pumping, mind engaged, and self inspired to pursue your own passions, whatever those may be. Every program, however, is designed to fit and properly celebrate each unique community. Film fans are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and some local food; 5Point will provide the Sierra Nevada brews.

### **Carbondale's Annual Potato Day Festival—September 26, 2015**

[Potato Day](#) has been celebrated nearly every year in Carbondale since 1909. Potatoes were the primary cash crop throughout the middle Roaring Fork Valley from around the turn of the 20th Century until the 1950s. The festival- held in Sopris Park consists of a huge community BBQ and fun activities such as potato sack racing, has continued on in the years since as a tribute to that era. Unlike the big summertime festivals, such as Mountain Fair and Strawberry Days in Glenwood Springs, Potato Day is a low-key affair. Local farming and ranching families kept the festival alive through the years, even after the decline of potato farming. The tradition nearly came to an end in the early 1990s, until the sororities agreed to take over organizing the event. Today, the festival still brings together a lot of Carbondale's old timers, many of who have ties to the potato-growing days.

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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](http://www.carbondale.com), call: 970.963.1890 or email: [tourism@carbondale.com](mailto:tourism@carbondale.com)*