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# Colorado Family Fun

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Copper Mountain attracts families with kids of all ages and ski levels. COPPER MOUNTAIN

**Copper Mountain** is located just 75 miles from Denver and is an ideal getaway for families looking for adventure on and off the slopes.

Skiers and snowboarders have access to 155 trails (almost 25% of them for beginner levels) and 24 lifts. What makes Copper Mountain so enticing for families is that from west to east, the terrain's difficulty escalates so family

members can advance and progress throughout their week—in essence, it empowers progression. Plus, members of the family who are at different skill levels can each do their own thing during the day, and meet up in the afternoon. The diverse and expansive layout appeals to families of different abilities.

## Group and Private Lessons



Lessons are for both kids and adults. COPPER MOUNTAIN

One of the best ways to improve skills is through half-day or full-day group and private lessons. Lessons run the gambit between beginners and those seasoned skiers looking to hone their jumps. Individual lessons are a great way to customize and tailor your experience. Group lessons are available for both kids and adults and group sizes are limited.

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Woodward Barn COPPER MOUNTAIN





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Kids (and adults) like variety and after a day or two of skiing, it's time to hit the Woodward Barn—a 20,000 square foot playground for all ages. It has it all—including multiple skate, scooter and BMX zones, indoor ski training tools, plus five Olympic-grade trampolines. It's a great way to get off the slopes for a few hours and still have a lot of fun.



Tubing is a popular activity. COPPER MOUNTAIN

Don't forget to set aside some time for tubing, coaster rides, ice skating and snowshoeing. Experience the thrill of sliding down Copper's four-lane tubing hill. Located in East Village, the tubing hill offers the thrill of racing down a snowy slide, reaching high speeds while navigating banked turns.



Rocky Mountain Coaster COPPER MOUNTAIN

Race up, down and around on 5,800 feet of track on the Rocky Mountain Coaster, a year-round alpine coaster. Strap on ice skates in Center Village and spin around on the ice with your family. Or go snowshoeing on the network on trails Copper Mountain maintains.







Ice skating is another family-friendly activity. COPPER MOUNTAIN

The tubing, coaster rides, ice skating and snowshoeing are especially ideal for those members of the family who don't ski (or prefer a diverse array of activities on their active winter vacation).

## Where to Eat





## Sawmill Pizza &amp; Taphouse COPPER MOUNTAIN

Copper Mountain has three pedestrian villages, which means it has plenty of restaurants that offer up specialty craft beer and cocktails as well as tasty meals. Sit down to a freshly-prepared Italian meal at Sawmill Pizza & Taphouse, Copper's newest restaurant in Center Village. Or head to JJ's Rocky Mountain Tavern in the East Village for some of the best burgers to be had. For morning grab-and-go options before hitting the slopes, there's Jack's Slopeside grill, which has tasty breakfast sandwiches and a nice selection of coffee drinks.



## Downhill Duke's COPPER MOUNTAIN

Two great lunch options include Downhill Duke's and Ten Mile Tavern (both in Center Village).

## What's Next



Expansion plans are in the works. COPPER MOUNTAIN

Copper is launching the Western Territory, an area on the resort's western side of the mountain dedicated to inspiring beginner skiers, kids and families to connect with Copper's history and heritage while encouraging exploration, fun and growth. This multi-year project will showcase two new family-friendly adventure zones, two new trails and a connector trail that offer skill development and animation that tells the storied history of western exploration in the area.

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