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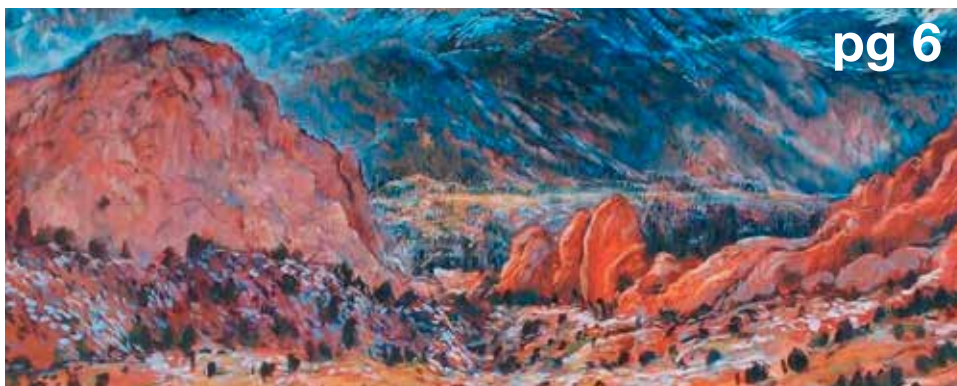
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Spring Hiking Tips for Colorado Springs Active Adults: *How to Stay Strong, Safe, & Trail-Ready*

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Colorado seniors are some of the most active in the country, and hiking isn't just a summer activity — it's part of our lifestyle. And after a drier winter and an early start to trail season, many older adults are already lacing up their boots and heading outside. But even experienced hikers can benefit from taking time to prepare before jumping back into longer, steeper spring and summer hikes.

Whether it's a favorite trail in the foothills, getting up to the



mountains, or simply longer walks through local parks, staying outdoors is part of staying healthy. The goal is not to slow down — it's to stay strong enough to keep doing what you love for years to come.

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things older adults in Colorado Springs and throughout the Pikes Peak Region can do for their health. Physical activity helps lower the risk of chronic diseases including heart disease, diabetes, certain cancers, and even Alzheimer's disease. It also improves muscle strength, balance, and mobility — all of which help preserve independence and reduce the risk of falls.

Hiking is especially valuable because it combines cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and balance work all at once. Walking uneven terrain, navigating hills,

and adjusting to rocks, roots, and changing trail conditions helps strengthen the body in ways a treadmill simply cannot.

Hiking can also support better blood sugar control by improving the body's sensitivity to insulin, helping reduce diabetes risk. It can reduce the risk of heart disease and help with weight management by burning calories and providing a full-body workout. Just as importantly, spending time outdoors has been shown to reduce stress, anxiety, and symptoms of depression. Nature offers both physical and mental health benefits — something many Coloradans understand instinctively.

Still, spring hiking season is not the time to go straight from the couch to your most ambitious trail. Here are a few tips I have for hikers in their later years.

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can do is **start slow**. Choose shorter hikes with less elevation gain at the beginning of the season and allow your body time to rebuild endurance. Your joints, muscles, and balance systems all benefit from a gradual return to activity.

Hydration matters, even in cooler weather. Many people underestimate how much moisture the body loses while hiking in spring conditions, especially at altitude. Your body works hard to warm and humidify the air you breathe, which increases fluid loss even when temperatures feel mild. Bringing enough water should be a priority on every hike.

Proper footwear also makes a major difference. Spring conditions can mean mud, snowmelt, and sudden weather changes. Keeping your feet warm and dry helps prevent discomfort and injury. Wool socks are often a better choice than cotton because they retain warmth even when wet.

And in Colorado Springs and throughout the Pikes Peak Region, **dressing in layers** is always smart. Mornings can be cold, afternoons can warm quickly, and weather

can change fast. A light jacket, gloves, and a hat in your day pack can make a big difference.

For older adults, **maintaining strength and balance** off the trail is just as important as time spent on it. Muscle-strengthening activities at least twice a week — whether that's resistance training, yoga, gardening, or bodyweight exercises — help support safer movement and reduce fall risk. Balance activities like tai chi, yoga, or even standing on one leg can improve stability and confidence on uneven terrain.

Healthy aging is not about giving things up. It is about protecting the ability to keep doing the things that bring purpose, joy, and connection. For many seniors in Colorado Springs, that means hiking.

So, this spring, before you head for your favorite trailhead, take time to prepare your body for the season ahead. A little planning now can help ensure many more miles — and many more years — on the trail.

Local 'America's Mountain' Artist Prepares for Country's 250th Birthday Bash

Month-Long Art Show Offers Special Senior Day on August 7

By Trevor Phipps

Most people celebrate their birthday in some way every year, and then perhaps throw a bigger bash for important milestones like their 21st or 40th. Bigger celebrations for the Fourth of July have been in the works this year to celebrate the United States turning 250 years old.

The festivities across the state mostly all plan to step it up a notch with bigger and better events/fireworks displays. Others have opted to put on unique celebrations just for this monumental year in U.S. history.

One local artist Jack Denton, chose to put on one of the biggest one-man art shows he has ever attempted in his 50+ year career as a landscape artist. Denton plans on putting hundreds of his pieces of art depicting America's Mountain (Pikes Peak) on display between August 1 and 31.

The event is slated to take place at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center located near the intersection of Fillmore and Interstate 25. Denton plans on being at the event center with his artwork from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

During the month-long birthday bash, Denton will have his Pikes Peak landscape paintings on display with many of them reaching eight feet wide. He also plans to have extra events during the month such as live music shows and even a special day set aside for "Older Americans."

Denton's Back Story

Denton hails from Chattanooga, Tennessee where he spent 57 years of his life. The landscape artist put on his first one-man art show back in 1974. The art show this year marks his 33rd exhibition with his landscape art that he has completed.

"Most of what I have done for the last 50 years is to go to a place like Russia, Morocco, Mexico and wherever to come up and spend 18 months to do a one-man show about whatever the theme was," Denton explained.

While Denton was traveling, painting and conducting art shows, he found his way to Colorado in 2012. He instantly fell in love with a certain popular 14,000-foot mountain. "I moved out here in 2012, and it rained the day that I moved in, which turned to snow on the peak (Pikes Peak)," Denton said. "I went 'wow' I see the magic now. I always heard about Pikes Peak so I started doing paintings."

The mountain intrigued him so much that he switched the focus of his career onto just America's Mountain. "Now 15 years later, I have done 300 paintings of Pikes Peak," Denton said. "And, I published a book for each 100 of them. I had a big show in the Garden of the Gods back in January of 2019 for the first 100 paintings. Then I did a show at the Briarhurst (in Manitou Springs) with my second hundred paintings."

Denton started from his property located in the Garden of the Gods painting from a large 600-foot rock. He then got more creative with different angles and viewpoints on the mountains since he started in 2012.

"In just the last few years, I've chartered a helicopter to fly to get more views of it," Denton said. "I have operated drones, but basically in my Jeep I go all over and set up my small paintings right on location. I guess there have been some other artists that have done some big series over the years, but 15 years of one's life solely dedicated every day to painting the same thing is a pretty big, epic series. So it feels wild to be culminating the end of this series. So it's a big milestone for me."

Popular Local Cover Band Opens Up for America's 250th Celebration Art Show

Although the full line-up for the month-long event has not yet been completely figured out, Denton plans on offering various events in addition to showcasing his new 100 paintings of Pikes Peak. He is planning on offering several things while he is there 11 hours a day including live music performances, gallery talks, and a live painting demonstration.

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The event starts on a Saturday (Aug. 1), but then a special concert takes place the next Sunday evening (Aug. 2). Denton said that he invited one of the most popular classic rock 'n' roll cover bands in the Pikes Peak Region called "Sofakillers" as his first major performance from 6 to 9 p.m.

According to the Visit Colorado Springs Website, the Sofakillers have been voted "Best Local Cover Band" six years in a row from 2019 to 2025. "Bringing a high-energy, crowd-pleasing live music experience that turns any event into a party, this seasoned group of musicians delivers a powerful mix of dance-driven rock, pop, and crowd favorites designed to get people on their feet and keep them there," Visitcos.com states.

He plans to have around eight bands play at the venue during his celebratory art show. All of the dates

and times of the other band performances will be announced on the event poster that will be released sometime in June.

Artists Hosts Special Day Just for the Region's Senior Citizens

The biggest news for *Pikes Peak Senior News (PPSN)* readers is that the famous local artist has decided to designate a special day just for "Older Americans" in the Pikes Peak region. Local seniors and all PPSN readers will get a chance to meet the artist who has sold paintings to several celebrities. They will also have a chance to appreciate all of his never-seen-before paintings up close and personal.

On the first Friday of the event (Aug. 7), the Masonic Event Center will welcome senior citizens for a day scheduled specifically for them, the artist and of course Pikes Peak. Anne Jensen with the Senior Resource Center of Southern Colorado will be present. Other PPSN staffers also plan to make an appearance.

After the celebratory event comes to a close, Denton said that he plans to switch his focus away from solely painting America's Mountain. He aims to travel to other areas across Colorado's Front Range and paint landscape pieces of various mountain ranges and sceneries. He wishes to focus on the Southwest part of the country with Pikes Peak remaining to be a prime focus.

Overall, Denton said that he is proud to have had the chance to share a personal milestone along with his beloved country celebrating 250 years. "I think it's a pretty once-in-a-lifetime situation," Denton said. "I don't think I'll be here for the 500th."

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- 5) Drains of strength
- 9) Reduce drastically
- 14) Meteorite element
- 15) Recording studio effect
- 16) Magna ____
- 17) Choice of a molding or painting?
- 19) Ticket word
- 20) Pew attachment
- 21) Really disapprove of
- 23) Rustic stopovers
- 25) One "in the headlights"
- 26) Do away with
- 30) Souffle need
- 32) Emit, as lava
- 35) Sidestep
- 36) Mule's mother
- 37) Stretch, of sorts
- 38) Larry of the Three Stooges
- 39) Unwilling to bend
- 40) Fill with cargo
- 41) "Who am ____ judge?"
- 42) Homecoming attendee, for short
- 43) Whipped in chess
- 44) Alaska, until 1959 (Abbr.)
- 46) Shaving cream type
- 47) Potatoes and yams
- 48) Optimistic view
- 50) Russia's Trotsky
- 52) Corny saying
- 55) Marrakech's land
- 60) Watchmaker's glass
- 61) Choice of a boat part or a boater?
- 63) Good thing
- 64) Roofer's piece
- 65) Colombian metropolis
- 66) Moth-eaten
- 67) Scott in an 1857 case
- 68) Hole-punching tools

DOWN

- 1) Clock sound
- 2) "Argo" setting
- 3) Groucho glasses feature
- 4) Pay-to-play fee
- 5) Hard to fluster
- 6) Squirrel's nibble
- 7) Honor society letter
- 8) Auctioneer's word
- 9) Suffix with "moon" or "sea"
- 10) Soup servers
- 11) Choice of an octopus part or an armadillo part?
- 12) Tend to the batter
- 13) Can't stomach
- 18) Cocktail garnish
- 22) Moved stealthily
- 24) Beach bird
- 26) Equip to new specs
- 27) Online party notice
- 28) Choice of a chess piece or a Monopoly piece?
- 29) Homage in verse
- 31) Lacking mirth
- 33) Source of down
- 34) Vacant lot growth
- 36) About 1,609 meters
- 39) Blew a gasket
- 40) Technician's place
- 43) H.H. ____ (Saki)
- 45) Won in a walk
- 47) Decorated, as leather
- 49) Reverence
- 51) Hirsch of "Milk"
- 52) Lesage's "Gil ____"
- 53) Kennedy matriarch
- 54) Abbr. on a business sign
- 56) Predator of seals
- 57) Tobacco plug
- 58) Match a bet
- 59) Redding of R&B
- 62) Go public with

TAKE YER CHOICE

By Fred Piscop

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Summer Fairs & Festivals in Colorado

June, July & August 2026

Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak Region & Select Statewide Events

Manitou Springs Colorado Wine Festival — Manitou Springs

What: This 21+ festival features tastings from Colorado wineries and meaderies in a relaxed mountain-town setting. It is one of the best close-to-home summer outings for wine lovers in the Pikes Peak region.

When: June 6

Web: manitousprings.org/manitou-springs-colorado-wine-festival

Colorado College Summer Music Festival — Colorado Springs

What: This three-week classical music festival brings faculty artists, guest musicians and rising-star performers to the Colorado College campus. It offers concerts, recitals and chamber music in a refined local arts setting.

When: June 6–26

Web: coloradocollege.edu/other/summermusicfestival

Colorado Renaissance Festival — Larkspur

What: This long-running festival turns Larkspur into a medieval village with jousting, costumed performers, artisan booths, food, comedy and music. It runs weekends from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., rain or shine.

When: June 13–August 2

Web: coloradorenaissance.com

Pikes Peak APEX — Colorado Springs / Pikes Peak Region

What: This mountain biking event brings outdoor adventure and competitive energy to the Pikes Peak region. It is a good fit for a summer recreation calendar, especially for readers interested in active living and local outdoor events.

When: June 13–14

Web: coloradospringssports.org/events/pikes-peak-apex

Colorado Springs Western Street Breakfast — Downtown Colorado Springs

What: This beloved local tradition kicks off rodeo season with a Western-style breakfast, entertainment and hometown spirit. It is a must-include Colorado Springs event and a natural lead-in to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

When: June 17

Web: cswesternstreetbreakfast.com

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb Fan Fest — Downtown Colorado Springs

What: Fan Fest fills downtown Colorado Springs with race cars, drivers, vendors, entertainment and family-friendly energy. It runs from 5 to 9 p.m. and leads into the famous Race to the Clouds.

When: June 19

Web: ppihc.org

Southern Colorado Juneteenth Festival — Colorado Springs

What: This community celebration includes music, food, vendors and family activities. It is one of the larger cultural celebrations in the Pikes Peak region and can be presented as a community heritage festival.

When: June 19–21

Web: scjuneteenthfestival.com/

June Jubilee — Acacia Park, Colorado Springs

What: June Jubilee brings art, handcrafted goods, live music and community atmosphere to downtown Colorado Springs. The 2026 event is listed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

When: June 20–21

Web: coloradoevents.org/june-jubilee

Water Lantern Festival — Colorado Springs

What: This evening event features water lanterns, music, food and a peaceful community atmosphere. It adds a softer, family-friendly summer experience to the Colorado Springs section.

When: June 20

Web: waterlanternfestival.com/events/colorado-springs

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb — Pikes Peak Highway

What: Founded in 1916, this legendary race sends drivers up Pikes Peak in one of America's oldest motorsports events. It is one of Colorado Springs' most recognized summer traditions.

When: June 21

Web: [Pikes Peak International Hill Climb](#)

Donkey Derby Days — Cripple Creek

What: This historic festival celebrates Cripple Creek's mining heritage and the town's beloved resident donkeys. Visitors can enjoy donkey races, vendors, music, food and a Western mountain-town atmosphere.

When: June 26–28

Web: [cripplecreekdonkeys.com/donkeyderbydays](#)

Green Box Arts Festival — Green Mountain Falls

What: Green Box Arts Festival brings visual art, performing arts, wellness programs, classes, concerts and community events to Green Mountain Falls. It is one of the strongest Pikes Peak-region cultural festivals and begins with Fourth of July programming.

When: July 4–19

Web: [greenboxarts.org](#)

America's Mountain Festival — Woodland Park

What: America's Mountain Festival features Western and red-dirt music, food, vendors and family-friendly activities. The 2026 event runs from 1 to 9 p.m. in Woodland Park.

When: July 11

Web: [americasmountainfestival.com](#)

El Paso County Fair — Calhan

What: The El Paso County Fair offers rodeo events, carnival fun, livestock shows, food, competitions and traditional fair entertainment. It is one of the most important local fair listings for Colorado Springs-area readers.

When: July 11–18

Web: [elpasocountyfair.com](#)

NFR Open at the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo — Colorado Springs

What: This signature Colorado Springs rodeo brings top professional cowboys and cowgirls from the U.S., Canada and Mexico to compete at Norris Penrose Event Center. It is one of the city's most important summer traditions.

When: July 14–18

Web: [pikespeakorbust.org](#)

Royal Gorge Whitewater Festival — Cañon City

What: Cañon City's summer river festival includes whitewater competitions, live music and community activities at Centennial Park. It is close enough to Colorado Springs to work well as a regional day-trip listing.

When: July 17–18

Web: [royalgorgewhitewaterfestival.com](#)

Rocky Mountain State Games — Colorado Springs / Pikes Peak Region

What: Colorado's largest multi-sport festival welcomes athletes of all ages and abilities for Olympic-style competition. It is a natural fit for active-aging, health and community participation themes.

When: July 17–19

Web: [coloradospringssports.org/events/rockymountainstategames](#)

Gold Rush Days — Victor

What: This festival celebrates Victor's mining heritage with tours, games, gold panning, live music and historic activities. It is a strong Teller County heritage event and a natural pairing with Cripple Creek's summer calendar.

Web: [goldrushdaysfestival.com](#)

Bronc Day — Green Mountain Falls

What: Bronc Day is a long-running Green Mountain Falls tradition with a parade, games, vendors, food and family fun. It is one of the most locally relevant Pikes Peak-region summer heritage events.

When: July 25

Web: [broncdayfestival.org](#)

Fourth of July 2026 Events

Colorado Springs & Pikes Peak Region

Front Range Freedom Fest / Fort Carson Freedom Fest

What: A patriotic celebration with live music, food trucks, beverages, family activities and festival entertainment.

When: Friday, July 3, 2026 Details TBD

Where: Iron Horse Park, Fort Carson

Web: carson.armymwr.com/freedomfest

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Morning Events

Pikes Peak Sunrise Opening Event

What: A special early-morning opportunity to view sunrise from the summit of Pikes Peak. Timed-entry permits are required.

Time: 4:00–6:00 a.m. entry window

Where: Pikes Peak — America's Mountain

Web: coloradosprings.gov/special-events

Palmer Lake 4-Mile Fun Run

What: A long-running Tri-Lakes tradition supporting Palmer Lake Elementary School. Registration required.

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: Palmer Lake to Monument

Web: runsignup.com/Race/CO/PalmerLake/PalmerLakeJuly4FunRun

Tri-Lakes Pancake Breakfast

What: A community pancake breakfast traditionally hosted by the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds supporting local charities.

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: St. Peter Catholic Church, Monument

Web: townofmonument.org

Tri-Lakes 4th of July Street Fair

What: Vendors, festival foods, arts and crafts, local businesses, nonprofits and family-friendly activities.

Time: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Where: Downtown Monument

Web: trilakeschamber.com

Kid Zone & Car Show

What: Family activities and car show held as part of Monument's July 4 celebration.

Time: 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Where: Monument Community Presbyterian Church

Web: townofmonument.org

Monument Children's Parade

What: A children's parade hosted as part of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Independence Day festivities.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Downtown Monument

Web: mhkiwanis.org

Monument Main Parade

What: One of the area's most popular traditional Independence Day parades. The 2026 theme is expected to honor America's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th anniversary.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Downtown Monument

Web: mhkiwanis.org

Rock Ledge Ranch Family Fourth

What: Historic homes, patriotic activities, carnival-style games, music, speeches, pie, lemonade and old-fashioned family fun.
Time: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Where: Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, Colorado Springs
Web: rockledgeranch.com

Fuel Church Kid Zone

What: A family-friendly activity area connected to the Tri-Lakes July 4 celebration.
Time: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Where: Limbach Park, Monument
Web: townofmonument.org

Afternoon Events

Green Box Arts 4th of July Celebration

What: A full day of small-town Fourth of July activities, including a parade, community performances, pie contest, live music, block party and water lantern launch.
Time: 10:00 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
Where: Green Mountain Falls
Web: greenboxarts.org

Tri-Lakes Family-Friendly Beer Garden

What: Open to all ages; guests must be 21 or older to purchase or consume alcohol.
Time: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Where: Limbach Park, Monument
Web: trilakeschamber.com

Live at Limbach! Live Bands

What: Live music from Colorado musicians during the Tri-Lakes July 4 celebration.
Time: 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Where: Limbach Park Bandshell, Monument
Web: trilakeschamber.com

Green Box Community Hot Dog Lunch

What: Free hot dogs while supplies last as part of the Green Box Arts celebration.
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Where: Green Box Farm Stand, Green Mountain Falls
Web: greenboxarts.org

Green Box 4th of July Pie Contest

What: Free to enter; pie tasting typically requires a small fee.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: Green Box Farm Stand, Green Mountain Falls
Web: greenboxarts.org

Banning Lewis Ranch July 4 Celebration

What: Family fun, food, music and fireworks.
Time: 3:00–10:00 p.m.
Where: Vista Park, Colorado Springs
Web: eventeny.com

Falcon / Colorado Springs NE KOA 4th of July Celebration

Time: 4:00–7:00 p.m.
Where: Falcon / Peyton area
What: Family games, food, raffles, scavenger hunt, pickleball, horseshoes and campground fun.
Web: koa.com

Calendar of Events

Evening Concerts, Sports & Fireworks

Star-Spangled Symphony & Grand Fireworks Show

What: The Colorado Springs Philharmonic performs patriotic music, followed by a fireworks show against the Pikes Peak skyline.
Time: 5:30 p.m. gates; 6:30 p.m. show; fireworks approx. 9:00 p.m.
Where: Ford Amphitheater, Colorado Springs
Web: coloradospringssports.org/events/4th-of-july

Switchbacks FC Independence Day Match & Fireworks

What: The Colorado Springs Switchbacks host Phoenix Rising FC, followed by a post-match fireworks show.
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Weidner Field, Colorado Springs
Web: switchbacksfc.com

Pikes Peak Sunset Closing Event

What: A special sunset experience from the summit of Pikes Peak. Timed-entry or shuttle tickets required.
Time: 7:00 p.m. access; sunset 8:29 p.m.; descent by 9:10 p.m.
Where: Pikes Peak — America's Mountain
Web: coloradosprings.gov/special-events

Green Box Water Lantern Launch

What: A peaceful evening water lantern launch following the Green Box Arts 4th of July celebration.
Time: 9:00–9:30 p.m.
Where: Gazebo Lake, Green Mountain Falls
Web: greenboxarts.org

Cripple Creek Fourth of July Fireworks

What: A mountain-town fireworks display traditionally held after dark, weather and fire conditions permitting.
Time: After dusk / TBD
Where: Cripple Creek
Web: cityofcripplecreek.com

Palmer Lake Festival on the Fourth & Fireworks

What: Prior celebrations have included live music, concessions, family activities and fireworks.
Time: TBD; prior years evening
Where: Palmer Lake
Web: awakepalmerlake.org

Nearby Mountain-Town Celebrations

Woodland Park Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration

What: A traditional Independence Day celebration with vendors, games, food, patriotic music and family activities.
Time: TBD; prior years daytime
Where: Memorial Park, Woodland Park
Web: city-woodlandpark.org or symphonyabovetheclouds.org

Symphony Above the Clouds

What: A free outdoor patriotic concert traditionally held on July 4 in Woodland Park.
Time: TBD; prior years evening
Where: Memorial Park, Woodland Park
Web: symphonyabovetheclouds.org

Cripple Creek Independence Weekend Celebration

What: Prior celebrations have included vendors, food trucks, donkeys, classic cars, family activities and fireworks.
Where: Downtown Cripple Creek
Web: cityofcripplecreek.com

Music at the Depot

What: Prior Independence weekend events included live music at the Cripple Creek District Museum. 2026 schedule should be verified.
Where: Cripple Creek District Museum
Web: cripplecreekmuseum.com

Other Possible July 4 Activities

Rocky Mountain Food Tours

What: Regular food tours may be available, but a specific July 4, 2026 tour time should be verified.
Where: Downtown Colorado Springs
Web: rockymountainfoodtours.com

Dragonfly Paddle Yoga / Quail Lake SUP Experience

What: Prior July 4 events included paddle yoga, sound bath and brunch, but 2026 holiday details are not confirmed.
Where: Quail Lake, Colorado Springs
Web: dragonflypaddleyoga.com

Flying W Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner Show

What: Flying W Ranch runs summer dinner shows, but a special July 4, 2026 event should be verified.
Where: Colorado Springs
Web: flyingw.com

Fireworks Quick Guide

Ford Amphitheater / Star-Spangled Symphony

What: Main Colorado Springs fireworks event tied to the Philharmonic concert.
Time: Approx. 9:00 p.m.

Weidner Field / Switchbacks FC

What: Ticketed soccer match with post-game fireworks.
Time: After match

Banning Lewis Ranch

What: Public celebration with fireworks expected.
Time: Evening / TBD

Cripple Creek

What: Public mountain-town fireworks, weather and fire conditions permitting.
Time: After dusk / TBD

Palmer Lake

What: Historically includes fireworks, but 2026 details should be verified.
Time: Evening / TBD



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Mondays

- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry**
Dates: May–October 2026, exact dates TBD
Time: 10 am - 5 pm
Where: 225 North Gate Blvd.

Wednesdays

- **Briargate Farmers Market**
Dates: May 27th–Sept 30th 2026
Time: 9 am - 2 pm
Where: 7610 N. Union Blvd.
- **Colorado Farm and Art Market Downtown**
Dates: June 17–October 21 2026
Time: 3-7 p.m.
Where: The Meanwhile Block, 132 W. Cimarron St.
- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry**
Dates: May–October 2026, exact dates TBD
Time: 10 am - 5 pm
Where: 225 North Gate Blvd.

Thursdays

- **Banning Lewis Ranch at Vista Park**
Dates: May 28nd–August 27th 2026
Time: 4 pm - 7 pm
Where: Vista Park, 8833 Vista Del Pico Blvd.

Fridays

- **Woodland Park Farmers Market**
Dates: May 8 and October 2 2026
Time: 8 am - 1 pm
Where: 117 Center Ave.
- **UCCS Farmers Market**
Dates: May 8 and October 2
Times: 12 pm-4 pm
Where: 3942 Regent Circle.

Saturdays

- **Old Colorado City Farmers Market**
Dates: June 6–October 17
Time: 7 am - 1 pm
Where: Bancroft Park, 2408 W. Colorado Ave.
- **Monument Hometown / Monument Hill Farmers Market**
Dates: May 23 – October 3, 2025
Time: 8 am - 2 pm
Where: 66 S. Jefferson St., Monument
- **Colorado Farm & Art Market at Margarita at Pine Creek**
Dates: June 20–October 17
Where: 7350 Pine Creek Rd.
- **Fountain Community Market**
Dates: May 30rst - September 26, 2026
Time: 8 am - 2 pm
Where: Metcalfe Park, 618 E. Ohio Ave., Fountain.
- **Backyard Market in Black Forest**
Dates: May 23–October 17th, 2026
Time: 9 am - 1 pm
Where: 6845 Shoup Rd., Black Forest

Sundays

- **Cordera Farmers Market**
Dates: May 24–September 6 2026
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Where: 11894 Grand Lawn Cir.
- **Colorado Springs Sunday Market**
Dates: May 10–October 25 2026
Time: 9 am - 2 pm
Where: Acacia Park, 115 E. Platte Ave.
- **Southeast Farmers Market**
Dates: June 14–October 11 2026
Time: 11 am - 3 pm
Where: Stompin' Groundz, 2050 Jet Wing Dr.

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