



# GLENWOOD SPRINGS *Bucket List*

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Glenwood Springs is widely known as a must-visit destination because of its wide range of unique activities and attractions. Whether a first-time or repeat visitor, Glenwood Springs offers something for everyone to enjoy.

*Here are the top experiences to add to your  
Glenwood Springs bucket list.*

## Hot Springs

Glenwood Springs' identity is tied directly to hot springs—down to the name, inspired by the natural geothermal spring bubbling out of the ground. There are a few different ways to soak and simmer.

Glenwood Hot Springs Resort opened in 1888 and is the largest hot springs pool in the world. It is a family-oriented option that has been utilized for generations, with modern updates and attractions.

Iron Mountain Hot Springs sits on the banks of the Colorado River and is scenic, relaxing and designed with many smaller pools for a spa-like soaking experience, with upscale upgrades available.

For a unique geothermal experience, head to Yampah Spa and Vapor Caves. Hot mineral waters flow through the cave floors and create a natural steam bath in underground rock chambers.

## Hanging Lake

Hanging Lake is a world-famous hike that tops many Colorado bucket lists. After a steep 1.2-mile hike, a crystal-clear travertine lake awaits, where a suspended log sits in the water. It's picture-perfect and an iconic symbol of Glenwood Springs.

Heads up: reservations and seasonal shuttles are required, so plan ahead to secure your spot.



Glenwood Hot Springs Resort



Iron Mountain Hot Springs







## Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park

America's only mountain-top theme park is worth a visit: Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is a family-friendly destination with thrill rides, spectacular views and limestone cave tours. Between the iconic gondola ride up Iron Mountain to the Alpine Coaster that speeds down it and the Giant Canyon Swing, Crystal Tower drop ride and zip line, the Adventure Park is an iconic, western-themed attraction.

## Sunlight Mountain Resort

Head to Sunlight Mountain Resort for an unforgettable ski or snowboard experience during the winter months. Sunlight is one of Colorado's best-kept secrets; the resort is known for its uncrowded and unpretentious atmosphere and range of terrain that's ideal for both beginners and experts. Sunlight has three chair lifts and has maintained its lowkey, small-town ski vibe.



## Rafting

Rafting is a fan-favorite way to experience Glenwood Springs' rushing waters during the summer. The area is home to two rivers: the Colorado and Roaring Fork, each with rapids ready to ride. The thrilling activity is offered by several local outfitters, with guided trips varying in length and difficulty.



## Doc Holliday History

For those who love a taste of history, Glenwood Springs is full of glimpses from infamous gunslinger Doc Holliday. The dentist-turned-robber came to Glenwood Springs in hopes of curing his tuberculosis with the hot springs' healing properties and died at Hotel Glenwood (which burned down and is now home to Bullock's Western store). His grave lies in Linwood Cemetery—accessible through a short but scenic hike overlooking Glenwood Springs.

*Glenwood Springs offers diverse must-do activities; add these experiences to your bucket list for the ultimate, iconic Glenwood Springs visit.*

