



Vail Offers Tips for an Enjoyable Fourth of July Celebration

The Town of Vail is ready to welcome guests and area residents for the Fourth of July holiday which includes Vail's popular parade, a patriotic concert, family activities and the return of Vail's fireworks, which will light up the sky on Thursday, July 4 weather permitting. Those who gather in Vail and throughout the county are asked to be mindful that fire restrictions could be enacted at any time for Vail, Eagle County and other surrounding public lands. In addition, to protect everyone, all personal fireworks are banned in Vail.

For a safe and enjoyable experience, use the following tips:

Vail America Days Parade

The region's largest parade begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4. The parade will progress from Golden Peak on Vail Valley Drive, then west to Hanson Ranch Road, north on Bridge Street, west on Gore Creek Drive, north across the International Bridge, west along Meadow Drive and finally through the Lionshead Mall to finish at approximately noon. The theme for the parade is "Let the Games Begin." The parade will include over 40 floats and entries, with creative designs that celebrate the sporting nature of Vail. The parade will also feature marching bands and performances including the Denver Broncos Stampede, Colorado State University Select Marching Band and Brothers of Brass from Denver. The Vail Precision Lawn Chair Drill Team will also perform in the parade, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year! Dr Jack Eck and his wife Kathleen Eck, recent recipient of the Vail Trailblazer award, will serve as the Honorary Parade Marshals. For a good view of the parade, arrive by 9:30 a.m. and pick a location along the parade route. To help reduce congestion, spectators are encouraged to walk, ride their bikes or take the bus to the parade. Also, consider leaving your dog at home where it will be safe from the crowds and loud noises which could startle your pet.

Be sure to bring a reusable water bottle and stay hydrated during the parade. Water refill stations are located in the Vail Village and Lionshead Welcome Centers, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginning at 7 a.m., traffic on Vail Valley Drive will be designated one-way westbound from east of the soccer field to South Frontage Road. Traffic will be rerouted at the intersection of Vail Valley Drive and South Frontage Road just east of the Vail Village parking structure. Parade vehicles and local traffic will access Golden Peak from the east along Vail Valley Drive near the Vail Golf Club. Staging of floats and participants will take place on Mill Creek Circle, Vail Valley Drive and Hanson Ranch Road. Vail Valley Drive will be closed to all vehicle traffic from east of the soccer field to South Frontage Road from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Watch the parade live as it rolls into Lionshead on High Five Access Media - Channel 5 or online at www.highfivemedia.org as well as on Roku and Apple TV beginning at approximately

10:30 a.m. Coverage will also be provided the [Town of Vail's Facebook page](#). Subsequent replays will be available on cable and online, and will be available on demand on the High Five website.

Family Entertainment

Lionshead Village Bus Stop

10 - 10:50 a.m. Skin the Rabbit

12 - 1 p.m. Skin the Rabbit

1:45 - 3 p.m. Bourbon Brass Band

Vail Village, Intersection of Meadow Drive and Willow Bridge Rd.

12 - 1:45 p.m. Brothers of Brass

2:15 - 3 p.m. Guerilla Fan Fare

Ford Park Lower Bench

12 – 2 p.m. High-altitude ARNG Aviation Training Site (HAATS) Blackhawk landing and display

Patriotic Concert

The Fourth of July Patriotic Concert will take place at 2 p.m. July 4 at the Ford Amphitheater, featuring the Philadelphia Orchestra. The concert is a benefit for the Vail Veterans Program. Reserved tickets go on sale July 1 for \$25, with a maximum of 4 tickets per person.

- 8 a.m. - Reserved-seat pavilion tickets will go on sale in person only at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater Box Office
- 11 a.m. - Limited number of reserved-seat tickets will go on sale online at <https://grfavail.com/event/july-4-patriotic-concert/>
- On the day of the show, free, un-ticketed, lawn seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Gates open at 12:30 p.m.

Bus Service

EVTA & ECO Transit will provide service for the Vail America Days parade as follows:

Catch the ECO bus for FREE at the following stops: Freedom Park in Edwards at 8:49 a.m., Avon Station at 9 or 9:20 a.m., Forest Service parking lot at Dowd Junction at 9:01, 9:21, or 9:41 a.m., or Chambers Park & Ride in Eagle at 8:50, 9:20 am. However, if you are coming from Gypsum or Leadville, fares are required. Fares are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors with proof of age. Mobile app discounts may apply. For more information on ECO Transit routes and fares, visit evta.colorado.gov/schedule or call 970-328-3520.

Public Parking

Arrive early on July 4 to enjoy free daytime parking in the Vail Village and Lionshead parking garages. The 2,500 parking spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and typically reach capacity prior to the 10 a.m. start of the parade. Once the two structures fill, additional parking will be released. Message boards will direct when free overflow parking becomes available. The overflow parking is allowed until 11 p.m. where signs indicate. Overflow parking is no longer available from the Main Vail roundabout to Vail Valley Drive on the S. Frontage Rd.

Vehicles parked in the Vail Village and Lionshead garages between 4 and 5 a.m. will be charged the overnight fee of \$35.

Parade-goers are also encouraged to utilize free daytime parking in the Red Sandstone garage located at 559 North Frontage Road, with easy access to Lionshead Village via the pedestrian overpass. The Red Sandstone parking garage is a great option for vehicles over the height limit for the Vail Village and Lionshead parking structures. The length restriction is 19 feet and the height restriction is 8 feet. Vehicles parked in the Red Sandstone garage between 4 and 5 a.m. will be charged the overnight fee of \$15.

Close-in parking at the Ford Park and Vail Athletic Fields lots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. An express event bus will run between the Ford Park bus stop, Vail Village Transportation Center, and the Lionshead Transit Center for quick transport between the villages. Visit <https://www.vail.gov/#Parking> for additional parking information.

Enjoy your trip to Vail and the Vail America Days celebration completely car-free by using transit options such as the new fare free Eco Transit bus system in Eagle County, or [Bustang](#) or [Pegasus](#), which can take you from Denver Union Station or the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood to the Vail Transportation Center in Vail Village.

Once you arrive, use the free Town of Vail Bus or a [Shift Bike](#) to get to the Vail America Days Parade.

Oversized Vehicles

Daytime Oversized Vehicles - Oversize vehicles such as trailers, RVs and charter buses have access to free day parking from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the North Frontage Road across from Safeway as well as on the south side of the Frontage Road by the West Vail Fire Station with easy access to the free bus.

Overnight Oversized Vehicles - Paid overnight parking is available on the north side of the North Frontage Road west of the West Vail Fire Station for \$35 per 24 hours. This parking is only available between the oversize vehicle signs. To pay for the parking, either scan the QR code or call the phone number on the sign. There is a five-day max stay with only one stay allowed every 30 days. No camping is allowed in the Town of Vail; this area is for storage of the vehicle or trailer only. The space will be forfeited if the vehicle is moved.

Library Annual Book and Bake Sale

The Vail Public Library will hold its traditional [book and bake sales](#) during the July Fourth holiday. The library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, while staff and volunteers assist with the bake sale in front of the library from 8 a.m. to noon – or until the refreshments are gone – and the book sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The book sale continues Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, July 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fireworks Show

Vail's popular fireworks show is back for 2024, conditions permitting. The approximately 20-minute show starts at 9:45 p.m. and will be launched from Vail Mountain. Fireworks will be

visible across town with a patriotic soundtrack available on KZYR 97.7 and via www.kzyr.com. Check out the viewing area map at www.discovervail.com/4th. Note, it is illegal to shoot off personal fireworks in Vail.

Personal Fireworks/Open Fires

The use of all personal fireworks is prohibited in Vail. Personal fireworks are generally defined as anything that explodes, makes a loud noise or flies in the air. Bonfires and open campfires are also prohibited in the Town of Vail. Outdoor recreational fires are only allowed in approved commercial portable fire appliances that are equipped with spark screens. Questions about open fires and personal fireworks should be directed to Vail Fire and Emergency Services at 970-479-2250. If you live in or are visiting other areas of Eagle County, check with your local fire department for regulations or visit www.ECEmergency.org. Please be vigilant and call 911 if you see smoke or something out of the ordinary.

Dismount Zones

To improve interactions between pedestrians and users of wheeled vehicles, Vail's summer dismount zone has been reenacted in Vail Village along Bridge Street from the Covered Bridge to Seibert Circle and along Gore Creek Drive from Checkpoint Charlie to just past Gorsuch Ltd. Watch for the signs designating the dismount zone. Parts of Lionshead Village also have dismount zones. For areas outside the dismount zones, bikers and users of other wheeled vehicles are reminded that pedestrians always have the right of way and to use moderate speeds in pedestrian areas, 5 mph or less. When passing a slower party, politely alert the other party by calling out and/or ringing a bicycle bell and passing on the left.

Alcohol

To-go alcohol may be purchased from many local restaurants but may only be consumed in designated areas. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the streets of Vail. If you plan to drink, don't drink and drive, make arrangements to ride the bus or arrange for a designated driver. Those who arrange an alternate ride home in lieu of driving while intoxicated may leave their vehicle overnight in the parking garages at no charge. For eligibility, enter after 3 p.m. and leave before 11 a.m. the next day. Please see a parking attendant for verification.

Dogs

Vail has a leash law for dogs in the Vail Village and Lionshead areas. Your cooperation in keeping your animal in control and on a leash is greatly appreciated. Please also use the town-provided doggy waste bags. As a reminder, no dogs are allowed on Town of Vail buses.

Lost and Found

If you've lost an item on the bus, in the parking structure, or elsewhere in town, visit www.vail.gov/lostandfound to report it. Items recovered are kept at the Vail Police Department in the Vail Municipal Building at 75 S. Frontage Road. Or, call 970-479-2208. Questions about items recovered from Vail Mountain can be directed to <https://www.vail.com/explore-the-resort/about-the-resort/guest-services.aspx>.

Holiday Trash Schedule

Residents are reminded that the Fourth of July holiday may mean some schedule adjustments

for local trash haulers. Remember that Town of Vail wildlife protection regulations prohibit trash from being left at the curb other than on the day of collection and recycling regulations require that all properties recycle on site. For recycling assistance, please visit www.vailgov.com/recycling.

Emergency Assistance

Dial 911 for emergencies. Throughout the day, the Vail Police Department will increase its presence to provide a safe environment for your celebration. For emergency notifications, subscribe to Eagle County Alert at www.ecalert.org.

Fourth of July Activities/Events

For details, visit www.discovervail.com/4th or call 970-477-3522.