

# Family Fun

## Winter on the Upper Rio Grande

### Plan a Weekend in Powder Country

**Day One: ½ Day of Sledding**      **On the Map: G6**

Great fun for ALL ages! The 2 million acres of National Forest provide endless sledding opportunities! The hill at the top of Beaver Creek Reservoir and the Guard Station hill are two great spots that you can drive right up to.

**LOCAL TIP:** Choose a sled that is simple and made of foam, plastic, or a rubber tube. Saucers and wooden/ metal-rail sleds don't work as well on powder days.



**Day Two: ½ Day of History**      **On the Map: F8**

Drive the first 20 miles of the Silver Thread Scenic & Historic Byway. Keep your eyes peeled for the herd of Big Horn Sheep that live along the highway at Wagon Wheel Gap (just past Cottonwood Cove). Visit the **Creede Underground Mining Museum** (open Tuesday-Saturday 11am-4pm) and stroll around the historic downtown.



**½ Day of Fire & Ice**      **On the Map: F8**

Return to South Fork and gear up for an afternoon skate and Bonfire! **Rickle Park** is located right in town, and its skate shack holds free-to-use hockey and figure skates.

**LOCAL TIP:** Pick up a thermos of hot chocolate before you head over - this will keep the little ones happy and skating for hours! A bike helmet and knee pads are also helpful for beginners. A small sledding hill is perfect for those who need a skate-break. Town puts on a big **bonfire every Saturday** evening, complete with music, hot drinks, and pick-up hockey games!



**Day Three: Wolf Creek Ski Area**

**On the Map: F8**

Wolf Creek is beloved by powder hounds and families. Snow is so prolific here that we boast 'the most snow in CO.' Short lift lines, an excellent kid's program, and super-affordable tickets!

**LOCAL TIP:** Pick up your rentals *the night before* at one of our local shops (this will save you \$\$ and give you more time on the mountain).



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- Paved/Passenger Car
- Winter Maintained Road
- Multi-Use Trail - Groomed
- Multi-Use Trail - Ungroomed/Unmarked
- Nordic Trails (non motorized)
- Downhill Ski/Snowboard
- Sledding / Tubing
- Ice Fishing
- Snowmobile Trailhead

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