

Holiday Events 2024

40th Annual Festival of Lights Parade

- What:** Experience one of the most beloved holiday traditions in the Pikes Peak Region, featuring nearly 100 dazzling lighted entries. Free for all, this event gathers over 70,000 people annually.
- When:** Saturday, December 7th, 5:50 p.m.
- Where:** St. Vrain Street to Vermijo Street along Tejon Street, Downtown Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Free

Festival of Lights Open House

- What:** Join the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum for crafts, face painting, and musical performances. Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies before heading to the parade.
- When:** Saturday, December 7th, 2:00–6:00 p.m.
- Where:** CSPM Annex, 121 S. Tejon Street, Suite 100, Plaza of the Rockies
- Cost:** Free

Snowland at Great Wolf Lodge

- What:** Celebrate the season in a winter wonderland with crafts, visits with Santa, and festive events. Enjoy a memorable family getaway.
- When:** November–December 2024 (Check website for specifics)
- Where:** Great Wolf Lodge, 9494 Federal Drive, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Varies by package
- When:** www.greatwolf lodge.com

Holiday Evening at Rock Ledge Ranch

- What:** Explore holiday traditions with wagon rides, music, and Victorian and Edwardian celebrations. Shop for unique gifts and enjoy festive treats.
- When:** Wednesday, December 4th, 4:00–8:00 p.m.
- Where:** Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site
- Cost:** \$6–\$8
- Web:** www.rockledgeranch.com)

Brunch with Santa

- What:** Indulge in a holiday brunch with Santa, featuring carolers and a festive sleigh photo op.
- When:** TBD 2024 - 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Mountain View Restaurant, Cheyenne Mountain Resort
- Cost:** Adults \$50, Kids (5–11) \$25

Christmas Eve Festival & Brunch at Kinship Landing

- What:** Celebrate with live jazz, ornament decorating, and a hot cocoa bar. Brunch and drink specials available for purchase.
- When:** Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Kinship Landing, 415 S. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Free entry; menu items for purchase

Skate in the Park

- What:** Glide across a real ice rink in the heart of Colorado Springs. A seasonal favorite for all ages.
- When:** November 2024–January 2025
- Where:** Acacia Park, Downtown Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Check website for pricing
- Web:** www.downtowncs.com



Santa Express Train

- What:** Ride to the North Pole aboard a holiday-themed locomotive, with Santa greeting and gifting every child.
- When:** Multiple, November–December 2024
- Where:** Royal Gorge Route Railroad
- Cost:** Varies by seating
- Web:** www.royalgorgeroute.com



Christmas Walking Tours

- What:** Enjoy a 90-minute downtown walking tour, including historic stories, a cozy eatery stop, and holiday cheer.
- When:** Saturdays in December - 1:00 p.m.
- Where:** Downtown Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Adults \$42, Children (2–16) \$12

Festival of Lights at U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum

- What:** Enjoy athlete meet-and-greets, curling, and holiday activities. Admission reduced to \$10 for the day.
- When:** TBD, Noon–5:00 p.m.
- Where:** 200 S. Sierra Madre St, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** \$10

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Electric Safari

- What:** Marvel at 85 unique light sculptures and enjoy animal encounters and festive activities.
- When:** December 6–23, 25, 2024 - 5:20–8:30 p.m. (4:20 p.m. early entry for members)
- Where:** 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Varies
- Web:** www.cmzoo.org



Visit Santa at the North Pole

- What:** Enjoy Santa's Village, rides, and holiday cheer at this vintage amusement park.
- When:** November–December 24, 2024
- Where:** 5050 Pikes Peak Hwy, Cascade, CO
- Cost:** \$32 (peak days)



Holiday Coat Drive

- What:** Donate coats at Columbia Sportswear and get \$20 off purchases of \$150+. Proceeds benefit Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center.
- When:** November–December 2024
- Where:** Columbia Sportswear, 1685 Briargate Parkway, Suite 311

Christmas Celebration at Wishing Star Farm

- What:** Live nativity petting zoo, firepits with s'mores, hayrides, Christmas lights, and more.
- When:** 2024 dates TBD | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Where:** Wishing Star Farm: 24024 CO-94, Calhan, CO 80808
- Phone:** (719) 244-7252
- Cost:** Ages 3 & under: Free | Ages 4-12: \$6 | Ages 13+: \$9 | Groups of 12+: \$7.50.





Christmas with Bing

to benefit SOCO Senior Resource Center

Featuring Eric Elison & Friends



December 14th, 7-9pm
at the Black Forest Community Club

12530 Black Forest Rd
Black Forest 80908

*Individual Tickets priced at \$35 each
when purchased in advance
or \$40 at door.*

*Tickets available online at:
www.ChristmasWithBing.com*



Yule Day in Green Mountain Falls

- What:** A festive day of Christmas markets, family-friendly activities, and tree lighting with carolers.
- When:** December 7-8:00 AM –9:30 PM. | Tree Lighting at 5:30 PM
- Where:** 6990 Lake Street Green Mountain Falls
- Cost:** Free

Christmas Day Brunch at The Broadmoor

- What:** An elaborate Christmas brunch featuring gourmet dishes and desserts.
- When:** December 25, 2024 | Morning through early afternoon
- Where:** Broadmoor Hall, The Broadmoor
- Cost:** Adults: \$110+ | Children (10 & under): \$45+

Holiday Market + Brunch at Kinship Landing

- What:** Local artisan market, live music, and holiday brunch.
- When:** 2024 dates TBD | Market: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Brunch: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Where:** Kinship Landing, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Free entry; items for purchase.

Manitou Christmas Parade!

- When:** Sunday, December 8, 2024, Parade Start: 6:00 pm
- Where:** Manitou Ave – On Manitou Avenue From Ruxton Avenue to El Paso Blvd. Manitou Springs, CO

Holly & Ivy Holiday Concert

- What:** U.S. Air Force Academy Band performing holiday classics.
- When:** Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- Where:** Pikes Peak Center for the Performing Arts – 190 S. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- Cost:** Free (Tickets available starting November 25).

Christkindl Market

- What:** The Denver Christkindlmarket is an authentic, German-style holiday market, which is host to local and European craft and food vendors, and tons of magical entertainment for everyone to enjoy.
- When:** November 22 to December 23, 2024,
Sunday - Wednesday: 11:00am - 7:00pm,
Thursday - Saturday: 11:00am - 9:00pm (Gates close at 9:00pm)
- Where:** Civic Center Park - Denver
- Cost:** FREE and open to the public



Santa & The Grinch at Shops at Briargate

- What:** Photos with Santa, the Grinch, and Barbie; cookies, cocoa, and kids' activities.
- When:** 2024 dates TBD | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Where:** The Promenade Shops at Briargate
- Cost:** Free

Calender of Events

Holiday Tea at McAllister House Museum

- What:** Victorian cream tea and a museum tour.
- When:** December 7 & 14, 2024 | Seatings at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Where:** McAllister House Museum, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** \$45 per ticket



Breakfast with Santa at Dave & Buster’s

- What:** Breakfast buffet, crafts, and a personal Santa photo.
- When:** December 8, 2024| 9:00 AM
- Where:** Dave & Buster’s, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** \$33 per ticket

Commonwheel Artists Co-op Holiday Market

- What:** Handcrafted gifts from local artists.
- When:** November 1 - December 28, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Where:** Commonwheel Artists Co-Op, Manitou Springs
- Cost:** Free entry

Colorado Springs Holiday Food & Gift Festival

- What:** 150+ exhibitors, live music, and new wine/distillery tastings.
- When:** December 6-8, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Fri/Sat), 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Sun)
- Where:** Norris Penrose Event Center
- Cost:** Adults: \$8 | 15 & under: Free

Nightfall Holiday Market

- What:** Christmas shopping, live music, and cocktails.
- When:** December 6, 2024 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Where:** Clay Venues, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Free

Cheyenne Mountain High School Holiday Craft Fair

- What:** 140+ vendors selling handcrafted items.
- When:** December 7, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Where:** Cheyenne Mountain High School, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** Free

New Year’s Eve Celebrations

- What:** New Year’s Eve Under the Lights. Music, s’mores, and photo ops.
- When:** December 31, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- Where:** Old Colorado City
- Cost:** Free

New Year’s Eve Gala at Glen Eyrie Castle

- What:** Dinner, live music, and optional midnight hike.
- When:** December 31, 2024 | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Where:** Glen Eyrie Castle, Colorado Springs
- Cost:** \$135 per person



The Broadmoor New Year’s Eve Gala

- What:** Elegant dinner with live music by The Broadmoor Pops.
- When:** December 31, 2024
- Where:** Broadmoor Hall
- Cost:** TBD



Woodland Park and Cripple Creek December/January Events

Gold Camp Christmas

What: Escape from the modern distractions, and celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas in Cripple Creek and Victor. Holiday activities will kick off with the nightly Gold Camp Christmas Holiday Headframe Lighting throughout Cripple Creek and Victor. Experience the lights in the Gold Camp by taking a drive (with your favorite Christmas tunes playing) on a self-guided tour through our area as our mine headframes are decorated with large Christmas light displays. Would you prefer a guided tour? Then be sure to check out the detailed schedule of events for the time and date for the guided tour over the main event weekend.



When: November 8 - December 19 **2024 December Schedule**

December 11th • 11:30-1pm Christmas Luncheon by Newmont, Aspen Mine Center East
 December 12th • 3:30-6:30 pm Winter Wonderland Reception, Aspen Mine Center East
 December 12th – 14th • Christmas Tree Silent Auction at Aspen Mine Center East during office hours
 December 13th • 11:30-1:00 Soup for the Soul and Christmas Cookie Contest, Aspen Mine Center East
 December 13th • 5:30 pm Headframe Lights Guided Tour, bus leaves from Aspen Mine Center East
 6:00 pm Victor Parade of Lights, Victor Main Street
 6:30 pm Victor Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Victor
 6:45 pm Victor Christmas, Victor Elks Lodge
 7:00 pm Victor Jingle Bell Ball, Victor Elks Lodge
 December 14th • 9:00-3:00 Annual Gold Camp Christmas Craft Fair, June Hack Community Center, Parks & Recreation
 11:00-1:30 Annual Luncheon, Aspen Mine Center East
 11:00-1:30 Hot Chocolate/Cider and S'mores outside Aspen Mine Center East
 12:00 pm Annual Gold Camp Christmas Parade, led by CCV American Legion Color Guard – Bennett Avenue
 12:30 Visit with Santa @ Aspen Mine Center East
 12:30-2:00 pm Children's Indoor Activities, Aspen Mine Center East
 3:30-5:00 pm Colorado Springs Chorale FREE CONCERT, Cripple Creek Baptist Church
 December 19th • 4:30-7:00 pm Toys for Tots, Cripple Creek-Victor High School Cafetorium

Miracle on Mistletoe Mountain

What: It's Christmas in Cripple Creek, and Clara, an angel treading on thin ice with her heavenly bosses, receives a last chance at redemption. Tasked with aiding Joe and Molly Kelly, proprietors of a boarding house for the downtrodden, Clara must thwart the nefarious plans of Mr. Parker, a conniving tycoon bent on seizing their beloved home. Echoing the timeless charm of It's a Wonderful Life, this captivating tale is a tribute to love and sacrifice set against the backdrop of the exhilarating Cripple Creek gold rush era. Join us for a heartwarming journey that celebrates the true spirit of Christmas! A Thin Air Theatre production.



When: November 29 - December 29

Where: Butte Theater 139 E. Bennett Ave Cripple Creek, CO 80813

Cost: \$24

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/4k5xjj85>

Phone: 719-689-6402

Holiday Headframe Lighting

What: Come and tour the greatest gold camp in U.S. history, bring the whole family and pack the hot chocolate. Take a drive through the remnants of the booming gold rush, and experience one of the largest working gold mines in the world. Now is the best time to come because it's holiday season and many of the standing mining headframes are decorated with giant lighted decorations. Remain cozy and warm in your vehicle as you tour the lights. The displays are lit weekend evenings November 30th-January 1st, and nightly Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, weather allowing. Happy golden holidays to you and your loved ones!!!!



When: November 30, 2024 @ 4:30 pm - January 1, 2025 @ 4:30 pm

Web: For a complete list of activities and events being held leading up to, and during the Gold Camp Christmas celebration, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4fd5j294>

Woodland Park BOOK CLUB

What: Meets monthly on the First Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Large Meeting Room. For adult readers!

When: 12/3/2024 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Rampart Library District 218 East Midland Avenue Woodland Park, CO 80863



Calendar of Events

Breakfast With Santa

What: This is Ute Pass Kiwanis's annual gift to the families of Teller County! Please come and kick off your Christmas season with us!

When: 12/7/2024 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: Ute Pass Cultural Center 210 E. Midland Ave. Woodland Park, co 80866

Phone: Pat Hyslop - 719-642-8679

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/yspxdfds>



Tweed's Holiday Home Tour 2024

What: Presenting the 2024 Tweed's Holiday Home Tour and the 26th Annual "Sounds of the Season" the 7th and 8th of December from 10 to 5 pm each day. This year benefiting the Community Cupboard of Woodland Park, Friends of Mueller State Park, Mountain Artists and Voices of Grief Support and Education Center. There will be 6 homes on this years' tour. A Hospitality Location at the Woodland Professional building, northwest corner of Hwy. 24 and West Street.

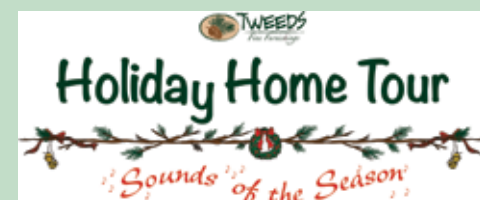
When: 12/7/2024 - 12/8/2024 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: Various locations in the Ute Pass area - 3 in Divide and 2 in Woodland Park

Cost: Tickets will be available the beginning of September on our website at www.wphht.org -prices are adults \$20 each; students (5-12) are \$5.00 each; preschoolers are free.

Phone: Joy Smith 281-435-7973

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/zme7kan8>



Lights Above the Clouds Parade

What: This winter parade happens each year on the first Saturday in December. Visit a warm your "bum" fire by the street along the route in order to stay warm. Enjoy hot chocolate while visiting several businesses that are open during the evening festivities. The event is a great family friendly event. Afterwards, the celebration and awards ceremony are held at the Ute Pass Cultural Center. Listen to music, eat cookies, have hot chocolate AND the bar is open for adult beverages. The parade is on highway 24 from Taco Bell to Tweeds. It begins at 6 p.m. and the awards ceremony follows afterwards at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.

When: 12/7/2024 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: City of Woodland Park - Main Street

Phone: Gayle Gross - 719-233-9902

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/sh65n35j>



Ugly Sweater Bingo!

What: Back by popular demand- Ugly Sweater Bingo! Prize for the ugliest sweater! \$20 gets you 10 chances to win! All proceeds benefit the children of Teller County!

When: 12/12/2024 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Ute Pass Cultural Center 210 E. Midland Ave. Woodland Park, co 80866

When: Pat Hyslop - 719-642-8679

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/mr47ury3>



Annual Christmas Craft Fair

What: We've been fortunate to have vendors from across the state sell their goods at our Annual Craft Fair. Spaces sell out quickly. So reserve your spot by calling Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation today. Each 5' X 10' space is only \$20, or make it a 10' X 10' space for only \$40. Give us a call at 719-689-3514 to reserve your spot.

When: December 14 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: 5' X 10' space \$20, 10' X 10' space \$40

Limited number of tables available for \$2 rental fee (limit one table per vendor)

Limited number of electrical outlets available with space rental for \$2

Come sell, come shop, we'd love to have you!

Phone: Contact Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation for registration information at 719-689-3514.



New Year's in the Gold Camp

What: Welcome 2025 with a bang in the World's Greatest Gold Camp!

When: December 31 @ 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Cripple Creek Ice Castles coming this winter

What: Tickets are on sale soon!!! The castle will open mid-December depending on the weather. Please go to <https://icecastles.com/cripple-creek-colorado> to purchase your tickets for this event. Click on the "Buy Tickets" button to reveal the dates that tickets are available. Click on your desired date to reveal the times that are available for that day. It is strongly recommended that you purchase tickets online to assure availability. Ticket availability will be expanded by the Ice Castle staff as they know better when they will be opening. Any questions or issues with ticketing should be communicated through supportco@icecastles.com. The City of Cripple Creek is not involved with ticket sales, ticket availability or ticketing questions. Cripple Creek is proud to be the Colorado host for Ice Castles again this year. This is a timed ticketed event, which means only a set number of tickets are sold for each session. This allows you to know when to arrive and keeps the number of visitors at a manageable level. Ticket sales are done online and walk-up tickets are typically not available.

ICE CASTLE HOURS (Holiday and Winter break hours may change.)

Mondays & Tuesdays – CLOSED

Wednesdays – 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Thursdays – 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Fridays – 3:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturdays – 11:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Sundays – 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

PARKING

Please use Ice Castles designated parking area when you are visiting the Castle. Parking is available on Fourth Street, south of Warren Avenue. Parking attendants will direct you to your parking spot when you arrive. For your safety, please do NOT attempt to walk from downtown to the Ice Castle location, or use non-designated parking areas.

The City of Cripple Creek Transportation Department does provide on-demand bus service for those staying at local hotels or visiting any of our businesses, restaurants, or casinos. To request a ride please call 719-689-7711.

ACCESSIBILITY

Ice Castles is not accessible by wheelchair, walkers, strollers, canes, or crutches. For those with special needs, the best way to access the castles is by sled. You must provide your own sled and helper to pull you through the castles.

