



Hot and Cold

Spend a day in the snow, then warm up in one of Colorado's hot springs.

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1 | SNOW DAY

Pagosa Springs

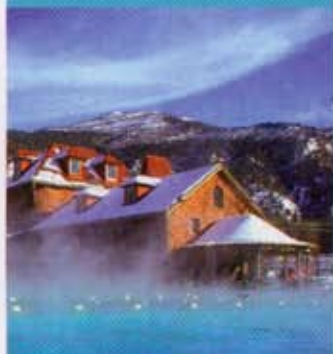
Pick up a cinnamon roll (\$2) and latte (\$2.90) from **PAGOSA BAKING COMPANY**, and hit the slopes at **WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** early to beat the crowds. Later, rest your weary legs in one of the 20 terraced pools overlooking the San Juan River at **THE SPRINGS RESORT** (\$17.25 admission). Black-diamond daredevils might want to plunge into the frigid river before a dip in the Lobster Pot, which heats up to 114 degrees.

Pagosa Baking Company: 970-264-9348. Wolf Creek Ski Area: 970-264-5639; \$47 lift ticket. The Springs Resort: 970-264-4168; hotel guests soak for free.



The Springs Resort

2 | BIG TIME



Hot Springs Lodge

Glenwood Springs

Glide around the NHL-size rink at the **GLENWOOD SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER**, then slip into the world's largest outdoor mineral pool at **HOT SPRINGS LODGE** (\$13 admission). After your dip, cross the Colorado River on a pedestrian bridge for a manly meal of a brie-stuffed portobello mushroom (\$7.25) and thick T-bone steak (\$35) at **JUICY LUCY'S STEAKHOUSE**.

Glenwood Community Center Ice Rink: 970-384-6301; \$5 admission, \$2 skate rentals. Hot Springs Lodge & Pool: 970-945-6571. Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse: 970-945-4619.

3 | BARE ESSENTIALS



The Adobe Inn

Ridgway

Slip on snowshoes and walk the quiet trails at **RIDGWAY STATE PARK** (\$5 admission). Then show off what nature gave you at the clothing-optional **ORVIS HOT SPRINGS** (\$14 admission). Get dressed—but not dressed up—for a dinner of enchiladas suiza with locally grown anasazi beans (\$14.50) at **THE ADOBE INN**.

Ridgway State Park: 970-626-5822. Orvis Hot Springs: 970-626-5324; hotel guests soak for free. The Adobe Inn: 970-626-5939.



Ouray Ice Park

5 | ICE, ICE BABY

Ouray

Learn to ice-climb at **OURAY ICE PARK**. A couple pays \$300 for a four-hour lesson, and the price is well worth it. Defrost in the sulfur-free **OURAY HOT SPRINGS POOL** (\$10 admission). The final treat of the day: a burger topped with stuffed jalapeños (\$6.50) at **GOLDBELT BAR & GRILL**.

San Juan Mountain Guides: 970-325-4925. Ouray Hot Springs Pool: 970-325-7073. Goldbelt Bar & Grill: 970-325-7242.

4 | CHILD'S PLAY

Hot Sulphur Springs

Pretend you're a kid again and sled down the **FRASER TUBING HILL**. Then dine on German dishes like schnitzel (\$16) at **THE LONGBRANCH**, a 26-year-old favorite. You'll have time for a catnap after the heavy food—the **HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS RESORT & SPA** (\$17.50 admission) is open till 10 p.m.

Fraser Tubing Hill, Fraser: 970-726-5954; \$17. The Longbranch, Granby: 970-887-2209. Hot Sulphur Springs: 970-725-3306.



The Longbranch

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