



GATEWAY TO SKI COUNTRY

MONARCH

Six lifts will whisk you up the mountain to access 54 trails ranging from easy greens to double black diamonds.

Monarch Mountain is 126 miles southwest of Colorado Springs. It takes 2 1/2 hours to get there from the Colorado Springs Airport (though budget a bit more time if there is snow on the roads). Monarch Mountain is a local favorite, with abundant natural snow, great terrain and an easy-going, friendly vibe. All runs flow back to a single base lodge, so it's a great choice for groups and families. Enjoy their great food or bring a cooler and store it in the sack lunch room. Parking is free and you can rent equipment and sign up for lessons online or once you arrive.

COOPER

Ski Cooper is one of the oldest ski resorts in Colorado with great affordability and accessibility

Cooper is a relaxed and family friendly place to take a Colorado ski vacation. If you want to skip the crowds, the lines and the high rises, Ski Cooper is the place for you. Ski Cooper is known as The Heart of Skiing in the Heart of the Rockies. The resort is located near Leadville, 147 miles northwest of the Colorado Springs Airport. It will take you just under three hours to get there, assuming normal traffic and dry roads.

SUMMIT COUNTY

Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin are each less than 3 hours from the Colorado Springs Airport

Take a relaxing, rural drive to Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapaho Basin using Highway 24 West to Route 9 over Hoosier Pass. There's no need to deal with traffic on I-25 and I-70 when you fly in to the Colorado Springs Airport.

Breckenridge is 116 miles northwest from the Colorado Springs Airport - the trip takes just under 2.5 hours, assuming usual traffic and dry roads.

Keystone is northeast of Breckenride, 129 miles from the Colorado Springs Airport - the trip takes about 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Arapahoe Basin is past Keystone to the northeast, 134 miles from the Colorado Springs Airport - the trip takes about 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Local's Tip: Be sure to obey all speed limits, especially in Fairplay, Colorado. Also, adjacent to Fairplay is South Park, the town that the animated TV series is based on.