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Southwest Colorado's Mesa Verde Country is a Winter Wander-Land

Cortez, Colo. – [Mesa Verde Country](#) in Southwest Colorado's Four Corners Region is a unique place to be in the wintertime. Surrounded by vibrant mountains and vast desert landscapes, Mesa Verde Country offers many ways to vacation this winter. With a moderate mountain climate, Mesa Verde Country can shower visitors with white fluffy snow one moment and warmer sunny days the next.

"Our winter paradise can sometimes feel more like a winter and summer paradise at the same time," says Mesa Verde Country Tourism Director Brian Bartlett. "So we advise travelers to pack their snow shoes, as well as their hiking boots and mountain bikes this winter."

Mesa Verde Country offers these tips for exploring the area's winter wander-land:

Fat Biking & Mountain Biking

Mesa Verde Country is located within one of the most popular mountain biking regions in the country, and thanks to fat biking and typically moderate weather conditions, you don't have to hang up your love of the sport this winter. In fact, some of the area's 600 miles of trails could be clear of snow when you arrive. Phil's World trail system, for example, is a great option for novice or experienced riders. It boasts 60 miles of trails, as well as spectacular views of the Sleeping Ute and La Plata. Bring your own bike or rent one at [Kokopelli Bike & Board](#) in Cortez. Learn more about fat biking and mountain biking in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

Skiing, Snowshoeing & Snowmobiling

There are two downhill ski areas operating this season near Mesa Verde Country – Telluride and Purgatory. This makes the area a great basecamp for your downhill adventures. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling are also available in the wilderness areas within Mesa Verde Country. Learn more about snow sports in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

Hiking

Because of its temperatures that are warmer than most mountain areas, the hiking trails in Mesa Verde Country – some of the most beautiful in Colorado – are often free of snow after a little sunshine. Plus, some of our hiking trails traverse right by some remarkable archeological sites. Learn more about hiking in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

Golfing

You read that right – golfing is an option in the cold weather months in Mesa Verde Country. From March through November, golfers can tee off at the Conquistador Golf Course, a USGA-sanctioned par 72, 18-hole public course. The course boasts amazing views of Mesa Verde, the La Plata Mountains and Sleeping Ute Mountain. Located at 6,200 feet, your golf ball will soar! Learn more about golfing in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

Refuel for Adventure

Mesa Verde Country's communities of Cortez, Mancos and Dolores have a number of amazing places to eat, snack and drink. Many of the restaurants focus on local foods and regional flavors, allowing you to fully embrace the Mesa Verde Country experience. The brewery, cidery, winery and spirits scene is also on-point, providing lots of options for sharing your Mesa Verde Country experiences with other travelers and locals over a glass of wine, a cold craft beer or a crisp cider. Learn more about where to eat and drink in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

Rest & Relax

After a day of winter adventuring in Mesa Verde Country, you will be ready to get a good night's rest. The area has many lodging options, ranging from affordable and clean to unique and quirky. Whatever your lodging preferences are, Mesa Verde Country can accommodate you. Learn more about the lodging options in Mesa Verde Country [here](#).

For more information on planning a trip to Mesa Verde Country, call 970-565-8227 or visit www.mesaverdecountry.com.

About Mesa Verde Country (www.mesaverdecountry.com)

Mesa Verde Country is in southwest Colorado near the entrance to Mesa Verde National Park. Named the "Number One Historic Monument in the World" by *Conde Nast Traveler* and one of the "50 Places of a Lifetime-The World's Greatest Destinations" by *National Geographic*, the park is one of the nation's first World Heritage sites and the largest archaeological preserve in the country. In addition, Mesa Verde Country is loaded with other archaeological attractions, including: Hovenweep National Monument, Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center & Museum, Ute Mountain Tribal Park, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, and the Cortez Cultural Center. Mountain biking enthusiasts have recognized Mesa Verde Country as one of the next great mountain biking destinations. The towns of Cortez, Dolores and Mancos provide accommodations, dining, outdoor fun and visitor services. Two national byways pass through Mesa Verde Country. Additionally, Mesa Verde Country has two podcasts that offer an introduction to Southwest Colorado and all its wonders. Download the Ancient Voices Podcast here: <https://mesaverdecountry.com/blog/podcasts/ancient-voices-podcast/> or listen to the Mesa Verde Voices Podcast here: <https://mesaverdecountry.com/blog/podcasts/mesa-verde-voices-podcast/>.

Tips for Responsible Travel to Mesa Verde Country

Just as traveling to Mesa Verde Country will leave a positive impact on you, there are many ways you can leave a positive impact on the places you visit. Please do this by: limiting your water usage, practicing fire safety, leaving archaeological artifacts where you find them, [leaving no trace](#) by disposing of waste properly and being considerate of wildlife, and finally being respectful of the local people and cultures you encounter. To learn more about responsible travel tips, click [here](#).

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