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Estes Park Free Shuttles to begin daily service June 27



The Town of Estes Park Shuttle Committee
with the newest trolley, serving the Silver Route in 2015.

On Saturday, June 27 the Town of Estes Park's Free Shuttles will launch a tenth season of service, offering visitors and residents convenient, environmentally responsible transportation. Shuttles transport riders to 63 stops throughout Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. Operating daily from June 27 through September 13, shuttles make it convenient for residents and guests to leave their vehicles at a lodging facility, park-n-ride lot, or at home, and travel around town during the busy summer season.

The 2015 shuttle system offers six new stops, an additional ADA accessible trolley to the Silver Route, and a larger capacity, clean diesel technology bus with ADA accessibility to the Brown Route. The shuttles continue to feature real-time tracking. Passengers will be able to determine actual arrival times by visiting the Town's website at www.estes.org/shuttles and entering a five digit "stop code" for their location.

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The Estes Park Free Shuttle system consists of five routes, all of which bring riders to the core downtown area. The Silver Route services the Park-n-Ride at the Fairgrounds at Stanley Park. The Blue Route services Big Thompson Avenue (U.S. 34 east of downtown) and three stops along Dry Gulch Road. The Red Route services Fall River Road (U.S. 34 west of downtown), the Brown Route services campgrounds and other establishments in outlying areas to the south and west of town and the Gold Route serves the Elkhorn Avenue downtown with the Town trolley, the Elkhorn Express.

Beginning June 27, the Silver Route Trolley (new for 2015) leaves the Stonebridge Apartments on Graves Avenue for the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride and then to the Estes Park Visitor Center every 30 minutes beginning at 8:45 a.m. and ending at 9:44 p.m. From the Visitor Center riders can enjoy a short walk into downtown or connect with other shuttles and the Elkhorn Express trolley. Convenient for motorists on U.S. 36 and residents who work downtown, the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride is located at 1209 Manford Avenue and has more than 400 paved parking spaces and a bus shelter. The Silver Route makes additional stops at the Estes Park Conference Center, Graves Avenue, Solitude Cabins, the Estes Park Senior Center and Estes Park Museum and new stops at the Estes Park Medical Center and the Estes Park Event Center.

When necessary during special events, overflow parking and extended shuttle service is available at the Estes Park Middle School/High School parking lot, 1500 Manford Ave. This additional parking is just two blocks from the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride. Signs will be posted at the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride when the overflow parking with shuttle service is activated at the Middle School.

Starting June 27, the Blue Route shuttle leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center every half-hour, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 9:59 p.m. The Blue Route shuttle travels east down U.S. 34/Big Thompson Avenue with stops at First Inn, Best Western Plus Silver Saddle, Grumpy Gringo, Comfort Inn (new), Lake Estes Marina, west of Olympus Lodge, Estes Park KOA, Good Samaritan Estes Park Village, Talons Point Apartments, Salud Family Health Center, Crossroads Ministry, Rodeway Inn, Lake Front Street at Ranch Meadows, and Lower Stanley Village.

The Red Route shuttle leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center every half hour, starting at 9 a.m. and finishing at 9:59 p.m. The Red Route shuttle travels west along Wonderview and Fall River Road with stops at The Stanley Hotel, Timber Creek Chalets, McGregor Mountain Lodge, Fall River Visitor Center, Estes Park Condos, Aspen Winds on Fall River, Boulder Brook on Fall River, Stonebrook Resort, and Nicky's Motor Lodge.

The Brown Route shuttle leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center every hour, initiating at 8 a.m. and concluding 9:59 p.m. The Brown Route shuttle travels southwest with stops at Saddle and Surrey Motel (new), the intersection at Prospect Estates Drive and Peakview Drive (new), Mary's Lake Campground, National Park Village, Alpine Trail Ridge Inn, Elk Meadow Lodge and RV Park, the intersection at Hwy 66 and Eagle Cliff Road (new), Dunraven Inn, Estes Park Campground, Hempel Auditorium - Estes Park Center YMCA of the Rockies, Glacier Lodge, Rockmount Cottages, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, National Park Village, Mountain Shadows Resort, Riverside Drive at Prospect Park Drive east of Worldmark, Piccadilly Square, and Barlow Plaza.

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The Gold Route – Elkhorn Express trolley leaves the Estes Park Visitor Center on a continuous loop beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 9:59 p.m. The Gold Route travels west into downtown with stops at Bond Park/Town Hall, Local's Grill, The Ore Cart Rock Shop, Tregent Park, West Park Center, and Maxwell Inn before turning around and stopping at the Elkhorn Lodge, Mrs. Walsh's Garden, The Grubsteak Restaurant, The Trading Post, and Barlow Plaza.

A map of the shuttle routes and the full schedule is available at www.estes.org/shuttles. For more information about Estes Park's shuttle routes, please contact Estes Park Visitor Services at 970-577-9900.

Also in 2015, the Rocky Mountain National Park Hiker Shuttle will depart from the Estes Park Visitor Center traveling to the Beaver Meadows Visitor Center and into the national park, stopping at the Bear Lake Park-and-Ride. For operating days and time for the RMNP Hiker Shuttle please contact 970-586-1206 or visit www.nps.gov/romo.

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