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What's Happening in Durango, Colorado

Durango, Colo. (**January 22, 2025**)— [Durango](#), the gem of Southwest Colorado, sits in the Animas River Valley, surrounded by the rugged San Juan Mountains. The authentically Old West mountain town touts the iconic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, a stop on the Historic Colorado Hot Springs Loop, more than 480 km of in-town hiking and biking trails, white-water rapids of the Animas River, and UNESCO World Heritage Site - Mesa Verde National Park.

Durango Mesa Park

The Durango Mesa Park features 1,900-acres of open space located less than 1.5 km from Durango's historic Main Ave. Upon completion, the park is expected to be the largest mountain bike trail system in the US! The first phase of the park (2023) added 12 km of connecting trails to the already existing 92km trail system, plus a downhill bike park. The next phase is currently in process and will include a "Cycling Stadium," BMX track, strider areas, world-cup-level XC course, and a cyclocross course. The park is an exciting contribution to Durango's long-standing reputation as an international cycling destination for Olympians and amateurs alike.

EsoTerra Ciderworks will open their latest venture, The Arboretum, in March 2025.

Located outside Durango, Colorado, at 6,830' in elevation, The Arboretum is set to be America's highest estate winery. The sprawling 73-acre Southwest estate touts over 40 grape varietals grown on-site, exclusive vineyard tours, and hands-on wine/cider-making experiences.

The Durango Hot Springs Resort & Spa Expansion

The Durango Hot Springs Resort and Spa continues to expand. The resort touts 40 water features, including 32 hot springs mineral pools, 5 wooden Ofuro tubs, two cold plunge pools, a water tower, and a 25-meter swimming pool in the newly renovated resort. In 2024, the resort opened the Trimble Club, where guests can upgrade their experience to a private soak, poolside service, and private shower and locker area.

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Now Completely Steam-Powered!

In 2024, the iconic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, the star of many classic Western films and a scenic excursion through the San Juan Mountains, officially converted all its coal-burning engines to environmentally friendly steam-powered ones. The trains' 1800s history and old-west charm continue, only the emissions have been modernized.

Purgatory Resort's 35,000 acres of Backcountry

Durango's Purgatory Resort touts more than 35,000 acres of skiable backcountry, which can be accessed via Purgatory Snowcat Adventures. The snowcat operation can accommodate 12 guests per snowcat and takes the group on an exclusive guided adventure featuring fresh powder in Colorado's largest backcountry acreage.