

Feature

EnCompass Magazine

Great Weekend Getaways

Summer in Colorado seems to offer

something for everyone: Ghost towns to busy modern cities, serene wildflower viewing to heart-pounding rafting or kayaking, evocative prairie vistas to Western Slope mesas, chugging

steam locomotives to Native American ruins, foot-tapping music festivals to laid-back farmers' markets.

Mountain Magic

By Christine Loomis

Farmers' markets

Pick almost any day of the week and there's a farmers' market somewhere in the Colorado mountains. Farmers and fresh produce are still at the heart of the markets, but you'll find a lot more, too. Vail's market, Sundays on Meadow Drive, offers everything from gourmet food to chair massages to pony rides. Start with treats from **Vail Gourmet Cookie Company**—strictly for sustenance, of course. Many vendors—jewelers, artists, bakers—have stores along Meadow Drive, so if you don't see what you want outside, check inside. Or just sit in the shaded stand where folks read the paper and watch the colorful market all around.



Trail between Lake Isabelle and Long Lake. ©Eric Lindberg