

180 ACTIVITIES

ON THE INSIDE

*Bol's sleek lanes and energetic
vibe make it a fun spot for a little
indoor action.*

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH AN INDOOR ACTIVITY

By Laura Lieff

While Eagle County locals and visitors love the winter, the days that are too cold or dark to play outside require some creativity and adventure — indoors. And even if the day was gorgeous, and many hours were spent outside, these options are helpful for anyone looking for an indoor thrill to escape the outdoor chill. Here are five fun activities that are both adult- and kid-friendly for the winter season.

DECA + BOL

Located in Solaris, Deca + Bol seamlessly meshes city vibes with mountain living. While Deca, the restaurant, offers an American fusion menu with global flavors, in the back is Bol, an upscale bowling alley commanding ten custom lanes and spacious seating areas.

“It’s a nice, intimate atmosphere there in our lanes, while you’re being served by our staff,” says Josh Addelson, general manager.

The lanes are booked for 90-minute sessions, and they add in a little time buffer so nobody feels rushed. While bowling is, of course, the main event at Bol, don’t sleep on the creative cocktails and cuisine available from Deca. Think tuna poke, NY strip and halibut, in addition to more finger-friendly items such as charcuterie boards, chicken wings and short rib sliders.

Early in the evening, Bol is busy with families, as it’s a fun dinnertime experience that doesn’t require sitting still.

“As you get later on in the night, the energy ramps up, and you get more into that evening crowd,” says Addelson.

Whether it’s a foursome out for kicks, or a larger group celebrating a wedding, Bol provides a great activity with the comfort of warmth and good service.

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Tuna poke, charcuterie boards and cocktails like the Mad Beets take the concept of bowling food to a new level.



Old-school video game favorites are on offer at Rabbit Hole, part of the Chasing Rabbits labyrinth.

CHASING RABBITS

Featuring several different rooms – The Restaurant, The Library, Rabbit Hole and Moon Rabbit – Chasing Rabbits is an immersive, sensory-driven adventure that is different from anywhere else in the Vail Valley. Guests will notice the prevalent *Alice in Wonderland* themes that “lure in” those who are curious and encourage the adventurous ones to “follow me.”

While The Restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine with Colorado flare, The Library is a quieter spot with an assortment of books to choose from, rabbit-shaped chairs to sit on, and a menu of cocktails to indulge in – all with a lounge feel. Moon Rabbit is the event space that feels like a speakeasy because of the ever-changing password at the door and array of cocktail options inspired by ancient mythology and modern mixology. And finally, there’s Rabbit Hole. Designed for children — and

your own inner child — Rabbit Hole is a reimagined arcade that provides access to old-school games like Pong, Skee-Ball and Pac-Man, as well as elevated snacks and drinks. Purchase a game card that can be used for all the games and the photo booth, and duke it out with friends, shooting mini-hoops or embarking on a new phase of Twister. As the night continues, and the kids have gone to bed, Rabbit Hole showcases weekly DJ sets, comedy shows, jazz nights and other types of music events and movie screenings.

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Wood & Steel Axe Company

There's a lot of fun to be had with an axe and a piece of wood. Founded in 2019 and located in Cascade Village, Wood & Steel Axe Company came to fruition ten years after co-founders Tony Herrera and Tim Byram began participating in the Man of the Cliff annual lumberjack competition. Following several family camping trips and afternoon barbecues with makeshift axe targets, Wood & Steel Axe Company was born and has since become Eagle County's premier indoor and mobile axe-throwing entertainment business.

Designed for adult events large and small — think friends looking for a little action, team-building retreats or birthday parties — Wood & Steel is a versatile activity. "We like doing fun things and our goal at Wood & Steel is allowing people to engage in these activities in any location, in any weather, and always together with friends and family," says Herrera.

When guests come into the Cascade Village location, they meet with a coach who gives them basic advice and tips, and then evaluates their first few throws. The key, Herrera says, isn't power but finesse.

In addition to a 10-seat bar with adult beverages and four axe bays with eight targets, Wood & Steel also offers cornhole, foosball, giant Jenga and other board games.

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*Hoops and Skee-Ball
bring a touch of the
midway to Rabbit Hole.*

Vail Country Club

Located in Avon's Chapel Square Shopping Center, Vail Country Club (VCC) is a golf simulation sports bar owned by Kenny Thayer — a PGA Teaching Professional who has been in the golf business for over 25 years. Thayer opened VCC in an effort to create a place where golfers could enjoy their favorite sport after the courses close for the season.

"At Vail Country Club, you don't have to worry about the weather, how busy it is, or the added pressure of being watched while hitting balls on the range," says Thayer.

In addition to two simulators with selections for everyone from kids to serious golfers, VCC has a full bar, eight televisions, and an option to bring in food from three neighborhood restaurants. Thayer also teaches lessons, offers TrackMan technology and welcomes children.

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EAGLE CLIMBING + FITNESS

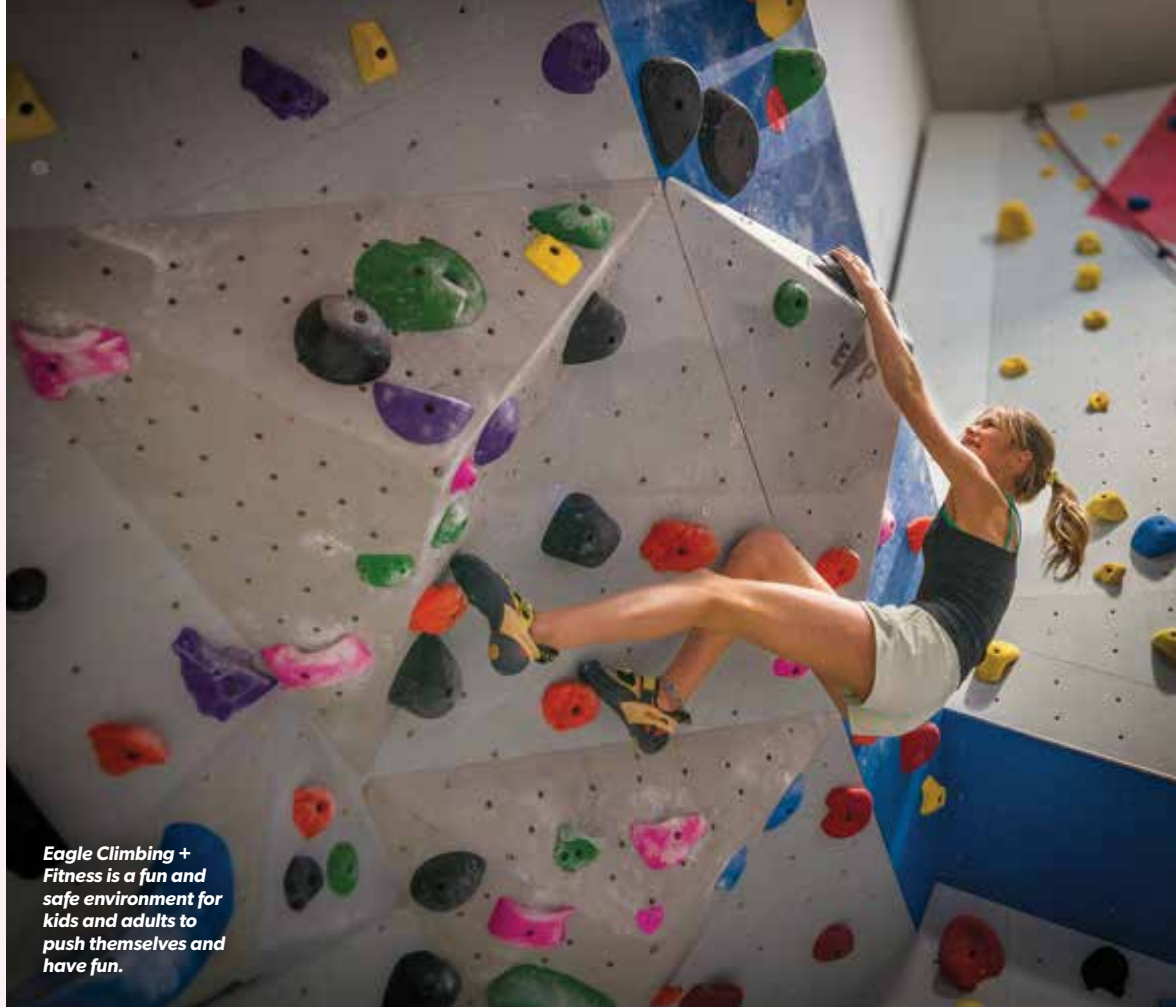
An indoor climbing facility offering top-rope, lead climbing and bouldering, Eagle Climbing + Fitness has a variety of choices for adults and kids of all abilities. Owned and operated by Courtney and Larry Moore since its inception in 2018, the facility also houses a fitness center and yoga studio with training options and classes for all athletes, climbers and non-climbers.

“We have a plethora of climbing classes and programs for everyone,” says Courtney. “We also offer yoga classes which are included with any day pass, punch card or membership.” Additionally, Eagle Climbing’s spacious design lends itself to climbing competitions and special events which, like the private teaching area, is designed for lessons, team practices, youth programs and birthday parties.

Special events taking place this winter include School’s Out Climbing Camps (during school breaks), Parents that Rock classes for parents with infants and toddlers (offered twice a month), the Adult Bouldering League, Youth Competitions with USA Climbing and the American Scholastic Climbing League and AcroYoga Workshops.

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With a variety of options from Vail Village to Eagle, spending time indoors during the winter season can be just as exciting as spending time outside. Challenge your friends and family to bowling and arcade games, enjoy a wide array of live music and cuisine, find out if axe-throwing is your unique skill, learn how to golf or elevate your existing game, and defy new heights on an indoor climbing wall. Welcome to the indoor side of the Vail Valley. **vvm**



Eagle Climbing + Fitness is a fun and safe environment for kids and adults to push themselves and have fun.



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