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# Top 5 Hikes in Glenwood Springs, Colorado

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Glenwood Springs is a combination mountain and tourist town about 3 hours from Denver. The area is known for its hot springs, Strawberry Festival and general tourist town souvenirs. You can, however, skip where the tourists conglomerate, and head to the hills – literally.

Glenwood Springs has a number of great hikes that take you to lakes in the sky or a creek with no name. You'll love the views, and you can then have a real excuse to jump into hot springs pool at the historic Hotel Colorado.

## Hanging Lake

This is perhaps the most famous trail in Glenwood Springs and for good reason. You rise about 1,000 feet in elevation on a 2 mile roundtrip trail. This trail isn't for the faint of heart since it's almost completely uphill.

The views, however, are definitely worth a few sore muscles. You are rewarded with the falls at Hanging Lake and the lake itself. Plus, you can head to nearby Spouting Rock, which features a waterfall that comes right out of the cliff. Watch for the signs for Hanging Lake trail off of I-70.

## No Name Trail

No Name Trail is a mildly strenuous 6.2 mile trail. The rise in elevation is 4,000 feet so you must be physically fit to take on this trail. The trail is located off of the No Name exit on

I-70.

On this trail, you'll get sweeping views of the surrounding valley. You'll also cross the namesake of the trail: No Name Creek. You cross the trail several times as you navigate through the many switchbacks on the trail.



## Glenwood Canyon Recreational Trail

If you are looking for a long, multi-day trail, then check out the 16-mile Glenwood Canyon Recreational Trail. You'll definitely feel a real sense of accomplishment when you finish this trail. What you won't feel, however, is that you watched cross-country in high heels. The trail is very easygoing, but you'll love the close up views of the signature attraction in Glenwood Springs.

There are restrooms, picnic areas and drinking water all along the trail. The trail is located off of I-70.

## Storm King Memorial Trail

The Storm King Memorial Trail takes you on a walk through firefighting history. In this area, firefighters lost their lives trying to fight a wildfire in 1994. Take a walk in their footsteps and experience the difficulty of combating a fire in these rugged conditions.

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View remnants of the fire, and read the signs that memorialize the lives of these firefighters. The trip is about 4 miles long, and it is located on exit 109 off of I-70.

**Doc Holliday Hike**

If you are a history buff, then you can't miss the hike to Doc Holliday's grave. The famous gunfighter came to Glenwood Springs in the hopes that it would cure his tuberculosis. Unfortunately, the vapors and mineral water didn't cure his TB, and Doc Holliday died at the Hotel Glenwood in 1887.

You can view both Doc's and Kid Curry's (Harvey Logan) grave in the Linwood Cemetery. The trail is about 1 mile roundtrip, and it is an easy walk.

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