The hike to Hanging Lake is a short, steep scenic trail that climbs 1.2 miles (1.93 km) through Dead-horse Creek Canyon with over 1,000 feet (305 m) of elevation gain to Hanging Lake. It is important that hikers are prepared for elevation, strenuous climbs and uneven trail conditions. Appropriate footwear and clothing is recommended. Trekking poles are very helpful for the hike down. Weather conditions can change rapidly in the canyon without warning. It takes the average person 3-4 hours to hike to the lake and experience the area.

BE PREPARED

- There is no restroom at the lake. Use facilities at the trailhead before hiking.
- Observe all rules and regulations.
- Wear sturdy footwear, not flip flops.
- Bring plenty of water.
- Be advised that there is no cell service available.
- Near the top, the trail becomes steep and rocky and more difficult to maneuver.
- Please stay on trail and do not cut switchbacks.
- Standing on the log, swimming and fishing in the lake are prohibited.
- Dogs and/or other pets are NOT allowed on the Hanging Lake trail or at the Hanging Lake Welcome Center. Please look for dog boarding options at visitglenwood.com/hanginglake.
- In accordance with FAA safety and Forest Service guidelines, drones should not be flown in the Hanging Lake area.

ONGOING PROTECTION OF HANGING LAKE IS PROVIDED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

The Hanging Lake Shuttle Service is provided by H2O Ventures.

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Hanging Lake is a Colorado treasure and a rare example of a travertine geological formation located in the heart of Glenwood Canyon in the White River National Forest. The Hanging Lake permit and shuttle system is in place to protect the fragile ecosystem and provide visitors with high-quality experiences through education and interpretation at the Hanging Lake Welcome Center and along the trail.

Permits are required year-round and can be reserved at visitglenwood.com/hanginglake.

**Peak Season (May 1 – October 31):** Visit Hanging Lake by shuttle, hiking or biking. During peak season, personal vehicles are not allowed to park at the trailhead.

**Off-Peak Season (November 1 – April 30):** Visit Hanging Lake by personal vehicle, hiking or biking. During this time, parking a personal vehicle is allowed at the trailhead. A permit is still required for all visitors.

If you see a Ranger, say hello! Rangers will be patrolling the trail and parking area to provide visitor services, information and to check for permits.

### GETTING TO HANGING LAKE

The shuttle will operate daily in the peak season between 6:45 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Times may vary during the season based on weather and capacity. Park personal vehicles and board the shuttle at the Hanging Lake Welcome Center, located at 110 Wulfsohn Road, Glenwood Springs.

**Personal vehicles are not allowed to park at the trailhead during peak season, May 1 – October 31.**

### COSTS

The price for the reservation is $12 and is available online at visitglenwood.com/hanginglake. Reservation fees pay for the reservation service, shuttle operations, visitor information, conservation and interpretation services during your visit.

During November 1–April 30 reservations cost $10 per person and will be available for purchase online.

For more information about groups of 20 or more please call the Hanging Lake information line at 970-384-6309.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED AT THE HANGING LAKE WELCOME CENTER?

At the Welcome Center you’ll find a convenient location with free parking, restrooms, retail merchandise, assistance with trip planning, helpful staff, information about Glenwood Springs and information about Hanging Lake and the White River National Forest.