

# ROCKY RIDGE

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## Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday, December 13, 2025

National Wreaths Across America Day is the culmination of a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This mission is in part carried out each December with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of those who have served our country. The observance is designated annually on a Saturday in December by Congress.

By coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 3,100 other participating locations around the country, Wreaths Across America strives to remember our fallen heroes. The day honors those who serve. And it teaches our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Remember. Honor. Teach.

### HOW TO OBSERVE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

All across the country, volunteers come together to lay wreaths on the grave sites of the military. You can help by volunteering, too. Bring your children, no matter their age. It's an excellent opportunity to teach them about the sacrifices our military and their families make and show respect for our military. You can also donate to make sure every fallen hero is honored. Many volunteers start by laying wreaths for their family members but find they continue to help each year. The meaning of a somber commitment of honoring service members with a wreath grows every year.

– [www.wreathsassamerica.org/](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/)

*Snow falling in the middle of a December night will always fill my heart with sweet clarity.*

–Novala Takemoto



## Fun Around Town

### TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Trail of Lights at Chatfield Farms takes you along a winding path glistening with lights that illuminate the Colorado countryside. Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, box elders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is also the option of a shorter path for those who want to take a shorter stroll. In line with the core value of sustainability, all lights used in the event are LED.

### HUDSON HOLIDAYS

Nov. 28, 2025–Jan. 4, 2026,

Hudson Gardens & Events Center

You'll be enchanted by towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Purchase a delicious cup of hot cocoa or adult beverage before stopping by for a perfect free family photo opportunity with Santa.

### MILE HIGH DRONE SHOWS

Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Downtown

For 41 magical nights, 600 drones will soar into the sky, creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across the city every night at 7 p.m. for free. From Santa and his reindeer to iconic Denver landmarks like the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity and Denver Union Station, each night will bring a new visual experience to life.

### THE MILE HIGH TREE

Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Tivoli Quad on Auraria Campus

Join in the free festivities at the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show. You can experience two of Denver's most popular holiday attractions in one place: America's tallest digital tree and the Denver Christkindlmarket, the city's only authentic German holiday market.

### BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT

Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens

Consistently lauded as one of the top holiday light shows in the nation, Blossoms of Light is a spectacular celebration that illuminates Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location. Wander a mile-long path through immersive, luminous displays that accentuate and highlight our plant collections. A cherished holiday tradition for nearly four decades, Blossoms of Light is constantly evolving to inspire wonder and delight in even the most seasoned visitors.

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### CHERRY CREEK NORTH WINTER WANDERLAND

Nov. 20–Dec. 24, 2025, Cherry Creek North

Enjoy a collection of free holiday offerings and festivities throughout the neighborhood! Festivities include a dazzling display of nearly one million twinkling lights on more than 600 trees spread throughout the walkable neighborhood and Giving Machines—vending machines that don't dispense snacks or drinks, but instead offer the chance to make a positive impact! Enjoy Small Business Weekend (Nov. 29–Dec. 1), Saturday Night Lights with complimentary holiday treats and festive entertainment (Dec. 6, 13 & 20), a Chanukah celebration (Dec. 14) and the Cherry Creek Holiday Market (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), where you can browse gifts from more than 40 local makers, designers and creators. After a long day of shopping, warm up inside the all-new Mistletoe Lounge (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), a new pop-up Christmas bar offering a festive drink menu and comfy seating in a setting that's best described as the inside of a "real-life snow globe."

### CHRISTMAS IN COLOR

Nov. 13–Dec. 30, 2025,

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater, Water World, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

At three locations, drive through millions of lights perfectly synchronized to holiday music that you'll hear right through your radio. You'll see giant candy canes, snowmen, arched pathways and more.

## Annual Festival of Wreaths!

The Aurora Museum Foundation is proud to present the 26th Annual Festival of Wreaths!

### What is the Festival of Wreaths?

The Festival of Wreaths is an annual fundraiser organized by the Aurora Museum Foundation and Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites.

Beginning on November 4, festive wreaths created by members of the community will be displayed in the AHM Community Gallery.

Support the museum by visiting, voting for your favorite wreath, and bidding on wreaths in-person or online.

Silent bidding will take place on Zeffy. All proceeds from the online auction support exhibits and educational programs.

### When and where can I see the wreaths?

RIGHT NOW! Wreaths are on display in the museum's Community Gallery between November 4 and December 5. The museum is open Tues. - Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sat. & Sun. 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and we are located at 15051 E Alameda Parkway.

### What Do Donations Fund?

This year's proceeds will go towards exhibits and educational programs at the museum with a focus on increasing internships.

—<https://www.auroragov.org/>

## Advertise in this Newsletter!

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## Holiday Decorations And Pets

- **Christmas trees and holiday greens:** Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.
- **Water base:** The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- **Christmas lights and tinsel:** Position your tree's lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- **Candles:** Don't leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.
- **Firestarter logs:** Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- **Plants:** A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

—<https://www.humanesociety.org>

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## Visit The Village 2025

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center**

Save the date for Arapahoe County's fourth annual holiday event, held indoors at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. This family-friendly event includes holiday shopping with local vendors, games, make and take crafts and more.

Tickets available now! Visit the Village Tickets:

- \$10 in advance; \$12 day-of
- Children 2 years old and younger are free
- One free admission per household when you donate a new, unwrapped gift. Your generous donation will support Arapahoe County Human Services' Partnering for the Holidays gift-giving program.

–<https://www.arapahoecountyeventcenter.com/p/signature-events/visit-the-village>

*I find that it's the simple things that remind you of family around the holidays.*

–Amy Adams

*December is a month of invitation to forget ourselves in the service of others.*

–Robert Louis Stevenson

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## Waiting for Spring To Make Your Move?

The conventional wisdom that you must wait for spring is outdated. While spring has the highest volume, December offers a crucial set of advantages that can lead to a quicker, smoother, and more profitable sale for your home..

**Inventory drops significantly** in the winter months **Less competition** means your home can be in the spotlight for longer

Buyers house hunting in the winter are more **serious, calculated,** and tend to be **highly motivated** to make a deal.

### Gift Yourself By Taking Advantage of This Winter

### Leveraging Equity for the Next Home in 2026



- The Power of Cash
- Lower Mortgage
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