



THE LOCALS' LIST

WHAT IS IT?

The Locals' List is a curated list of Grand Valley locals' favorite places and things to do.

BECOME A LOCAL.

Check off 10 or more items on this list and we'll brand you a bona fide local. Don't forget to take a photo of your experience and post it on social media with the hashtag [#GJEPWelcomeWagon](#) – remember: *if it isn't on social, it didn't really happen.*

Arts & Entertainment

- Check out [Art on the Corner](#) with a walk through downtown Grand Junction
- Visit the Avalon Theatre
 - [Dinner & a Movie](#)
 - Take in [a show](#)
- Watch mutton busting, bull riding and more at [the Rimrock Rodeo](#)
- Enjoy an open-air concert
 - [Las Colonias Amphitheater](#)
 - [One Riverfront Concert Series](#)
 - [Thursday Night Concert Series](#) in Fruita
- Take in live music at a local venue
 - [Mesa Theater](#)
 - [The Radio Room](#) at KAFM

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- [Warehouse 2565](#)
- Visit a pumpkin patch
 - [Moon Farm](#) – or spend the night and visit the doll house if you dare...
 - [Studt's Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze](#)

Festivals & Events

- [Downtown GJ Restaurant Week](#) – GJ - April 9-18
- Country Jam – Loma | June 17-20
- [Colorado Lavender Festival](#) – Palisade | June 25-27
- [Mike the Headless Chicken Festival](#) – Fruita | August 27-28
- [Peach Festival](#) – Palisade | August TBD
- [Fruita Fall Fest](#) – Fruita | September 24-25
- Pork & Hops – Grand Junction | TBD
- Grand Junction Parade of Homes (Fall TBD)
- Dog Days at the Pool
 - Fruita Community Center Dog Daze (Fall TBD)
 - Lincoln Park – Moyer Pool (Fall TBD)
- [Colorado Mountain Winefest](#) – Palisade | September 18-19
 - Bike and drink on the [Tour de Vineyards](#)
- Parade of Lights – Grand Junction | December TBD
- Christmas Tree Lighting (December TBD)
 - Fruita
 - Grand Junction
 - Palisade
- [Cookies n' Claus](#) – Fruita | December 15

Food & Drink

- Eat a genuine Palisade peach – in Palisade
- Go wine tasting
- Enjoy a local brewery
- Try local fare
 - [Enstrom's](#) locally made toffee and chocolates
 - [Graff Dairy](#) for ice cream
 - [The Hot Tomato](#) for fresh pies – the pizza kind
 - Renowned chef Josh Niernberg's restaurants (Bin707 foodbar, Taco Party)
- Visit a Farmer's Market
 - [The Market on Main](#) (Grand Junction) – Thursday Nights
June 24-September 9
 - [Fruita](#) – Saturday Mornings June 19-October 30
 - [Palisade](#) – Sunday Mornings June 6-October 10
- Try something local at [Food Truck Fridays](#)

Museums

- [Museum of the West](#)
- [Dinosaur Journey](#)
- [Eureka! McConnell Science Museum](#)

Outdoor Recreation

- Go for a bike ride
 - 18Road
 - Colorado National Monument
 - Kokopelli
 - Lunch Loops
 - Palisade Plunge (coming this summer!)

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- Ribbon Trail
- Climb Independence Monument
- Ski or snowboard [Powderhorn](#)
- Take the winding road to [Land's End Observatory](#) (ride or drive, hike when you're there)
- Hike at any speed
 - Up, up, up Mount Garfield
 - A "leisurely" 14.5-mile hike in-out to Rattlesnake Arches
 - Micah Mines
 - Liberty Cap
 - Serpent Trail
- Bike, hike or run the Riverfront Trail
- Explore our local National Conservation Areas
 - McInnis Canyons
 - Dominguez-Escalante
 - Gunnison Gorge
- Float a river
 - Do an overnight river trip on Ruby-Horsethief
 - Take the Colorado from Loma to Westwater
- Go fishing at Connected Lakes
- Get in the water
 - Highline Lake
 - Riverfront at Las Colonias water park
 - Fruita Community Center
 - Lincoln Park - Moyer Pool
- Target practice at the [Cameo Shooting Range](#)

Spectator Sports

- Experience [JUCO](#) (Junior College Baseball World Series)
- Attend a [Grand Junction Rockies game](#)
- Take in any of the many [CMU Athletics events](#)

Scenic Drives & Day Trips

- Take Rimrock Drive over the Colorado National Monument
- Drive up the Grand Mesa to see the fall colors
- Head to Gunnison National Park and the Black Canyon (great for hiking and campouts too)
- Head two hours south to explore Ridgway, Ouray, Telluride and traverse the San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway

WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

A LOT! There's a never-ending list of things to do in the Grand Valley – and around the Western Slope. Ask a local, check out [Visit Grand Junction](#) and simply get out and explore. Don't forget to let us know about your adventures with a post on social media using hashtag [#GJEPWelcomeWagon](#) – remember: *if it isn't on social, it didn't really happen.*