



# 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.*

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

Other than the obvious – amazing experiences, beautiful sights, losing the “newbie” tag – any newbie who completes 10 or more items on the list and posts it to social (because...refer to above) will be entered to win some pretty fantastic prizes!

## 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](#)

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- [Thursday Night Concert Series](#) in Fruita
- Take in live music at a local venue
  - [Mesa Theater](#)
  - [The Radio Room](#) at KAFM
  - [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 1-10
- Country Jam – Loma | June 23-25
- [Colorado Lavender Festival](#) – Palisade | June 24-26
- [Mike the Headless Chicken Festival](#) – Fruita | June 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>
- [Peach Festival](#) – Palisade | August 12
- [Fruita Fall Fest](#) – Fruita | September 23-24
- 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 17th
  - Bike and drink on the [Tour de Vineyards](#) | September 17th
- Parade of Lights – Grand Junction | December 3rd
- Christmas Tree Lighting | November 19th
  - Fruita
  - Grand Junction
  - Palisade
- [Cookies n' Claus](#) – Fruita | December 14th

## 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 23-September 8
  - [Fruita](#) – Saturday Mornings June 11-October 29
  - [Palisade](#) – Sunday Mornings June 5-October 9
- 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

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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

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### 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.*