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## **Rocky Remains Open All Year Long**

Just because Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park closed for the season Friday, Nov. 4, doesn't mean the park is closed. In fact, the national park is open every day of the year and there are other routes inside the park boundaries that remain open for public enjoyment.

A favorite late autumn route in Rocky Mountain National Park loops from U.S. Hwy. 34-Fall River Road to U.S. 36. Passing through an area known as Horseshoe Park on U.S. Hwy 34 drivers can stop at a number of locations, including Sheep Lakes, to view wildlife and spectacular scenery. At the Deer Ridge Junction, head east toward the Beaver Meadows Entrance Station and the National Park Headquarters Visitors Center.

If something more active is what you had in mind, hiking during this time of year provides peaceful experiences and wildlife chatter that often pierces the silence on the trails. For a more strenuous hike, try the Deer Mountain trail, a three-mile hike providing sensation views of mountain vistas from its broad summit at 10,013 feet.

An easier hiking route with beautiful views along the way is the 1.2 mile-long trek to Bierstadt Lake from its trailhead just southwest of the Glacier Basin parking lot.

After all that activity, when it's time to replenish the body, there are dining options for every palate in Estes Park. Italian, Mexican, Oriental and California cuisine are just a few of the samplings found here. From that grab-it-quick bite, to a five-course luxurious dinner you'll find a culinary delight to meet your desires. It's always a good idea to see if the restaurant you have in mind recommends reservations.

For more ideas of what to do and where to go when coming to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, call the Estes Park Visitors Center at 970-577-9900 or visit [www.EstesParkCVB.com](http://www.EstesParkCVB.com).

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