

DUNTON HOT SPRINGS



COLORADO

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

"For the adventurous, Dunton offers more wilderness than can be explored in a lifetime."

Meet our Activities Coordinators (BoJo & O'Mally)

A self-proclaimed "adrenaline junkie from birth," our Activities Coordinator, BoJo Post, was born and raised in Doon, Iowa. She started her career as an avid drive-way roller skater, back-yard gymnast, and exquisite trampoline artist. In her youth, she was able to run flawlessly across an alfalfa field on a pair of stilts! In high-school, BoJo took a short hiatus from her early "extreme" passions by pursuing pageantry. She progressed from "Miss Doon" to "Miss Lyon County," on to "Miss Iowa State Fair Queen," which eventually led to her being crowned "Miss Congeniality" in the Miss Iowa USA Pageant. Not surprisingly, her love of cleats won out over heels, and with a fling of the tiara, her pageant career was over.

While attending college at The University of Northern Iowa, BoJo completed the RAGBRAI (Registered Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) two years in a row. After graduating with a degree in Speech Pathology and a National Certification in Sign Language Interpreting, she moved to Phoenix, AZ to pursue Ultimate Frisbee, Twenty-four and Twelve hour bike racing, rock climbing, and, of course, Sign Language Interpreting so that she could support her addiction to extreme sports.

In 1999, BoJo moved to Dolores, CO, and met Heidi Zimmer, a Deaf woman and avid mountaineer diagnosed with Usher's Syndrome, who challenged herself to complete the "Seven Summits" by climbing the highest mountain on each of the seven continents. She became Heidi's interpreter during training, and learned not to let anything stand in her way. Heidi inspired BoJo to challenge herself and to be fully confident in her own abilities. In 2006, BoJo worked seasonally on Trail Crew for the US Forest Service. Maintaining trails, and of course, making sure they were well-suited for Mountain Bikers, she became extremely knowledgeable about trails within the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

As Activities Coordinator for Dunton Hot Springs, and Dunton's very own "Miss Congeniality," BoJo guides guests onto primitive trails offering steep descents, technical climbs, and stunning panoramic views from biking/hiking terrain that is only minutes away from the steps of Dunton's Saloon. After lungs and legs have been tortured, she escorts guests on slightly less gnarly rides. Beginners will find no better guide or patient teacher. BoJo proves that girls can ride hard, and some princesses like getting dirty.

When visiting, guests also have the opportunity to meet O'Mally, BoJo's adorable beagle and ever-present side-kick. O'Mally, otherwise known as, "Illegal Beagle," "The O-Man," or "Little Piggy," can often be found sleeping in BoJo's office chair, sledding, horseback riding, or eating lunch with the maintenance guys; but his favorite adventures include hiking (he once completed an eleven-day hike on the Colorado Trail), and riding in the bike trailer to Frisbee practice with his "Mom."

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Many activities require a minimum of two guests, please check with our Activities Coordinator for details

PRIVATE GUIDED HIKING

Hiking around Dunton and the beautiful San Juan Mountains, is the quintessential wilderness experience. You'll walk through exquisite high alpine basins blanketed in wildflowers amidst high summits and crystal clear streams. We design an outing that suits your needs, from gentle walks to power hikes.

Our full-day adventures are the best way to explore Dunton's backcountry. You will get the chance to travel deep into the wilderness of the San Juan Mountains and explore hidden trails, mountain passes and deep valleys, all while picnicking by a trickling stream in a field full of wildflowers.

Full Day; \$300 per person (including packed lunch)

Half Day; \$225 per person (morning or afternoon)



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FLY FISHING

Just southwest from Telluride, the West Fork of the Dolores River meanders through Dunton, with almost a mile and a half of private fly fishing water (nine miles in total). The West Fork slows and braids across this broad dell. Beavers have deepened many of the channels, creating glassy pools where trout rise. Cutthroat, rainbows, brown trout and brook trout are all present, including some very large fish for a river of this size.

Cresto Ranch, located ten minutes downstream from Dunton, is home to one of the most gifted trout streams in Colorado. The West Fork, known for isolation and sheer beauty, passes through the Ranch for more than a mile. It is a small and accessible river, averaging only 20-30 feet in width with excellent bank access for the wading angler. On the property, the river offers a surprising array of water types and fly fishing situations. Gentle “mule shoes” meander across meadows on the upper end, offering excellent deep water habitat for large trout. Grasshoppers are particularly effective in this section. Slowly descending, the stream bounces through aspen glades and more meadows, offering classic pocket water in the lower reaches. Here we cast large attractor flies, visible and tempting in the complex currents.

On the last count, it would be hard to imagine another river of this dimension with the size, quality and variety of Dunton’s trout. The angler may catch fish of any size, but trout in the 16”-20” range are common on this exclusive stretch of river.

Half Day Fly Fishing; \$375 one person / \$475 two persons / \$800 three persons (Experts only)

Full Day Fly Fishing; \$600 one person / \$700 two persons / \$950 three persons (Experts only)



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MOUNTAIN BIKING

High Mountain Riding - (Expert-technical riding) - \$250 per person (guided)

Calico Trail to Johnny bull (5 / 7hrs -17 miles)

Steep climb up to the top of Johnny Bull Mt. ride. Ride along the ridge for about 13 miles and then descend down Johnny Bull Trail.

West Fork to Winter Trail - \$125 per person (guided)

Our most popular and semi-guest friendly loop is 1.5-hour ride up the gravel road to the top of the Winter Trail and then about a 45-minute descent right into Dunton. Some technical riding is required on the descent.

Dirt Road Riding - \$50 per person per hour (guided)

We have plenty of gravel road riding in the beautiful high country. West Fork road to the end of Eagle Peak road is 22 miles round-trip. (This road continues well over 30 miles going uphill, so when you get tired you just turn around.)

Stoner Mesa Trail- \$300 per person (guided)

This is high country ride is popular with the locals, especially in the. The trail takes 4-6 round trip plus a 20-minute shuttle to Lower Stoner road. You start 8 miles up a dirt road to the top of Stoner Mesa, 11 miles across the ridge and finally a 3 mile switch back descent to the bottom of lower Stoner.

Bike Parks (Boggy Draw, Phil's World,) - \$50 per person per hour (guided ride) plus \$300 transfer

It is a 45-minute drive to Boggy Draw. This Bike park sits just above Dolores and offers about 40 miles of single track loops for all level riding. You can spend 45-minutes to 5-hours riding through Pinion trees, canyons, and rocky terrain.

"Phil's world- bike magazine voted some of the best desert riding in the country. Almost 30 miles of super fast single track. You can ride 45-minutes 4-hours at this park."



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SAND CANYON HIKE AND WINE TOUR

10:30am departure to the Sculpted Monoliths of Mc Elmo Canyon for 1hr guided hike with Bojo on Sand Canyon Trail in the Canyons of the Ancients. It's approximately a 1.5hr drive to the Canyon. This followed by a pack lunch and a vineyard tour and tasting at Sutcliffe Winery which is conveniently located just minutes away from Sand Canyon trail head, returning back to Dunton by 6pm. - ***\$300 per person***



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HORSEBACK RIDING

Dunton boasts bold, sure-footed horses, gentle and willing on high mountain trails. We have three different options to choose from:

The hour ride, follows the Fall-Winter Trail. A meandering climb out of Dunton's property and on the public San Juan National Forest. Wildflowers abound in traversing meadows between creeks and old growth trees. Magnificent views of the surrounding peaks add to the grandeur.

Hour ride – \$175 per person (minimum 2 people)

Spend two and a half hours in the saddle. Leave Dunton's property by heading upstream and across the river. Climb 1000 vertical feet through wildflower filled meadows and calming Aspen groves, crossing into the southern end of the Lizard Head Wilderness Area. Take a breather and a drink at the apex of the ride with amazing views of the Dolores Peaks that provide the perfect photographic backdrop. The return trip follows game and cattle trails that face south towards the ridges and peaks behind Dunton, giving a theatrical perspective of the town's location.

Half Day – \$350 one person / \$400 two persons



A four to five hour adventure complete with a delicious picnic lunch that is an extension of the half day ride. Up in the Wilderness Area, hook on the historic Groundhog Stock way. Climb through cool conifer forests into a busy elk habitat to picnic at an elevation of almost 11,000 feet. The lunch-stop meadow provides a 360 degree view of multiple peaks including the "fourteeners" El Diente, Wilson Peak and Mount Wilson. Spy waterfalls and wildlife while enjoying dining in a pristine high-country meadow.

Full Day – \$400 one person / \$600 two persons

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RAFTING

The San Miguel River offers excellent rafting just a few minutes from Telluride. Both half-day and full-day trips are available. Half-day trips cover approximately 9 miles of class II-III whitewater in about 2 hours, and full day trips run through approximately 20 miles of the San Miguel's Norwood Canyon.

Rafting is available every morning and afternoon, departing from Telluride around 8:00 am and 1:30 pm respectively.

Half Day Rafting; \$125 per person

Full Day Rafting; \$200 per person

An additional \$300 return - transfer fee is to be applied if transportation to Telluride is required



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PRIVATE MOUNTAINEERING

How many times have you looked up at a majestic peak and wondered what it would take to earn the summit? Mountaineering is at the heart of the Dunton experience. Join us for a peak ascent, from casual walk-ups to technical snow/couloir/rock climbs. Your summit photo will look great on your wall and be a fabulous reminder of your stay at Dunton Hot Springs!

Technical Peak Ascents

Join our expert guides for a unique alpine adventure that incorporates elements of rock climbing and/or snow climbing as well as a variety of technical mountaineering skills. Some experience is required for these peaks, so you may want to join us for a day or two of rock climbing and or snow school before you venture out.

Full Day; \$850 one or two persons / \$450 additional persons

An additional \$100 transfer fee is to be applied if transportation is required as this activity is based off-site



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PRIVATE ROCK CLIMBING

Designed for all ages and abilities, from 4 year-olds to seasoned mountaineers, these trips give you the chance to try out your spider skills on real rock. Even if you've never entertained the idea of getting vertical, consider this – we offer comfortable first-time climbing experiences for even our most timid guests. Using harnesses, ropes and technical climbing equipment, you can explore the vertical realm with the assistance of a qualified and supportive guide.

Our full-day rock climbing adventures begin with a pick up at Dunton or in Telluride and a quick drive to an incredible San Juan climbing area where we will embark upon a short hike up to a stone face. You will learn how to climb, belay and appropriately use technical equipment. A picnic lunch will be served at the base of the crag.

Full Day; \$600 one or two persons / \$300 additional persons



Our half-day trips introduce you to the fundamentals of rock climbing without taking up your whole day. By limiting travel time to and from the crag, we are able to provide you with a chance to have a complete rock climbing experience in a short period of time

Half Day; \$450 one or two persons / \$225 additional persons

(All morning Half Day trips start at 9am and end at 1pm and all afternoon Half Day trips start at 1pm and end at 5pm)

An additional \$100 transfer fee is to be applied if transportation is required as this activity is based off-site

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