

CRESTED BUTTE voted BEST Mid-size ski Town!





Living The Dream

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Crested Butte/Mount Crested Butte, pop. 1,487/801

Is it really any surprise that Crested Butte won out here? This place is one of the few real ski towns left. We did include Mount Crested Butte in the vote, which must have horrified some in-town locals, but really the two sides of this coin make up the beautiful dichotomy that is the Butte.

The Local Hill

Crested Butte Mountain Resort is a proving ground. The mountain appeals to families from Texas and has a fantastic ski school. But it's also home to some of the most butt-puckering extreme terrain around-without calling too much attention to itself. The snow can be epic or... well you make the most of what you get.

The Vibe

Funky with a flair for achieving something. The place brought back the telemark turn and heralded in the 29er.

Make It Here

You must be determined to ski and bike to carve out a living in Crested Butte. A lot of people head down to Gunnison for a living. But self-motivated entrepreneurs will thrive here.

Reader Thoughts

"It is the best because the town is real, the locals are genuine and the mountain offers the best lift served terrain in Colorado. Period."

Local Thoughts

"My favorite thing about Crested Butte is that it's a mountain town- which is like a ski town, but better. Sure there is killer riding here,

some of the best inbounds terrain in the state is right out the front door and the backcountry spans many miles beyond that. But it's the lifestyle, the sense of community and mountain culture that's been evolving here since the 1880's that puts our town over the top," says Mike Horn the editor of StokeLab.com and *Kronicle* magazine, who moved here from Massachusetts and never looked back.



Butte Full: Funk never sleeps in CB. Photo by Devon Balet