



Some snow & has been falling & the temperature has been dropping, but we're still having some great days out on the trails! While things always calm down a bit over the winter, we're excited about planning for 2023 & some upcoming opportunities!

Upcoming Events:

CODEX Training, Dec. 14th, 9:00-10:00am via zoom

- Join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83194462158?pwd=eUI3NDIBVjRMbotDUHdDM2JpSExDUT09>
- Meeting ID: 831 9446 2158; Passcode: 494389
- Envision wants to connect you with wildlife, forest health and other conservation data through a new statewide system called CODEX (Colorado's Conservation Data Explorer). This information will help with the planning of new projects that include the benefit of wildlife & wildfire risk reduction & conservation. Join the zoom meeting to learn more about CODEX & how to use it! For more information about CODEX, view [HERE](#).

Other Happenings:

It was a cold & blustery morning, but a great way to start Thanksgiving! Our 2nd annual Turkey Trot 5k was a huge success! Although we would have accepted some warmer temps, it was great to see so many runners out running with their beanies (hooray for useful swag!). We had over 160 runners participate this year & we had a little bit of everything - from quick times posted by our top finishers, to tutus, flips, & confetti-popping finishers.

We want to give a huge thanks to everyone who helped us put it all together:

Thanks to our sponsors who provided our podium & raffle prizes: The Trailhead, Eddyline Brewery, & Sorelle Delicatessen, as well as Rocky Mountain Engraving who provided our awesome fun run awards.

Thanks to One Love Endurance for helping us get things organized!

Thanks to our volunteers!! It was a cold one out there, but these amazing people toughed it out & made it all happen.

Thanks to all of our participants! We hope you had as much fun running as we did hosting!

And last & certainly not least, our photographer, Tim Tognacci. He got some amazing shots out there & was all over the course, which is seriously impressive! Check out the photos & results [HERE](#).

The Town of BV has begun construction on the new 5-panel kiosk at River Park. This new kiosk will replace the old 3-panel signage that was on site. Information will include maps of Fourmile, Town of BV trails, BV area trails (east of the river), BV River Park, & trail etiquette. Thanks to the Town & Chaffee County Visitors Bureau for making this happen!

Thank you to all who donated to BVSC for Giving Tuesday! We were blown away by the generosity & appreciate all of the support. We have some exciting things planned for 2023 & can't wait to continue building this wonderful community as well as our trail system!

Our planning for the Ramsour Loop trail continues! Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado have accepted our proposal & will be helping us with construction of this new trail. We're excited about the experience & expertise they bring! VOC is still finalizing their calendar for next year, so we don't have an exact date at this time, so stay tuned for more info & upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Don't forget to check out our online store [HERE](#) for your holiday gifts! All proceeds from merchandise sales support our local trail system, so give a gift that gives back and pick up some sweet BVSC gear!

Happy holidays from all of us at BVSC!! We hope you & yours have a fantastic holiday season. We are so grateful for all of you & the support from the community that we have received over this past year, & are excited for the adventures that await us in 2023!

We'd also like to take a quick moment to recognize our 1% business sponsors. These businesses have been overwhelmingly supportive of the work we do & we certainly couldn't do it without them!

Eddyline Restaurant & Brewery - a great place to grab a post-adventure drink or meal!

The Trailhead - find all the gear you need here!

Louie's Ice Cream - anybody else ready for summer & some delicious ice cream?

BV eBikes - eBikes make for a great way to get around, whether you're running errands or exploring the miles & miles of fantastic gravel roads in the area.

Did You Know?

7 people in Colorado were killed by avalanches last season (17 in the US), & over 400 avalanches have already been reported this season. While there is always an inherent risk in any outdoor activity, there are ways you can better prepare for the challenges you may face. We highly recommend taking a AIARE course to get more information (Buena Vista Mountain Adventures offers a variety of excellent courses). Here are a few quick tips (provided by the National Weather Service) on what to look for while you're out enjoying our winter wonderland:

Avalanche Warning Signs:

- You see an avalanche happen or see evidence of previous slides.
- Cracks form in the snow around your feet or skis.
- The ground feels hollow underfoot.
- You hear a "whumping" sound as you walk, which indicates that the snow is settling and a slab might release.
- Heavy snowfall or rain in the past 24 hours
- Significant warming or rapidly increasing temperatures
- You see surface patterns on the snow made by the force of strong winds. This could indicate that snow has been transported and deposited in dangerous drifts that could release.

Resources:

Visit the Colorado Avalanche Information Center for info on conditions [HERE](#), or download their app.

Know before you go!

Thanks for all of your support!



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