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#### Peak Experience

Add this new mountaineering museum to your Colorado ski trip.



A trip to the Colorado Rockies won't be complete without a stop at the new **Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum** in Golden, the only museum in the U.S. dedicated to mountaineering.

Opening February 16, the \$3.5 million, 3,800-square-foot space invites visitors to experience high-altitude adventure at ground level. Fun and **interactive exhibits** engage both adults and children. Peer into a crevasse, touch and feel different types of rock, hang from an ice axe, listen to climbers' stories, and see the world's ranges on a giant panoramic screen.

The exhibits not only show how climbing is done but also offer insight into highland cultures, tempt with tales of sacred mountains, detail Colorado's climbing history, and explore global conservation and safety in mountain environments. A partnership of the **Colorado Mountain Club, American Alpine Club, and National Geographic Society**, the museum occupies a former high-school gymnasium. World-class climber Bradford Washburn, the museum's namesake, built the gallery's centerpiece, a 14-by-14-foot 3-D model of Mount Everest ([bwamm.org](http://bwamm.org)). —Janet Reese

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