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Snowmass Ice Age Discovery Center - a Free Experience Dedicated to the Finest High-elevation Ice Age Fossil Discovery in the World
Open Daily 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Photo Credit: Hal Williams

More than 150,000 years ago, glaciers covered the area that would become Snowmass Village. The ancient site began as a carved-out pit of sediment left behind by the movement of massive glaciers. Slowly, over thousands of years, the massive Bull Glacier retreated and carved a bowl that would fill with melting glacier water and eventually become what is now Ziegler Reservoir in Snowmass Village.

In 2010, a construction crew unearthed a single tusk of a young female mammoth while digging at Ziegler Reservoir. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science took over the site and went on to find 5,000 bones of 10 mammals and over 26,000 small bones from small vertebrate animals— 40 species in all. The 10-month project became a race to uncover and carefully extricate these bones. Mammoths, mastodons, camels, horses, sloths, and other species, as well as insects, plant life and more were found. The Snowmass paleontological site is the richest Ice Age ecosystem found at high altitude.

Guests can learn about Snowmass' incredible Ice Age Discovery Dig at the Ice Age Discovery Center where they can view stunning photographs of the find, enjoy the life-sized cast replicas firsthand, and learn about any and all things Ice Age.

Currently on display at the Ice Age Discovery Center are Ms. Bumpy Head, a cast of the largest mastodon skull found during the dig, and the cast of a male femur bone, also found at the site. The Snowmass Ice Age Discovery Center, located on the Snowmass

Mall, is open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information call (970) 922-2277 or visit www.gosnowmass.com

About Snowmass Village, Colorado – *A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best ski areas in the world. For 2019, Ski Magazine named Aspen Snowmass the #1 “resort of the year” in the West. Snowmass offers guests incredible views of mountain vistas, in addition to 2.8 million adjacent acres of wilderness, open for activities and exploration. Snowmass offers a wide variety of outdoor activities, 30+ restaurants, 95 percent slopeside lodging, shopping, unique special events and music – all year round. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit: www.gosnowmass.com.*

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