

## Vail Farmer's Market Half Day Hikes

### *Guided Trails*

*Each week your guide chooses a different local trail depending on weather, trail conditions, wildflower blooms, and wildlife. All hikes are suitable for all ability levels, and are led at an easy to moderate pace. Being in the Vail Valley, our trails feature sustained climbs—and we take regular breaks to catch our breath and enjoy the natural beauty of our mountains. Below are brief descriptions of the trails we hike on these half day trips.*

#### West Grouse Creek Trail

This wooded trail follows West Grouse Creek just outside of Minturn. You will experience a mixed Colorado forest with spruce, fir, and our iconic Aspen trees. If time permits we will break out of the creek valley and complete a loop down Meadow Mountain, featuring breathtaking views of the Gore mountain range & Vail Mountain.

#### The North Trail

The North trail traverses the hillside above Vail offering beautiful views of Vail Mountain. This rolling trail is right in our backyard is a great alternative to hiking under the lifts!

#### Martin Creek Trail

Leaving from Minturn, Martin Creek climbs steadily through one of the most extensive Aspen forests in the Vail area. This beautiful trail attains a ridge high above the Cross Creek valley and offers views towards the Holy Cross Wilderness.

#### Bighorn Creek Trail

Another trail right in our backyard, the Bighorn Creek trail climbs steeply for the first half mile and then adopts a more moderate grade as you hike into the Eagles Nest Wilderness towards the Gore mountain range. Beautiful views of Vail & the craggy peaks of the Gore Range get better and better the further you hike up the valley.

#### Evercrisp Trail

The Evercrisp trail is a newly completed section of trail connecting Minturn & Eagle Vail. This gentle trail rolls along the hillsides to the South of I-70, though it feels a world away as you hike through mixed forests and wildflower meadows.

#### Bowman's Shortcut

A quick 30 minute drive up to Vail Pass takes you to one of our favorite half day hike locations—Bowman's Shortcut. This hike switchbacks through subalpine forests and quickly attains a wooded ridge with viewpoints looking toward the Gore Range. Depending on time, we may make it above tree line and experience panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains.