

Bus Survey Results as of 2024.02.27

Respondents 50

Would you consider signing up for a club bus trip to Colorado in 2025? If your answer is "No" please briefly explain why.

	<i>n</i>	%
No matter/ No answer	5	
Yes	41	91%
No	4	9%

- * too complicated for me- i'd have to hire a dog sitter and i'm not interested
- * Too old.
- * No longer ski well enough to justify the cost and time of a bus trip.

Willingness to Pay for 4-day/3 night bus trip

Percent 'Likely' or 'Very Likely'

	<i>n</i>	%
Less than \$400	39	78%
\$400-\$500	29	58%
\$500-\$600	21	42%
More than \$600	14	28%

Destinations

n saying 'Yes'

	<i>n</i>	<u>Write-ins</u>			
Crested Butte	39	Pagosa Springs	5	Chama	1
Frisco	36	Steamboat Springs	3	Eldora	1
Leadville	36	Durango	2	Fraser	1
Ouray	35	Monarch	2	Grand Junction	1
Silverton	29	Telluride	2	Snow Mountain Ranch	1
Georgetown	27	Yellowstone	2	Sundance	1

Should the club subsidize the bus trip?

Yes	25	66%
No	13	34%
Did not answer	12	
	50	

What else would you like the club to know about your preferences re Bus Trips?

- * Announce it well, as new members do not have the history of knowing what is being offered.
- * Experienced driver (one who knows how to put on chains), bus tires not bald. Bus trip organizers should be good at coordinating different options for day trips so a group isn't left waiting for the bus to return for hours.
- * They were great. Sorry to be old!

What else would you like the club to know about your preferences re Bus Trips?

- * If there are club members who respond in the negative to the bus trip survey, what are the reasons for those responses. Due to decline in the number of people committing to a bus trip, should NMCCSC consider one or both of the following:
1. Invite Snowshoers as guests from the Mountain Club
2. Invite members as guests to join the bus trip
3. This would require a new liability form
4. As it is now, many NMCCSC members are members of these other clubs per their personal choice. I don't believe that NMCCSC should make bus trip participation based on mandatory NMCCSC membership, And, consider a cap number per club such as 10 people for the Mt. Club and 10 people for the Sandia Nordic Club.
- * Since I moved to Colorado, I would not be riding the bus to the chosen destinations. Rather I would love to join trips by driving and meeting the Club.
- * Also interested in shorter bus trips.
- * I did not answer Y/N if I did not know the destination. I would like to leave very early to permit same day skiing and leave late.
- * I'd prefer trips that are too long for me to consider driving myself.
- * I'd be most interested in trips to areas further away than those areas just North of Durango - I'd prefer Crested Butte, Frisco, Leadville to Silverton or Ouray. Timing and convenience are most important as I do still work full time.
- * I do hut trips, so the main factor in whether I would go on a bus trip is timing. I understand I'm in the minority on this. Between hut trips and instructional events it's unlikely that I could fit in either a bus trip or a car trip, almost certainly not both. Cost is a lesser concern, though if over 5-600 it would give me pause. The advantage of not having to drive in winter is significant for me. Although any of those destinations would be good, I would lean towards places that are a little farther or less easy to drive to. Silverton and especially Ouray can be sketchy driving. I'm not sure about subsidizing the trip. I think a small subsidy would be fine. I would be ok with around \$1000 for the whole trip as I think the club benefits from the strengthened membership connections.
- * I don't have a preference as to the destination. I have not been XC skiing at any of the locations listed above. BUT once we get there, prefer to have easy (Class I) nordic skiing available without having to drive from our motel accommodations (unless there is a shuttle bus)
- * Telluride and Breckenridge do not allow busses to park in town. You should check the other options to make sure you can. The way we did the trips in the past, the bus took people out at different times based on where they were skiing. If you want to pick my brain, or what's left of it, I was the bus trip chair for 3 years and operated 10 trips in three years.
- * Would love to go to Ouray but am terrified about a bus going over that narrow crumbly part of the road from Silverton
- * Think of folks that work. The age of the club is much too high and there is a lot of catering to retired folks. Some of us work and need to travel over the weekend and get back to get to work. Some 3 day trips would be great also.
- * I haven't been on a bus trip before, but I am interested in this
- * From a historical aspect, bus trips have been an important aspect of club activities.
- * I enjoy the camaraderie of the NMCCSC. I have never been on a bus trip sponsored by the club, so I would be willing to go on a such a trip, particularly when it is a longer distance from Santa Fe or Abq. Nonetheless, I also like having my own car when the place I am staying does not amenities within walking distance. The NMCCSC providing transportation would not dictate whether or not I go on a NMCCSC trip.
- * I have been a part of other ski clubs and their bus trips. It was a fun way to meet people and enjoy the skiing without having to drive.
- * I think this would be a great opportunity to get to know folks in the club better and to explore new ski destinations in the region.
- * Another possibility is that the club's resources can especially support people with greater financial need.
- * High End on all Details

What else would you like the club to know about your preferences re Bus Trips?

- * I don't personally feel I need a subsidy for myself per se. I would appreciate if the club could pick up unexpected costs such as might occur from fully filling the bus and taking risks of losing money that can't be refunded. I prefer using the bus for longer or more difficult trips as the cost of driving seems lower than bus fees and I don't mind driving as far as Leadville.
- * I feel badly about the club having to subsidize the bus trips, but due to the increased cost it may be beneficial to some folks who are working regularly but still struggle to pay increased costs of daily living expenses. If we are aware of the cost of the trip well in advance I can probably afford to go.
- * If the club has more than enough money to subsidize each participant's trip, that would be ok, as long as there are funds remaining to build on for the following year. I have a feeling the cost of the bus is going to run pretty darn high.
- * It would be nice if the club was financially able to subsidize a bus trip but can understand if it's not feasible.
- * Not sure about subsidizing .. Depends on the results of this survey regarding pricing,.
- * Subsidizing doesn't seem fair for 50 people to be financially favored at the expense of the whole membership unless they are the trip organizers who have to put in a lot of time and effort to make the trip successful.

Especially love Crested Butte and Frisco trips in the past.

Have not been going on car trips even when the destination is inviting, because not comfortable driving in unpredictable weather conditions.

Have been taking bus trips with a downhill group and they are not as much fun as our previous XC bus trips used to be. We (NMCCSC) are a much more socially friendly group. Really miss NMCCSC bus trips!

Past (NMCCSC) trips began socializing on the bus en route with route planning and trip leader designation and restaurant planning and snacks and wine instead of just sitting on the bus reading or watching movies for 5-7 hours.
- * The club could provide snacks on the bus and happy hour at the hotel. I've been a member for years and LOVED those bus trips! Especially to Silverton and that wonderful old hotel!