

Sunset

Adventures in Eden

Hike, bike, and balloon in Utah's Upper Ogden Valley

Snow still lingers on the alpine peaks surrounding tiny Eden and Huntsville, Utah—separated by just a short stroll or cycle—but down in the Upper Ogden Valley, summer is in full swing. Mountain bikers tackle the area's panorama- and lupine-lined trails while hikers ramble alongside, on the lookout for moose, eagles, and mountain lions and working up an appetite for raspberry milkshakes and coconut cream pie.

GO **South Skyline Trail.** **WHAT:** A moderate 9.5-mile jaunt with a few heart-pumping switchbacks and plenty of views. Trail maps and wheels at Diamond Peak Mountain Sports (rentals from \$20 a day; 2429 State Hwy. 158, Eden; 801/745-0101). **WHERE:** Trailhead off State 158 (1 mile northeast of the Pineview Dam).

DO **Hot-air balloon rides.** **WHAT:** Super-scenic sunrise journeys through the clear June sky. (The Ogden Valley Balloon Festival is Aug 18–20.) **WHEN:** Dawn–10 a.m. **HOW MUCH:** From \$80; reserve with WindRider (801/771-3125). **WHERE:** Wolf Creek Resort, 3700 N. Wolf Creek Dr., Eden.

Needles Express Gondola. **WHAT:** An 8,800-foot-elevation coast, looking down on the 2002 Winter Olympics venue. At the top, tromp through the season's last snow or lunch on the deck of the Needles Lodge. **WHEN:** Fri–Sun Jun 23–mid-Oct. **HOW MUCH:** \$8, \$5 ages 7–12, ages 6 and under free. **WHERE:** 3925 Snowbasin Rd., Huntsville; www.snowbasin.com or 801/620-1000.

SEE **Holy Trinity Abbey.** **WHAT:** Trappist monastery and gift shop carrying local creamed honey and freshly ground peanut butter. **WHEN:** Mon–Sat. **WHERE:** 1250 South 9500 East, Huntsville; 801/745-3784.

EAT **Chris'.** **WHAT:** Bear Lake raspberries made into delicious milkshakes. **WHEN:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. **HOW MUCH:** \$. **WHERE:** 7345 East 900 South (on State 39), Huntsville; 801/745-3542.

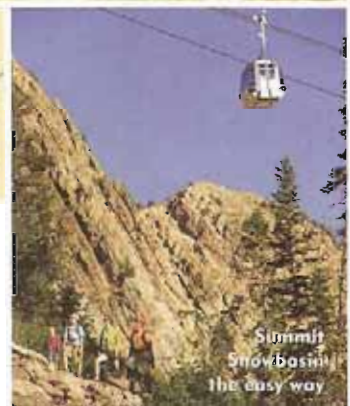
The Eden General Store & Diner. **WHAT:** An 1890s dance hall turned diner serving up coconut cream pie. **WHEN:** Breakfast and lunch daily, dinner Mon–Sat. **HOW MUCH:** \$\$\$. **WHERE:** 5510 East 2200 North, Eden; 801/745-2400. —VIRGINIA RAINEY



Hit the trail by bike



INFO From Salt Lake City, drive north on I-15, then head east on I-84. Take exit 92 and follow signs to Eden or Huntsville. Visit www.ovba.org for more info.



Summit Snowbasin: The easy way



Sky-high views of Ogden Valley