

Crested Butte, Colorado

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~ what to expect ~

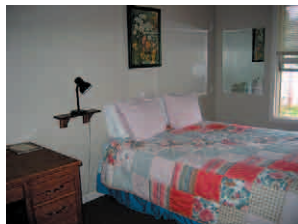
Crested Butte is a funky little town. You'll not find it as busy as Breckenridge or Aspen, but the locals pride themselves on being different from those tourist centers. If you're a person who lives on a snowboard in the winter and a mountain bike in the summer, you'll fit right in.

The Crested Butte hostel bills itself as a "hostel for grown-ups" and I agree. I'd have no reservations about bring my non-hostelling friends to this ski lodge that still feels brand new inside.

The entire first floor of the building is devoted to the common areas – a large, light-filled living room, dining area and kitchen. Guests sleep in rooms on the second and third floors. Choices include dorm rooms with enough bunk beds to sleep two, four, six or eight people and private rooms with one double bed. Rooms are pretty basic, but each person does get an individual reading light. Those staying in a private room will find beds already made up and will receive free towels during their stay. A first-floor private room with private bath is handicapped-accessible.

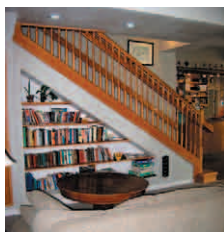
The dorms all share dorm-style bathrooms. Individual dressing areas attached to the shower stalls add privacy. Some private rooms utilize those bathrooms; others have attached private baths. Everything is well-maintained and kept extremely clean.

This hostel gets a big thumbs-up.



~ fast facts ~

Dorm Rates:	\$18-25 HI members, \$20-27 non-members	Season:	all year
Private Rooms:	\$50–70	Office Hours:	8am–9pm
Credit Cards:	MasterCard & Visa	Lock-out:	1pm–4pm during some seasons: Call ahead.
Network:	HI	Size:	51 beds
Beds:	spring mattresses		
Kitchen:	big enough for groups		
Bathrooms:	shared, dorm-style		
Lockers:	yes, in dorms		
Extras:	full-service laundromat next door, Internet access		
Be Aware:	Lock-out times change: Call ahead if that's important.		
In The Area:	skiing, mountain biking, hiking, white water rafting, fishing, dogsledding, sleigh rides		
Local Tip:	only a 12-mile hike to Aspen		
Closest Free Internet:	public library 5 blocks away		
Parking:	free lot parking, free shuttle to ski slopes		



is this hostel great for you?

SOLO WOMEN Yes. Can be quiet off-season, though.

PARTY ANIMALS Maybe. No alcohol allowed in hostel. Other mountain towns are livelier.

OVER 30 Yes. Especially if you're a snowboarder.

OVER 50 Yes. Bring your bike.

COUPLES Yes. Private rooms have queen-size beds.

FAMILIES Yes. The family room sleeps five.

GROUPS Yes. It's possible to rent the entire 50-bed facility.