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**Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park and Iron Mountain Hot Springs increase sustainability efforts at onsite restaurants**

*Eco-friendly products including straws, flatware, cups and plates help reduce the companies' impact on the environment, adding to sustainable practices already in place.*

**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.** (Sept. 13, 2019) — Protecting and preserving the environment was a top priority for Steve and Jeanne Beckley before they reopened Glenwood Caverns and the Historic Fairy Caves to the public in 1999. It remains so today at Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park and the Iron Mountain Hot Springs. Both companies have expanded sustainability practices at their onsite restaurants this year.

The mountain-top Lookout Grille and poolside Sopris Café are now using eco-friendly forks, spoons, straws, plates for banquet meals at the park, packaging for grab-and-go items like yogurt parfaits, pretzels or veggies with hummus and to-go boxes from Eco Brand, which is based in Boulder, Colorado. This mindset is spreading. Lookout Grille kitchen manager Aaron Shockley recently noticed how much compost material was accumulating and decided to do something about it. The food compost is now being donated to Big Rock Ranch where it is put to good use feeding chickens.



“We have worked diligently over the years to protect the cave. From the start, we installed the airtight doors in the tunnel to King’s Row to maintain the original levels of temperature and humidity so that the cave didn’t dry out,” Jeanne Beckley, who co-owns both companies, said. “There have been computer monitors in the cave since we opened to ensure we sustained these levels, protecting the cave as well as the environment for the unique species that live inside of it.”



A few years ago, the Adventure Park replaced all of the lights inside the cave with LED lights to reduce its electricity consumption and the heat generated by the incandescent lights, which helps protect the humidity levels and the cave’s tiny creatures. Since the LED bulbs don’t have to be replaced as often, employees have less direct contact with cave formations as well.

Environmentally friendly practices have been in place at Iron Mountain Hot Springs, which is operated by the Adventure Park, since it opened in 2015. The pure, hot, mineral water circulates continuously throughout the 16 soaking pools and is completely refreshed



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every two hours, which means no chlorine or other chemicals are necessary. The buildings, walkways, family pool and jetted spa are heated naturally through the geothermal exchange, and guests can refill reusable water bottles in the café and bathhouse.

“It seems only fitting that we now focus on reducing our use of plastic and move toward more paper and compostable products in the restaurants. Also, we hope our guests notice and are motivated to make some changes of their own,” Beckley added. “These changes fit our value system. We care deeply about the environment and will continue to look for ways to reduce our impact.”

More information about Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park and Iron Mountain Hot Springs is available at [GlenwoodCaverns.com](http://GlenwoodCaverns.com) and [IronMountainHotSprings.com](http://IronMountainHotSprings.com), respectively. Both are located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, midway between Aspen and Vail.

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**About Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park**

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Located in scenic Glenwood Springs, Colo., midway between Aspen and Vail, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park offers a one-of-a-kind mountain-top adventure. The Adventure Park features a gondola ride, walking and wild tours of Glenwood Caverns and Historic Fairy Caves, dining, and year-round attractions including the new Haunted Mine Drop, Alpine Coaster, 4D Motion Theater and Laser Tag Arena. Seasonal offerings include the Giant Canyon Swing, Glenwood Canyon Flyer, Cliffhanger Roller Coaster, Wild West Express family coaster, a climbing wall, gemstone sluice box mining, a Ferris wheel ride and a holiday winter light display. Ideal setting for groups and birthday parties. Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park operates the Iron Mountain Hot Springs on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.

**About the Iron Mountain Hot Springs**

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The Iron Mountain Hot Springs, located on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs, is America’s newest hot springs destination. Soaking options include 16 thermal water pools filled with 100 percent pure mineral water, with temperatures ranging from 98 to 108°F, and a freshwater family pool with a whirlpool spa. The bathhouse features locker rooms, family changing rooms and a retail shop. The Sopris Café serves snacks, meals and drinks.