

## LOCAL FAQ

### 32nd Annual International Snow Sculpture Championships presented by Toyota FAQ

**What is the event?** [The 32nd annual International Snow Sculpture Championships presented by Toyota](#) (ISSC) is a world-renowned snow sculpting competition. Teams from around the world will gather in Breckenridge to carve 12-foot-tall, 25-ton blocks of man-made snow into intricate works of art. Artists will sculpt around the clock across five days, using only hand-tools to bring their ideas to life. The result is a temporary outdoor sculpture garden in historic downtown Breckenridge.

**When is the event?** ISSC presented by Toyota sculpting week is Monday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. - Friday, Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. The final sculptures will be on display during viewing week from Friday, Jan 27, 9 a.m. - Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. Sculptures come down at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

**Road and Parking Impacts?** On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the north-end “horseshoe” portion of the Tiger Dredge Lot will close to parking. From Jan. 16 - Feb. 2, the entirety of Tiger Dredge Lot, the east end of the bridge on Adams, and Riverwalk Center entrance off HWY9 roundabout will be closed to parking.

**When will the biggest impacts occur?** From Jan. 16 - Feb. 2, the entirety of Tiger Dredge Lot, the east end of the bridge on Adams, and Riverwalk Center entrance off HWY9 roundabout will be closed to parking. The weekend of viewing, Friday, Jan. 27, – Sunday, Jan. 29, is historically the most-popular time for sculpture viewing. During this weekend, particularly on Saturday, Jan. 28, we recommend residents anticipate heavy traffic and parking crush. Consider commuting outside of peak times, which are expected to be 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, and walk/ carpool/ take the Breckenridge Free Ride whenever possible.

**How much are tickets?** FREE! The 32nd Annual International Snow Sculpture Championships presented by Toyota is a free event. However, free [timed entry reservations](#) are required on Saturday, Jan. 28 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Who are the teams?** Breckenridge will host twelve teams from around the world, including Germany - Bavaria, Germany - Theil, Italy, Lithuania, Great Britain, Denmark, India - Callisto, Switzerland, USA - Vermont, USA - Wisconsin Snowblind, USA - Wisconsin Tomczak, and USA - Breckenridge.

**Where are the sculptures located?** The snow sculptures are located in the Tiger Dredge Lot, surrounding the Breckenridge Riverwalk Center (150 West Adams Avenue).

**When are the awards? Do I need a ticket?** The ISSC presented by Toyota awards ceremony is free and open to the public on Friday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. (doors at 5:30 p.m.) at the Riverwalk Center, 150 West Adams Avenue.

**Why will there be timed entry reservations for the snow sculptures on Saturday, Jan. 28?** Historically Saturday of viewing weekend has been the busiest day for the event. We are anticipating increased traffic and parking congestion in downtown Breckenridge. To help ensure the best environment for artists and spectators, we encourage viewing Sunday, Jan. 29 - Wednesday, Feb. 1. Timed entry reservations will be required only on Saturday, Jan. 28. Sign up for one of the free timed entry viewing times at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., or 2 p.m. at [GoBreck.com/ISSC](http://GoBreck.com/ISSC).

**Does it cost money to reserve a timed entry for Saturday, Jan. 28?** There is no cost to reserve a timed entry, but availability is limited. Sign up for one of the timed entry viewing times at [GoBreck.com/ISSC](http://GoBreck.com/ISSC) or plan on attending Sunday, Jan. 29 - Wednesday, Feb. 1 when no reservations are required.

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**Where should I park for the International Snow Sculpture Championships?** The best way to access the sculptures is by walking or taking the bus. Free parking is available on Airport Road with free shuttles via the [Grey Route North](#) on the [Breck Free Ride Bus](#). The closest bus stop to the snow sculptures is F-Lot stop, which is serviced by most bus routes, including the Gray Route. Additional free parking and shuttles will be available at the Colorado Mountain College (CMC) parking lot off Airport Road on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28 - 29.

**Can I take the bus?** Yes! Public transportation is strongly encouraged. To help limit HWY9 congestion from nearby Summit County towns, residents should use the [Summit Stage](#) bus system and Breckenridge residents should use the [Breck Free Ride](#) bus system. Please Note: Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to ride the Summit Stage and Breck Free Ride buses. **TIP:** Download the [Breck Free Ride App](#) to find the bus closest to you and track in real time.

### What are the bus routes from Airport Road and CMC parking areas?

- On Saturday, Jan. 28 and Sunday, Jan. 29, a special events bus will run between Colorado Mountain College (CMC) and F-Lot from 9:00am - 6:00pm, on a 20 min. schedule.
- The Breck Free Ride [Gray Route North](#) will run between CMC, the Airport Rd. Parking Lot (Airport Auto, stop #56) and Breckenridge Station from 6:15am - 11:15pm, on a 15 min. schedule. Additional parking will be available at the Airport Road Skier Parking Lot.
- The [Red Route](#) operated by Breckenridge Ski Resort will run between Airport Rd. Skier Parking Lot and Breckenridge Station from 8:00am to 6:00pm (run times :20 minutes)

**Are dogs allowed?** The International Snow Sculpture Championships presented by Toyota is a pet-friendly event, however please be aware that there will be cannons, light shows, crowds and conditions can be very cold. Pets must be on a leash and away from the snow sculptures.

**How do I vote for the People's Choice Award?** Spectators can vote for their favorite sculptures online at [gobreck.com/vote](http://gobreck.com/vote). Voting starts Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 12 p.m. and ends on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2:00 p.m.

**Where does the snow for the sculptures come from?** Breckenridge Ski Resort makes the snow and the Town of Breckenridge Public Works Department hauls it to the event site with dump trucks.

**How are the teams chosen?** The Snow Sculpture Organizing Committee sends 250 invitations in June and receives artist submissions in August. A selection committee reviews the entries and decides which teams to invite. Selected teams provide their own transportation to Denver and are supported by a travel stipend. The Organizing Committee, along with the help of many local sponsors, takes care of artist meals, transportation from DEN and lodging in Breckenridge.

**What do the teams win?** There are no cash prizes; artists compete only for glory. The first, second and third place winners each receive a trophy. Awards are also presented to the winners of the People's Choice and Artists' Choice.

**What type of tools can the artists use?** Artists use hand tools including vegetable peelers, chicken wire, small saws and more. Power tools, colorants and internal support structures are prohibited.

**Where can I find additional information?** Check [www.GoBreck.com](http://www.GoBreck.com) for the latest information.

### Questions or concerns?

Contact the Breckenridge Welcome Center at [welcomecenter@gobreck.com](mailto:welcomecenter@gobreck.com)  
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