

Paonia Stores'n'More Directory

Note: everything is within a half-mile from Elsewhere unless otherwise stated

Food Stores


- [📍 Don's Super Market](#)
 - Local, few blocks from Elsewhere, prices higher than chain stores, sometimes produce is sad, sometimes great selection.
- [📍 Indigo Autumn](#)
 - Quarter block from Elsewhere, lots of organic, local & bulk items.
- [📍 City Market](#) in Hotchkiss
 - Kroger chain, 12 minute drive from Paonia, closest full supermarket
- [📍 Old River Road Trading Post](#)
 - 1.5 miles, 24/7 organic bulk self-guided shopping, orientation required.
- [Farm Runners](#)
 - In Hotchkiss, next to City Market, great spot for high-quality local products
- [Arbol Farmers Market - Paonia](#)
 - Tuesday afternoons in Town Park (winter hours different), incredible selection


Restaurants, Bars & More

- [Paonia Restaurant Calendar/Spreadsheet](#)
 - It can be confusing finding out what's open when in Paonia, this helps a lot and is community-updated so might not be perfect but is a great starting point.
- [📍 Espresso Paeonia](#)
 - Close to Elsewhere, nice espresso, good vibes, small fun space.
- [📍 Coqueliot Pastries](#)
 - Clemmy is from France and makes incredible pastries, served Sunday morning or at the Arbol Farmers Market
- [📍 Mountain Oven Organic Bakery](#)
 - Markets on Friday mornings are great! About a mile down 3rd street.
- Food Trucks (days & locations subject to change)
 - Anarchy Taco
 - Thai Truck
 - Hungry Bird Pizza
- Waldo's
 - Dive bar, next to Elsewhere, free pool, sometimes karaoke
- Linda's

- Friday's only, vintage vibes, a Paonia classic must-do
- Paonia United Brewing (the PUB)
 - North on Grand, local brews, small snack selection, nice indoor/outdoor
- Chrysalis
 - South end of Grand, local sours-only brewery with seasonal hours
- Louie's Pizza
 - Main strip of Grand, NY style pizza, basic beer and wine
- Black Cat Pizza
 - New pizza joint in Hotchkiss
- 476 Eatery
 - New Thai restaurant in Hotchkiss
- 133 Burger
 - Out of town on 133, in Hotchkiss. Burgers and beef-oriented local fast casual.
- Simple Cafe
 - Main strip of Grand. Coffee and treats and salad, great spot. Mornings.
- Sweetgrass
 - Main strip of Grand, south end. Coffee, breakfast and lunch spot. Great!
- Nido's
 - Main strip of Grand. Upscale fast casual fusion tacos and other stuff.
- Root & Vine, outer Paonia
 - On 133 just out of town, local wines, brunch restaurant.
- Paonia Bread Works
 - North on Grand, morning hours (food, coffee, good seating options)
- Rio Bravo
 - Next to Elsewhere, Mexican restaurant with decent fare
- Big B's
 - Out on 133. Cider, music, restaurant in a casual fun outdoor scene. Seasonal.
- [Slow Food Western Slope](#)
 - Blog/magazine of sorts on current happenings in the valley
- [Valley Organic Growers Association](#)
 - Information and events for local farms and producers!

Community Resources & Events

-  The Learning Council
 - Nonprofit powerhouse behind a lot of Paonia happenings. Has community space.
- [Paonia Colorado Message Board | Facebook](#)
 - Can be as trashy as anywhere else on FB but also really useful!
- [Blue Sage Center for the Arts](#)
 - Gallery and studio/stage hosting performances, yoga classes, etc.
- [Paradise Theatre](#)

- Our local theater! Recommend their newsletter.
- [Paonia Books](#)
 - Great local bookshop with high quality selection
- [SK Bikes](#)
 - Local bike shop. Good people. Can fix Elsewhere's bikes.
- "WearHouse" Church Thrift Store at  Hotchkiss Memorial Hall
 - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Mondays 9am-3pm, in the basement.

Outdoor Recreation & Area Highlights

- [Paonia River Park - Western Slope Conservation Center](#)
 - Local access to the North Fork of the Gunnison
- [Ute Museum](#)
 - Large museum/property with exhibits and native plants near Montrose
- [Grand Mesa](#)
 - Popular and unique area for all kinds of outdoor fun
- [Jumbo Mountain Trailhead](#)
 - Paonia's access to lots of BLM trails, is high-desert terrain, a mile from downtown
- [Black Canyon of the Gunnison](#)
 - Maybe cooler and definitely less of an ordeal than the Grand Canyon. 40m drive.
- [Orvis Hot Springs](#)
 - Developed hot springs, people go from all over, 90m drive
- [Penny Hot Springs](#)
 - Natural hot springs off the side of 133 in the Crystal River, 70m drive.
- [Colorado National Monument \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
 - Another great spot! 1.75hr drive
- And lots more than can fit in this document! West Elk Wilderness, Uncompahgre area, Gunnison Gorge, Towns of Marble & Redstone, Kebler Pass, Crested Butte, etc.

Hardware & Supplies

- [Paonia Farm and Home](#)
 - Main strip of Grand. Locally owned hardware & homegoods store.
- Dependable Lumber
 - Paonia's local lumber store
- Ace Gambles of Hotchkiss
 - An Ace store in Hotchkiss
- Other than that you're headed to Delta or Grand Junction!

Schools

- [Paonia K-8](#)
 - Public K-8 School for Paonia
- [North Fork School Of Integrated Studies](#) (NFSIS)
 - Waldorf-style public school
- [Paonia Experiential Leadership Academy](#) (PELA)
 - Non-profit private school, a short drive to Lamborn Mesa
- [North Fork High School](#)
 - Regional high school (is in Hotchkiss, 15m from Paonia)

Hotels and Lodging

- [Bross Hotel](#)
 - Historic building, probably best breakfast in town
- [The Local Nomad](#)
 - Local hostel, is cute, has private rooms
- [Rocky Mountain Inn - Paonia](#)
 - Efficiency-style Inn across the street from Elsewhere
- [Wisehart Springs Inn](#)
 - Nice property with rooms & event space, up a mesa out of town and would require a vehicle