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Phasing back in

In April 2021, when we were preparing Methow Valley Summer 2021 for the printer, there was still a lot of uncertainty about what to expect for our longest season (we think of “summer” as May through September, and maybe a bit beyond on the autumn end).

As the state moves through its coronavirus coverage phases, it’s not easy to predict what pandemic protocols we will still be under. What we do expect is that people will continue to find their way here in impressive numbers.

Some events or activities are either already canceled or remain uncertain. Others are re-emerging; a few even endured the summer of 2020 under COVID protocols and are set to return.

The Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival and Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival, two broadly popular events, have been canceled again this year. The Merc Playhouse will not likely be hosting

full productions. But the Methow Valley Memorial Day and Labor Day Rodeos, and Confluence Gallery’s Methow Valley Home Tour, are back on the calendar, and Winthrop ’49er Days was scheduled to return in early May. As of press time, the Methow Valley Farmers Market and Winthrop Market will be open. Look for information about Fourth of July events in Twisp in the weekly Methow Valley news.

Of course, the great outdoors is the Methow’s main event, and Methow Valley Summer 2021 is chock full of all the basic information you need to have a fully engaged recreational experience. You’ll find more than 20 user-friendly stories about a wide range of activities and other local attractions that are worth seeking out. And, we continue to offer our dining and lodging guides. There is no better one-stop source for Methow Valley information.

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