

Things to Do in Boulder, CO...

Boulder, CO is situated at the edge of the Rocky Mountains, just thirty miles northwest of Denver, CO at an elevation of 5,400 feet (1650 meters). The Flatirons serve as the backdrop for Boulder and provide many outdoor activities, from hiking and biking to rock climbing and kayaking. In August, the average high temperature is 85°F and the average low temperature is 58°F. Notice the relatively large cooling after sunset! Boulder has at least 300 days of sunshine every year, allowing for outdoor activities year round. While attending the ASP Meeting, make sure to take some time to get out and explore Boulder. Here are some recommended activities:

Go on a hike, walk, or ride Get out on the trails! The city of Boulder maintains 144 miles of trails in their Open Space and Mountain Parks and many are right in town. It has 100 miles of bike paths. Favorites:

- 1) Chautauqua Park is full of trails of all difficulty levels and amazing views.
<http://www.chautauqua.com/default.htm>
http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2996&Itemid=1035
- 2) Mount Sanitas Trail is a moderate to difficult trail that leads to the top of Mount Sanitas (elevation 6,863 feet), which overlooks Boulder.
http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3024&Itemid=1035
- 3) Eldorado Canyon State Park has world-class rock climbing and is beautiful.
<http://parks.state.co.us/parks/eldoradocanyon>
- 4) Boulder Creek Path follows the creek that cuts through town and connects several parks throughout Boulder (You can rent bicycles if weather permitting)
http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9608&Itemid=3170
- 5) Rocky Mountain National Park (Estes Park, CO) is 45 miles northwest of Boulder and well worth the trip. <http://www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm>
- 6) There will be bicycles available for rental on campus near the meeting.

Visit a brewery. Colorado has more breweries per capita than any other state in the United States. Many of the local restaurants brew their own beer, so you can sample the local brew without going on a brewery tour. The two most popular brewery tours in the area are:

- 1) Coors Factory Tour (in Golden, CO - 22 miles south of Boulder)
<http://www.millercoors.com/who-we-are/locations.aspx#Golden>
- 2) New Belgium Factory Tour (in Fort Collins, CO – 55 miles north of Boulder)
<http://www.newbelgium.com/visit-us>

Go on a free tour. In case it's too cold or rainy outside, Colorado does have some good indoor options.

- 1) Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory Tour offers a look into the world's most advanced tea production plant. <http://www.celestiaseasonings.com/visit-us/>
- 2) Leaning Tree Museum and Sculpture Garden of Western Art is located next to Celestial Seasonings and has an extensive collection of Western Art
<http://www.leanintree.com/Museum.html>

Go shopping. Boulder has two main shopping districts that offer a variety of major retailers and local shops.

- 1) Pearl Street is in the heart of downtown Boulder and is a walking mall that features local restaurants and shops and many street performers. All the conference hotels are within walking distance of Pearl Street. Boulder is known for Pearl Street
<http://www.boulderdowntown.com/visit/history-of-pearl-street>
- 2) 29th Street Mall is a new outdoor mall in Boulder. Besides being the home to many stores and restaurants, the 29th Street Mall also houses The Wonders of Science – outdoor science exhibits that highlight all of the science agencies in Boulder, including NOAA.
<http://www.twentyninthstreet.com/>