

## Places to Visit in and Near Boulder

IF YOU HAVE TWO TO FOUR HOURS

### Walks

*Teller Farms* - This 4.5 mile RT flat trail is sport chair accessible and meanders past Teller Lake and through farmland utilized for crop production, cattle and horse grazing, and beekeeping. Trailhead is between 75th Street and 95th Street on the north side of Arapahoe, Boulder.  
<https://bouldercolorado.gov/trailhead/teller-farm-south>

*Walden Ponds* - Watch birds and other wildlife at this wetland environment created from old gravel pits. With five large ponds, scenic views of the Flatirons, and a beautiful nature trail to explore, the Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat is a quintessential Colorado open space that is well worth a visit. Entrance is on the west side of 75th St., between Valmont and Jay Road, Boulder  
<https://bouldercounty.gov/open-space/parks-and-trails/walden-ponds-wildlife-habitat>

*Pella Crossing* - Pella Crossing Open Space is a Wetland habitat, The Open Space supports aquatic plant and animal life and serves to lure in large numbers of migrating bird species. With grasses, wildflowers and trees surrounding the wetlands, these areas are biologically diverse both in and out of the water. Entrance at 1150 N. 75th St., Longmont.  
<https://bouldercounty.gov/open-space/parks-and-trails/pella-crossing>

### Museums

*Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art* 1750 13th St. Open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 to 5. [www.bmoca.org](http://www.bmoca.org). \$2/ free on Saturdays.

*Museum of Boulder - History.* 2205 Broadway. [www.museumofboulder.org](http://www.museumofboulder.org). Open every day except Tuesday, 9 to 5. \$10 adults/\$8 seniors.

### Other

Boulder Farmer's Market (Sat. 8-2) [www.bcfm.org](http://www.bcfm.org). Along 13th Street near downtown Boulder. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, crafts, plants and flowers, food trucks, music.

Dushanbe Teahouse - 1770 13th Street. [www.boulderteahouse.com](http://www.boulderteahouse.com). A gift to the City of Boulder from its sister city, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Open for dining every day except Mondays; including afternoon tea.

Pearl Street Mall - [www.boulderdowntown.com](http://www.boulderdowntown.com). A four block pedestrian mall from 11th to 15th street in downtown Boulder. Restaurants, shops, buskers.

Rayback Collective - 2775 Valmont Road. Boulder's only food truck park and full bar, tap house, coffee shop, event space, pup zone, backyard, and whatever else you make it. Occasional music and comedy performances; art shows; rotating food trucks.  
[www.therayback.com](http://www.therayback.com).

## IF YOU HAVE A DAY OR MORE

### Walks/Hikes/Climbs

Flagstaff Mountain <https://bouldercolorado.gov/trail/flagstaff>. Hike or bike to the top of Flagstaff mountain, west on Baseline Road, for fantastic views of the mountains. About a half hour from the Avalon.

Boulder Flatirons <https://www.bouldercoloradousa.com/things-to-do/insider-guides/flatirons>. The Flatirons are the striking, slanted, reddish-brown sandstone formations that make up a portion of Boulder's foothills on the west side of town. Hiking and rock climbing. About a half hour from the Avalon.

Mesa Trail <https://bouldercolorado.gov/trail/mesa>. Access points from Chautauqua, NCAR, and Eldorado Canyon. Miles of interconnected hiking trails. About a half hour from the Avalon.

### National/State/Local Parks

Chautauqua Park, Baseline Road & 9th St., Boulder. [www.chautauqua.com](http://www.chautauqua.com). Historic chautauqua, including theater, dining hall, general store, numerous hiking trails. About a half hour from the Avalon.

Rocky Mountain National Park [www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo). 415 square mile national park featuring the highest continuous paved road in the continental United States. Over 300 miles of hiking trails. Timed entry reservation required from [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). About an hour drive from the Avalon.

Eldorado Canyon [www.colorado.com/state-parks/eldorado-canyon-state-park](http://www.colorado.com/state-parks/eldorado-canyon-state-park). 9 Kneale Road, Eldorado Springs, CO. Rock climbing and hiking. About a half hour from the Avalon.

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

[www.colorado.com/state-parks/golden-gate-canyon-state-park](http://www.colorado.com/state-parks/golden-gate-canyon-state-park), 92 Crawford Gulch Road, Golden, CO Great views; 35 miles of hiking trails. About an hour from the Avalon.

Garden of the Gods [www.gardenofgods.com](http://www.gardenofgods.com). Colorado Springs. Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark featuring dramatic views. Admire the 300' sandstone rock formations against the backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. About two hours from the Avalon.

## Museums//Zoos

Denver Museum of Nature and Science [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org). 2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver. As the name says, Colorado's premiere museum of nature and science, featuring permanent and rotating exhibits, IMAX films; and a planetarium. Next to the Denver Zoo. About 45 minutes from the Avalon.

Denver Art Museum [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org). 100 W. 14th Ave. Parkway, Denver. Colorado's preeminent art museum, one of the largest between the Mississippi River and the west coast. Permanent and rotating exhibits. About 45 minutes from the Avalon.

Denver Museum of Contemporary Art [www.mcadenver.org](http://www.mcadenver.org). 1485 Delgany St., downtown Denver. Colorado's leading museum of contemporary art, featuring permanent and rotating exhibits. About 45 minutes from the Avalon.

Denver Zoo [www.denverzoo.org](http://www.denverzoo.org). 2300 Steel St., Denver. Next to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. See the new baby giraffe and baby otter. About 45 minutes from the Avalon.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. [www.cmzoo.org](http://www.cmzoo.org). 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road, Colorado Springs. USA Today's Readers' Choice 10 Best for 2021 has ranked Cheyenne Mountain Zoo as America's fourth-best zoo. About two hours from the Avalon. Combine a visit with a tour of the spectacular Garden of the Gods.

## Theater/Concerts

Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater. 18300 W. Alameda Parkway, Morrison, CO. [www.redrocksonline.com](http://www.redrocksonline.com). Colorado's iconic and historic outdoor amphitheater, featuring concerts, movies, Yoga on the Rocks, and other events; hiking trails. About an hour from the Avalon.

Denver Center for the Performing Arts. [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org). 14th & Curtis, Downtown Denver. National touring and local productions. Current shows include the touring production of Hadestown and David Byrne's Theater of the Mind. About 45 minutes from the Avalon.

Phamaly Theater Co., [www.phamaly.org](http://www.phamaly.org). 721 Santa Fe Dr., Denver. One of the few theater companies in the country featuring actors with disabilities. Current production - The Rocky Horror Show. About an hour from the Avalon.

## Other

Carousel of Happiness. [www.carouselofhappiness.org](http://www.carouselofhappiness.org). 20 Lakeview Drive, Nederland, Co. Hand-carved animals on a restored 1910 merry-go-round, with a 1913 Wurlitzer organ & \$3 rides. About an hour from the Avalon.