

Remember that any activity can be made a learning experience by talking about it, gathering needed information, and planning it together beforehand!

Indoor Activity Ideas

- **Arcades-** The TILT Arcade is located in the Foothills Fashion Mall and is open from 10 am to 9 pm Monday-Saturday and 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday.
- **Art Galleries-** Visit the many Old Town art galleries the first Friday of each month between 6-9 pm and tour for free. <http://downtownfortcollins.com/>
- **Create Arts or Crafts-** Visit a craft or hobby store like Michaels, Hobby Lobby, or Hobby Town and pick up supplies to get your creative juices flowing. Think assembling model cars, making jewelry, designing greeting cards, painting, photographing, knitting, decorating picture frames, scrapbooking, etc. <http://www.michaels.com/art/online/home>, <http://www.hobbylobby.com/>, <http://www.hobbytown.com/>
- **Attend an Athletic Event-** Look up schedules for high school, college, semi-pro, and professional sports and attend a game
- **Play Board Games**
- **Bowling-** Chipper's Lanes has two locations: 217 West Horsetooth Road (970/226.6327) and 830 North College Avenue (970/484.4777). <http://www.chipperslanes.com/>
- **Take a Class together-** Check out local offerings for classes like dance, pottery, quilting, martial arts, and wood-working at <http://www.fcgov.com/recreation/>.
- **Cook or Bake-** Together, choose a recipe, shop for ingredients, read the recipe and figure out measurements together. <http://www.childrensrecipes.com/>
- **Plan, shop, and make Dinner together**
- **Eat out-** Study the culture and food of another country and then eat at a local restaurant that serves that country's cuisine
- **Plan a Fictional Vacation-** Visit the library and research your destination, decide what to pack, who you will take with you, and what sites you will visit. You can chronicle your trip by using pictures from the internet or old travel magazines.
- **Fit-4 Fun-** Located 4103 South Mason Street. (970) 225-0557
- **Fort Fun-** Ride go-karts, play laser tag, ride bumper cars, play miniature golf, swing away in the batting cages, or play in the arcade. Located at 1513 E. Mulberry Street. www.fortfun.biz and 970/472.8009
- **Glow Golf-** Located in the Foothills Fashion Mall, open from 10 am to 9 pm Monday-Saturday and 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday. (970) 223-2366
- **Take a Historical Walking Tour-** <http://downtownfortcollins.com/pdf-gateway.php/documents/WalkingTour2008>
- **Holiday-Themed Activities-** make Valentines Day cards, deliver May Day baskets, dye Easter eggs, create a holiday wreath, carve a pumpkin, <http://holidays.kaboose.com/> and/or celebrate by performing a community service like making

cookies or holiday decorations for a nursing home or helping serve a meal at the soup kitchen (<http://odministries.org/>, <http://www.catholiccharitiesdenver.org/Volunteer/>).

- Explore visiting or volunteering at the local **Humane Society or Cat Rescue**- <http://www.larimerhumane.org/content/blogcategory/0/83/>, <http://www.fortcollinscatrescue.org/>
- Go to the **IMAX** theatre in Denver- <http://www.dmns.org/main/en/>
- **Plant an Indoor Herb Garden**
- Rent a movie or go to the **Movie Theater**- Local theaters include Cinemark 16, Carmike 10, Lyric Cinema Cafe, and AMC Cinema Saver 6 (<http://fortcollinsmovies.com/>).
- Attend a local **Musical or Play**- <http://www.basbleu.org/>, <http://www.nonesuchtheater.com/>, <http://www.adinnertheatre.com/>, <http://sota.colostate.edu/category/events/theatre-events/>
- Explore the **Museum and Discovery Science Center**- Located at 200 Mathews Street and open from 10 am to 5 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays and 12 pm to 5 pm on Sundays. <http://www.fcmdsc.org/index.php> and 970/221-6738
- Visit another **Museum**- Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art located at 201 S. College Avenue (<http://www.fcmoa.org/>), Denver Museum of Nature & Science (<http://www.dmns.org/>), Old West Museum in Cheyenne (<http://www.oldwestmuseum.org/>)
- **Play Pool**
- **Public Library**- Read a book together, check out a movie, do homework, or take advantage of the free programming. The Poudre River Library District has three locations; visit <http://www.poudrelibraries.org/locations/> for more information.
- Put together a **Puzzle**
- Go **Roller Skating**- Rollerland Skate Center, www.rollerlandskatecenter.com
- Help with a **School Project** or find out what the JP is studying and make it real through movies, books, etc.
- Research and do **Science Experiments**
- Learn how to **Sew or Knit**
- Go **Swimming**- Check out a neighborhood pool or a city pool: City Park Pool, Edora Pool Ice Center, or Mulberry Pool (<http://www.fcgov.com/recreation/>)
- Go **Window Shopping** in Old Town

Visit the calendar on the Partners Mentoring Youth website,
<http://partnersmentoringyouth.org/MentorResources/PartnersCalendar.aspx>,
for other activity ideas and/or event opportunities!

Outdoor Activity Ideas

- Go for a **Bike Ride** and look for new paths to take. www.fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-maps.php
- Explore other types of **Biking**- BMX, road or mountain. www.fcgov.com/bicycling/links-resources.php
- Visit area **Botanic Gardens**- Denver (www.botanicgardens.org) and Cheyenne (www.botanic.org)
- **Build** something out of wood or make musical instruments with discarded items
- Go **Camping**- Try backyard camping first if your Partner has never camped before
- Go to a **Car Show** or visit a **Car Lot** and “dream shop”
- Go to the **Denver Zoo**- <http://www.denverzoo.org/>
- Learn how to **Draw** by checking out books from the library and finding a good place to practice in a park
- **Environmental Learning Center**- Learn about and explore Colorado ecosystems through free programs. <http://warnercnr.colostate.edu/elc-home/>
- **Go Fishing**
- Explore a **Flea Market** or **Garage Sale**
- Attend **Free Festivals, Holiday Parades, or City Events**- www.downtownfortcollins.com
- Play **Frisbee** or **Frisbee Golf**- 1420 E. Stuart St. at Edora Park. It is an 18-hole Disc Golf Course and is open to the public. Other local courses are located on the C.S.U. campus and behind Cache La Poudre Elementary/Middle School.
- Make an outdoor **Garden** and have fun eating the veggies or arranging the flowers upon harvesting
- Take a spin **Go-Karting** at Fort Fun. www.fortfun.biz
- **Go Golfing**- Visit www.fcgov.com/golf/ for information on city courses
- Go for a **Hike**- Rocky Mountain National Park, Poudre Canyon, Lory State Park, or Horsetooth. Try taking a book about plants or birds along and try to identify species.
- Shoot **Hoops** at a local basketball court
- **Go Horseback Riding**
- Try **Ice skating**
- Visit **Lee Martinez Farm**- Observe and pet farm animals. www.fcgov.com/recreation/thefarm.php
- Go for a drive and **Listen to Music** that you and your Partner like
- Visit the **Loveland Sports Park**- The LSP includes roller hockey rinks, a skate park, and a spray park. It is located at 950 N. Boyd Lake Ave. Check out the following brochure: <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/LSPpamphlet2010.pdf>
- Enjoy **Natural Areas**- Take a walk, watch for wildlife, and view upcoming events at <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/>
- **Go Paddle Boating** at City Park. www.fcgov.com/recreation/cityparkpoolandtrain.php
- Check out the abundance of **Parks**- Find local listings at www.fcgov.com/parks
- Pack and eat a **Picnic**

- Take a trip to the **Poudre River**- Visit Lions Gate park (off of Overland Trail), Diamond Rock and Poudre Park to wade in the shallow water if safe.
- Play **Putt-Putt golf**- Try out Fort Fun located at 1513 E. Mulberry Street. www.fortfun.biz and 970/472.8009.
- Take a **Ride on the Bus**- Learn how to pay upon entering and make transfers. <http://www.fcgov.com/transfort/>
- Take in a **Rodeo**
- Go **Rollerblading**
- **Ski and Snowboard**- Consider cross country or downhill options. www.coloradoski.com
- Go **Sledding**
- Watch recreational **Softball Games**
- Go **Snowshoing**- Outdoor gear can be rented from the Outdoor Adventure Program at C.S.U. by calling 970/491.1669 or visiting <http://campusrec.colostate.edu/OutdoorProgram/Index.cfm>
- **Study Street Signs** or explore maps, learn about city design, and/or have fun with GPS
- Visit the **Swetsville Zoo** (Free)- More than 150 scrapmetal sculptures of dinosaurs, flowers, animals, insects. Located at 4801 East Harmony Road Fort Collins, CO 80525. Call (970) 484-9509 for more information.
- Go **Swimming**- Check out a neighborhood pool or a city pool: City Park Pool, Edora Pool Ice Center, or Mulberry Pool. <http://www.fcgov.com/recreation/>
- Play **Tennis**
- **Travel** to area cities and explore- Visit Denver, Cheyenne, Estes Park, or Loveland, after looking up interesting facts/places online or at the library
- Ride the **Trolley**- Runs from City Park to Old Town. Car 21 has been in operation since 1985 and is the only original restored city streetcar operation in the western U.S. The car was entirely restored and operated by volunteers. (970) 482-8246.
- Go **Tubing**- Consider snow tubing in the winter and water tubing in the summer
- Play **Volleyball**
- Take a **Walk**
- **Walk a Dog**- Take your and/or your Partner's dog for a walk
- **Wash** a car in the front lawn
- **Work on Cars** or engines, motorcycles, or bikes

Watch for emails from Partners Mentoring Youth staff regarding additional opportunities to attend professional sports games and other events with free tickets for you and your Junior Partner!

<http://www.fcchamber.org/thingsToDo.asp> -

Art galleries

- **AMELIA CARUSO** (artist), (970) 219-3228, www.ameliacaruso.com
- **BENSON GALLERY**, 123 N. College Ave., (970) 223-6450, www.ncaa-bensongallery.com. Paintings, sculpture, photography, prints, pottery and cards by local and regional artists.
- **CENTER FOR FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY** 400 N. College Ave, (970) 224-1010, www.c4fap.org
- **CSU CURFMAN GALLERY**, Lory Student Center, Colorado State University, (970) 491-5838, www.curfman.colostate.edu. Six to seven rotating visual art displays by student, regional, national and international artists.
- **HATTON GALLERY**, Visual Arts Building, Colorado State University, (970) 491-1989 www.colostate.edu. Rotating art exhibits and events by students, national and international artists.
- **LINCOLN CENTER VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM**, 417 W. Magnolia St., (970) 221-6735, www.fcgov.com/lctix/. The Lincoln Center features three indoor galleries and an outdoor sculpture garden. The Lincoln Center presents over 20 exhibits a year.
- **MEKO'S GALLERY & FRAMING**, 133 Remington St., (970) 221-4208, www.MekosGalleryandFraming.com.

Museums & attractions

- **AVERY HOUSE MUSEUM**, 328 W. Mountain Ave., 970-221-0533. Built in 1879; decorated and furnished to the original 1800s-style of the Avery family. Tours by appointment.
- **BREWERIES & BREWPUBS**, Big Horn Brewing Co. & Clubhouse, H.C. Berger Brewing Co., Linden's Brewing Co., New Belgium Brewing Co., Odell Brewing Co. Brewery tours and tastings.
- **DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER**, 703 E. Prospect Rd., (970) 472-3990, www.dcsm.org. Hands-on science activities including a Starlab Planetarium and rotating exhibits.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER**, 2400 Zeigler Rd., (970) 491-1661, www.warnercnr.colostate.edu/elc/. Programs, classes and other educational environmental activities for all ages.
- **FORT COLLINS MUSEUM**, 200 Mathews St., (970) 221-6738, www.fcgov.com/museum/. Exhibits on the natural and cultural history of Fort Collins as well as traveling shows.
- **SWETZVILLE ZOO**, 4801 E. Harmony Rd., (970) 484-9509, www.frommers.com/destinations/fortcollins/A27390.html. More than 150 scrapmetal sculptures of dinosaurs, flowers, animals, insects.

Performing arts

- **BAS BLEU THEATRE COMPANY**, 216 Pine St., (970) 498-8949, www.basbleu.org. Plays, poetry and prose readings, concerts, improvisational comedy, children's shows, performance workshops and gallery exhibits.
- **CANYON CONCERT BALLET**, 1031 Conifer St., (970) 472-4156, www.ccballet.org. Dance training and performances.

- **CAROUSEL DINNER THEATRE**, 3509 S. Mason St., (970) 225-2555, www.adinnertheatre.com. Dinner and rotating entertainment.
- **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE**, (970) 491 -5116, www.colostate.edu/Depts/Music/. Various performances throughout the year including a summer outdoor theater.
- **DEBUT THEATRE**, 827 Riverside Ave., (970) 224-5774, www.debuttheatre.org. Youth acting classes and performances by children.
- **FORT COLLINS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, 214 S. College Ave, (970) 482-4823, www.fcsymphony.org. Masterworks Program & Sunday Series Concerts.
- **THE LINCOLN CENTER**, 417 W. Magnolia St., (970) 221-6730, www.lctix.com. Performing arts center; diverse professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts and children's programs.
- **OPENSTAGE THEATRE & COMPANY**, (970) 484-5237, www.openstagetheatre.org. Theater, educational outreach and professional opportunities.

Shopping

Strategically placed retail centers through-out the city make shopping convenient.

- **DOWNTOWN & OLD TOWN SQUARE**, (970) 484-6500, www.downtownfortcollins.com. Pedestrian mall in historic downtown; shops, restaurants and bars.
- **FOOTHILLS MALL**, 215 E. Foothills Pkwy., (970) 226-5555, www.shopfoothills.com. More than 110 stores, including Foley's, Mervyns, Sears, JC Penney, Gap, The Limited, Bath and Body Works and other specialty stores.

Calendar of events

Fort Collins has a variety of events that occur annually while others occur only once. Visit the [Chamber's Community Calendar](#), the Fort Collins at Visitors Center Community Calendar www.ftcollins.com/ViewCalendar.asp, or the Downtown Business Association online calendar at www.downtownfortcollins.com.

LINKS

- [Colorado State University Rams](#)
- [Fort Collins Foxes Baseball Club](#)
- [Colorado Chill Women's Basketball](#)
- [Colorado Eagles semi-pro hockey](#)
- [Colorado Avalanche professional hockey](#)
- [Denver Bronco's professional football](#)
- [Colorado Rockies professional baseball](#)
- [Denver Nuggets professional basketball](#)
- [Colorado Mammoth professional lacrosse](#)
- [Colorado Rapids major league soccer](#)
- [Colorado Crush professional arena football](#)

Local Parks

From neighborhood playgrounds to skate parks and dog runs, parks are scattered throughout the city. Some of the larger community parks are:

- **CITY PARK**, 1500 W. Mulberry Ave. Boasts 85 acres that include ball fields, tennis courts, playground, lake, paddle boats, mini-train, fitness course, community outdoor pool and trolley rides. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/city-park.php for more information.
- **EDORA PARK**, 1420 E. Stuart St. Park includes ball fields, tennis courts, disc golf course, BMX track, fitness course, trail access, horseshoe pits, skate park, Edora Pool and Ice Center, playgrounds and picnic areas. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/edora-park.php for more information.
- **FOSSIL CREEK PARK**, 5821 S. Lemay Ave. The 100-acre park includes playground, tennis courts, skateboarding, inline skating park, ballfields, basketball court, lake, picnic shelters and dog park. Fossil Creek Park is the fifth community park to open in Fort Collins, and the first to open since Rolland Moore Park, which occurred in 1984. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/fossil-creek.php for more information.
- **GATEWAY NATURAL AREA**, 5216 Poudre Canyon Highway or 5 miles from Ted's Place. Just 15 miles from Fort Collins, the City's first mountain park sits at the site of the old water filtration plant, where the North Fork of the Poudre River joins the main stem of the river.
 - The hiking trail is rated as moderate to difficult and has an elevation gain of 500 feet. Total elevation for the trail is 5850 feet. It boasts several recreational opportunities including a quarter-mile nature trail and a designated boat launching area. Fishing, picnic shelters, and informational nature kiosks are also available for park goers to enjoy. Pets are allowed if on leash. The fee to park at Gateway is \$4 per vehicle, \$8 per vehicle with 8-person capacity and greater such as passenger vans, buses and campers. Admission hours are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day and 8:00 a.m. to sunset the rest of the year.
 - Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/gateway-park.php for more information.
- **LEE MARTINEZ PARK**, 600 N. Sherwood Ave. Park offers ball fields, tennis courts, playground, fitness course, basketball courts, picnic shelter and trail access. The Farm at Lee Martinez has various farm animals, a farm-history museum, working water hand pumps, Silo Store for crafts and novelties, and Children's Garden. Hayrides and pony rides are seasonal and available with a fee with advanced registration. Admittance to The Farm is free. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/martinez-park.php for more information.
- **ROLLAND MOORE PARK**, 2201 S. Shields St. Park includes ball fields, picnic benches and shelters, playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, trail access, pond and racquet complex. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/rolland-moore-park.php for more information.
- **SPRING CANYON COMMUNITY PARK**, The park boasts 100 acres nestled against the foothills of western Fort Collins. After 20 months of construction, Spring Canyon is ready to show its traditional and unique features. You will find Inspiration Playground (Northern Colorado's first universally accessible playground), a 2+ dog park complete with a lake for our doggie paddling pals and a free-ride course for endless mountain biking fun.
- **NORTHSIDE AZTLAN COMMUNITY CENTER SKATEBOARD PARK**, Fort Collins' newest skate park is located behind Northside Aztlan Center in Old Heritage Park. The skate park that is a collaborative design created by local and national skaters through the Parks Planning Department touts 20,000 square feet of concrete and a variety of cutting-edge features. The skate park is considered a modified street course with its' rounded corners, four-foot deep U-shaped bowl and the replica of the China Bank in San Francisco.
- **EDORA SKATEBOARD PARK**, located between the Edora Pool & Ice Center (EPIC) and the ball fields and tennis courts at Edora Park at 1420 E. Stuart St. The 17,500-square-foot concrete facility boasts snake runs, bowls, ramps and rails. The integrated design allows for a seamless flow between park structures, while also catering to varying expertise levels. The park is free and open to the public year-round. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/skate-parks.php for more information.

- **FOSSIL CREEK SKATEBOARD PARK**, 5821 S. Lemay Ave. The park is nestled in between the parking lots and playground near the front of Fossil Creek Community Park and offers a variety of steps and ramps to accommodate all skill levels. It includes steps ranging from three to nine high, a three step ramp over water, five grind rails including a three flat three combination, ramps and various platforms ranging from six inches to four feet high. The park is free to the public and open year-round. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/skate-parks.php for more information.
- **DISC GOLF COURSE**, 1420 E. Stuart St. at Edora Park. It is an 18-hole Disc Golf Course and is open to the public. However, any person wishing to rent the Disc Golf Course for exclusive use must obtain a Permit from the City's Sports Department at least two weeks prior to the date of the rental. Rental fees are \$150.00 per day for non-profit groups, and \$180.00 per day for all other groups. A \$250.00 refundable damage deposit is also required. With the exception of exclusive use permits, all other use is free to the public and open year round. To obtain a Disc Golf Course Permit please contact the Sports Department office at 221-6660, or stop by the Sports Department at 413 S. Bryan Avenue, located in City Park, behind Fire Station #2.

Regional Parks

- **CACHE LA POUDE RIVER**, with water rushing east from Rocky Mountain National Park, flows along Highway 14 and is Colorado's only National Wild and Scenic River. Poudre Canyon is a popular area for whitewater rafting and kayaking, hiking, camping and fishing, especially for brown and rainbow trout. For information, call (877) 444-6777, or visit www.coloradodirectory.com/poudrerivercanyon.
- **HORSETOOTH MOUNTAIN PARK**, a 2,100-acre Larimer County park located four miles west of Fort Collins, boasts hiking and biking trails and interesting rock formations to climb. A 6.5-mile reservoir offers recreational opportunities including boating, fishing, water skiing, camping, and picnicking with local marinas. Call (970) 679-4570 for more information.
- **LORY STATE PARK**, extends along the northwest side of Horsetooth Reservoir in Larimer County. Extensive trails offer terrain for mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding. Tour the park by foot, horseback, buggy or hay wagon. The park is open year-round and requires daily \$4 vehicle pass. An annual state vehicle pass is \$40 and a walk-in pass is \$2 per person per day. Call (970) 493-1623 for more information.
- **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**, covers 266,960 acres of natural areas including Long's Peak (14,256 feet) and the highest continuous road in the United States, Trail Ridge Road (12,183 feet). More than three million people visit the park each year, and it is popular for cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain climbing and fishing. Visitors can view wildlife, including elk, mule deer, black bear, coyote, bobcat, mountain goat, big horn sheep and moose. For information, call park headquarters at (970) 586, 1206 or the visitors center at (970) 627-3471 or visit www.nps.gov/romo/.

Community & activity centers

- **CITY PARK POOL**, 1599 City Park, (970) 484-PO, 1599 City Park, (970) 484-POOL (7665). The outdoor pool, located next to Sheldon Lake, offers a lazy river, shallow water, geysers, large play structure and a play feature. Admission is required per entry, however 10-punch passes are offered for those that frequently visit the pool. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/cityparkpoolandtrain.php for more information
- **EDORA POOL & ICE CENTER (EPIC)**, 1801 Riverside Ave., (970) 221-6683. EPIC offers olympic pool, therapy pool, baby pool, locker rooms, ice-skating rink, skate rental and private swim and skate lessons. EPIC also has an exercise room with step-climbers, stationary

bikes, rowing machine and weights. Admission is required per entry, however, multiple-admission and group passes can be purchased at a reduced rate. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/epic.php for more information.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTERS**, 3745 E. Prospect Rd. (West of I-25), (970) 491-1661. Educational opportunities for all ages are available through programs, classes and other environmental activities. Visit www.warnercnr.colostate.edu/elc/ for more information.
- **MULBERRY POOL**, 424 W. Mulberry St., (970) 221-6657. Pool includes an indoor 25-yard long pool with six lanes, a shallow-water play area and spa, a 1-meter diving board, lessons for all ages and a cardio area. Admission is required per entry, however multiple-admission and group passes can be purchased at a reduced rate. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/mulberrypool.php for more information.
- **NORTHSIDE AZTLAN COMMUNITY CENTER**, 112 E. Willow St., (970) 221-6655. This community center offers a gymnasium, game room, computer lab, skate park, shower and locker rooms, kitchen and weight room. Admission is required per entry, however, skate park is free. Visit www.fcgov.com/north for more information.
- **THE YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER**, 415 E. Monroe, (970) 416-2990. Drop in recreational opportunities that include a climbing wall, a basketball court, a fitness room, a TV/Stereo/game room, a study room with computers and small concession area are offered for youths ages 12-19. Classes are available for ages 1-19. Call for schedule. The Youth Activity Center is typically used for programs. If you would like to inquire about renting the facility, please call Marc Rademacher at 970.221.6309. For program information, please see the Recreator. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/youthactivitycenter.php for more information.
- **THE POTTERY STUDIO**, 1541 W. Oak, (970) 221-6204. Studio features 12 kick wheels, 12 electric wheels (2 handicap accessible), 6 kilns, and work areas for throwing and hand-building. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/potterystudio.php for more information.
- **FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER**, 1200 Raintree Dr., (970) 221-6644. Center is for adults (18+) only and features a 25-yard, 4-lane lap pool, 10-person spa, gymnasium, track, multi-use area with stage, classrooms, billiards, craft rooms, kitchen, lounge and media center/library. Admission is required per entry, however multiple-admission passes can be purchased at a reduced rate. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreation/seniorcenter.php for more information.
- **THE GARDENS AT SPRING CREEK**, 2145 S. Centre Avenue, (970) 221-6881. The Gardens on Spring Creek includes recreational, educational, cultural and environmental opportunities. The Gardens are located on an attractive 18 acre site about ½ mile south of the Hilton Hotel. A prominent feature is an attractive building that initially includes a production greenhouse, a classroom, an entry/display area, offices, and restrooms. A future phase will add a conservatory (for an indoor display garden), a meeting room, and a teaching kitchen. The grounds will eventually include numerous ornamental/theme gardens, extensive fruit and vegetable gardens, and a formal lawn area for social gatherings. The beauty of the site will be enhanced with many refined architectural elements, such as walled gardens, vine-draped arbors, and trellised walkways. Visit www.fcgov.com/horticulture for more information.

Biking & walking trails

Fort Collins has four major trails for walking, jogging, in-line skating and hiking. The trails are maintained year-round and serve as commuter routes for many students and residents. Maps are available from SmartTrips and are distributed at the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.fcgov.com/parks/trails.php for more information on trails in Fort Collins.

- **FOSSIL CREEK TRAIL** runs through the Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area on south Shields Street. Plans are in place to extend the trail west and north to meet the Spring Creek Trail and east to Fossil Creek Reservoir. New segments will open as rights-of-way are established and construction is completed.

- **POUDRE RIVER TRAIL** meanders along the Poudre River for 8.35 miles and runs from North Taft Hill Road to East Drake Road. Expansion of this trail is expected during the next several years.
- **POWER TRAIL** is 2.75 miles of paved trail, which follows the west side of the Union Pacific Railroad south from Edora Park to south of Harmony Road. The trail to Horsetooth Road is completed, but future phases will extend beyond Harmony Road eventually to Loveland's trail system. Funding is from Conservation Trust (Lottery) revenue.
- **SPRING CREEK TRAIL** follows Spring Creek through several parks in mid-Fort Collins and extends from West Drake Road to the confluence of Spring Creek and the Poudre River, where it joins the Poudre River Trail. This popular trail, which is 6.6 miles, continues to Spring Canyon Community Park and the Foothills Natural Areas.

Golf Courses

- **CITY PARK NINE**, 411 S. Bryan Ave., (970) 221-6650. Public; 9 holes; par 36; 3,089 total yards.
- **COLLINDALE GOLF COURSE**, 1441 E. Horsetooth Rd., (970) 221-6651. Public; 18 holes; par 71; 6,509 total yards.
- **FORT COLLINS COUNTRY CLUB**, 1920 Country Club Rd., (970) 484-9988. Private; 18 holes; par 71; 6,924 total yards.
- **FOX ACRES COUNTRY CLUB**, 3350 Fox Acres Dr., Red Feather Lakes, (970) 881-2510. Private; 18 holes; par 71; 6,363 total yards.
- **LINK-N-GREENS GOLF COURSE**, 777 E. Lincoln Ave., (970) 221-4818. Public; 18 holes; par 64; 5,012 total yards.
- **MAD RUSSIAN GOLF COURSE**, 2100 Country Club Pkwy. Milliken, CO 80543, (970) 587-5157. Public; 18 holes; par 69; 5,700 yards
- **HIGHLAND MEADOWS GOLF COURSE**, 6300 Highland Meadows Pkwy. Windsor, CO 80550, (970) 204-4653. 18 holes; par 71; 7,000+ yards.
- **MOUNTAIN VISTA GREENS**, 2808 NE Frontage Rd., (970) 482-4847. Public; 9 holes; par 36; 3,500 total yards.
- **PTARMIGAN GOLF COURSE**, 5416 Vardon Way, (970) 226-6600. Semi-private; 18 holes; par 72; 7,201 total yards.
- **SOUTHRIDGE GOLF COURSE**, 5750 S. Lemay Ave., (970) 226-2828. Public; 18 holes; par 71; 6,378 total yards.

Fort Collins recreation resources

- **RECREATOR**: A guide to recreation programs offered through the City of Fort Collins. Visit www.fcgov.com/recreator/ for a list of programs.
- **ENRICH**: A guide to recreation programs offered through the City of Fort Collins for people 50 and over. Visit www.fcgov.com/pathways/ for a list of programs.

Colorado skiing

Many popular ski areas lie within a short drive of Fort Collins. For information about Colorado skiing, visit [Ski Conditions](#).

- **ELDORA MOUNTAIN RESORT**: Less than two hours from Fort Collins is located in the Snowy Range.
- **BEAVER CREEK, BERTHOUD PASS, BRECKENRIDGE, COPPER MOUNTAIN, KEYSTONE, ARAPAHOE BASIN, LOVELAND, MONARCH, STEAMBOAT, VAIL, WINTER PARK AND MARY JANE**: A two to four hour drive from Fort Collins.

- **ASPEN HIGHLANDS, ASPEN MOUNTAIN, BUTTERMILK, CRESTED BUTTE, CUCHARA VALLEY RESORT, DURANGO MOUNTAIN RESORT, POWDERHORN, SNOWMASS, SUNLIGHT, TELLURIDE, WOLF CREEK AND SKI TAMARRON:** More than a four hour drive from Fort Collins.

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- [Foothills Mall](#), (970) 226-5555, 215 E. Foothills Pkwy.
- [The Promenade Shops at Centerra](#), I-25 & Hwy 34 (Loveland)
- [Outlets at Loveland](#), I-25 & Hwy 34 (Loveland)

What to see & where to go

- **ANHUESER-BUSCH TOUR CENTER**, (970) 490-4691. Offers brewery tours, learn about the Budweiser brewing process, and see the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales.
- **AVERY HOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT**, 328 W. Mountain Avenue (near Old Town), (970) 221-0533. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1879, it was the home of Franklin & Sara Avery and offers tours and is also a popular place to have an outdoor wedding.
- **CITY PARK RAILWAY**, 1599 City Park Drive, (970) 416-2990. The railway is a miniature train that runs during the summer and is available for party rental.
- **COLORADO WELCOME CENTER**, 3745 East Prospect Road #105, (970) 491-3388. Find out what Colorado has to offer by browsing brochure racks, maps, and guides to help you plan your vacation. Helpful volunteers are also on hand to answer questions and provide additional information.
- **CSU ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER**, 3745 East Prospect Road #205, (970) 491-166. CSU's ELC is one of the last remaining undeveloped riparian woodlands along the Poudre River. The visitor center houses interpretive displays designed by youth rangers, but is only open by request. Trails area open daily from dawn to dusk. Guided group tours upon request.
- **DISCOVERY CENTER SCIENCE MUSEUM**, 703 E. Prospect Road , (970) 472-3990. The Discovery Science Center is loaded with more than 111 incredible hands-on exhibits guaranteed to thrill your imagination and ignite your curiosity.

- **DRIVING TOUR.** The Convention & Visitor's Bureau offers maps and details for 7 popular driving tours including, the Colorado Environmental Learning Center, the Pawnee National Grasslands, the Colorado Trout Route, the Cache La Poudre River, the North Park Scenic Byway, High Country Routes, and Rocky Mountain National Park.
- **THE FARM AT LEE MARTINEZ PARK,** 600 N. Sherwood Street (near Old Town), (970) 221-6665. A trip to The Farm features farm animals, museum, Silo Store, hayrides and pony rides (fee required). Ask about children's classes and programs.
- **FORT COLLINS MUNICIPAL RAILWAY,** (970) 482-8246. Runs from City Park to Old Town. Car 21 has been in operation since 1985 and is the only original restored city streetcar operation in the western U.S. The car was entirely restored and operated by volunteers.
- **FORT COLLINS MUSEUM,** 200 Mathews Street (near Old Town), (970) 221-6738. Featuring regional cultural and natural history displays in two galleries and the Fort Collins Museum Local History Archive. The Heritage Courtyard houses three historic cabins and a 1905 one-room schoolhouse. Explore the Museum Store for unique local history books, music, games, toys, and gifts.
- **FORT FUN,** 1513 E. Mulberry, (970) 472-8000, www.fortfun.biz. Fort Fun is the ultimate family amusement experience. Attractions include 36-holes of deluxe miniature golf, slick track and family track go-karts; bumper boats, laser tag, water games, an arcade, family restaurant. Offering group rates & birthday parties.
- **THE GARDENS AT SPRING CREEK,** 2145 S. Centre Avenue, (970) 221-6881, www.fcgov.com/. The Gardens on Spring Creek includes recreational, educational, cultural and environmental opportunities. The Gardens are located on an attractive 18 acre site about ½ mile south of the University Park Holiday Inn. A prominent feature is an attractive building that initially includes a production greenhouse, a classroom, an entry/display area, offices, and restrooms. A future phase will add a conservatory (for an indoor display garden), a meeting room, and a teaching kitchen. The grounds will eventually include numerous ornamental/theme gardens, extensive fruit and vegetable gardens, and a formal lawn area for social gatherings. The beauty of the site will be enhanced with many refined architectural elements, such as walled gardens, vine-draped arbors, and trellised walkways.
- **GRANDVIEW CEMETARY,** 1900 W. Mountain Avenue (Taft Hill & Laporte Ave), (970) 221-6810, www.fcgov.com. One of most beautiful, historical cemeteries in the area featuring the graves of Fort Collins founders. Maps are available at the Visitor Information Center and the City Parks Office.
- **THE GREAT STUPA AT SHAMBHALA MOUNTAIN CENTER,** 4921 County Rd. 68-C, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545, (888) STUPA-21, www.shambhalamountain.org. Praised by the New York Times, NPR and BBC, The Great Stupa is the most spectacular example of Buddhist sacred architecture outside Asia. Filled with sacred art, the 108-foot-tall Stupa showcases Tibet's cultural heritage and is the jewel of RMSC's 600-acre campus. Also enjoy hiking, yoga, bodywork, meditation, gift store, good meals and comfortable lodgings.
- **LARIMER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENTS COMPLEX:** The Ranch, (970) 498-7000, www.larimer.org. The 243-acre campus is the home of the Colorado Eagles, Larimer County Fair and many other events. Tradeshow space, large event catering, concerts and the like are hosted by this new complex.
- **THE LINCOLN CENTER,** 417 W. Magnolia St., (970) 221-6730, www.lctix.com. Performing arts center; diverse professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts and children's programs.
- **OBSERVATORY VILLAGE,** 3733 Galileo Drive, (970) 226-1560, www.observatoryvillage.com. As one of the top observatories, Stargazer Observatory features a 14-inch, Celestron C-14 telescope and Bisque Paramont ME Mounting System. Stargazer Observatory is also used for college courses offered through Front Range Community College.
- **ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAPTOR CENTER** and CSU Vet School Raptor Center, RM Raptor Center: 1 mile east of Timberline on Drake Road, CSU Vet School: 300 W. Drake Road, (970) 297-0398 or (970) 297-4000, www.rmrp.org. A community effort for rehabilitation and release for injured birds of prey that promotes the value of raptors, wildlife, conservation and environmental awareness.

- **SWETSVILLE ZOO**, 4801 E. Harmony Road (1/4 mile east of I-25 on Harmony). Visit this world-famous metal sculpture park containing over 150 creations.
- **WHITEWATER RAFTING** with Mountain Whitewater Descents, 1329 N. US Hwy. #287, (970) 419-0917, www.mountainwhitewaterdescents.com. Mountain Whitewater Descents offers rafting adventures on the Cache La Poudre River near Estes Park Colorado. Mountain Whitewater Descents is proud to have a special use permit from the Roosevelt National Forest. The guidelines keep river use low so that the Poudre delivers an exceptional wilderness rafting experience. Check out the Poudre page to find out how special Colorado's only "Wild and Scenic" river really is. Coloradans consider it the best canyon and river in Colorado. Come rafting and you'll agree.

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