

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN LARIMER COUNTY

There's no end to outdoor adventure in Larimer County. Take your pick from mountain biking in Lory State Park, camping in the Poudre Canyon, driving the scenic Big Thompson Canyon or hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park—and plenty of activities and places in between. Your adventure can be as small as checking out a bike from the downtown Fort Collins Bike Library and tootling from brewery to brewery, or as strenuous as backpacking in Rocky Mountain National Park or rafting the “Wild and Scenic” Poudre River.

Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP), near Estes Park, draws over 3 million people each year to hike its multiple trails or drive the infamous Trail Ridge Road. The park straddles the Continental Divide with elevation ranging from 7,860 feet to 14,259 feet. It's a sight to see.

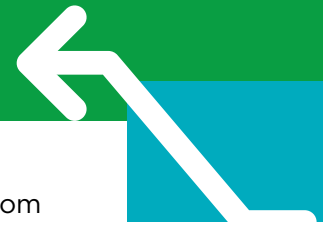


COUNTY OPEN SPACE

Larimer County has 43,000 acres of preserved land as open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, parks and trails. These areas offer a variety of terrain including reservoirs, valleys, rocky cliffs and forests. For example, Horsetooth Reservoir and Horsetooth Mountain Open Space west of Fort Collins offer 29 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails, plus boating, camping, swimming and rock climbing in and along the 6.2 mile-long Horsetooth Reservoir.

CITY PARKS

Each of the cities in Larimer County have their own park systems. The City of Fort Collins has many parks throughout the city, including dog parks for your four-legged friends, an archery range, disc golf courses, tennis courts, skate parks, baseball fields, splash parks and an outdoor pool. The same is true for Loveland, which also has the well-known Benson Sculpture Garden. Estes Park is a busy place in the summers, and its Riverwalk in downtown is a coveted place to stroll and talk or sit on a bench and listen to the roaring river on a hot day.



RMNP has
350
miles of
trails

CITY PARK COUNT

Fort Collins	54
Loveland	35
Timnath	4
Estes Park	11
Wellington	7
Berthoud	10
Total	115



→ TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING!

Larimer County is known for its mountain biking, with 50 trails listed near Fort Collins on singletracks.com. There's something for everyone from the loop-de-loop trails in Lory State Park, to the grueling Old Flowers Road trail above Fort Collins in Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest.

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→ OUTDOOR EVENTS CALENDAR

April	Horsetooth Half Marathon, Fort Collins
May	Bike to Work Challenge, Loveland
May	McKee Classic Bike Tour, Loveland
August	Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo
August	USA Pro Challenge, Fort Collins, Loveland
September	Tour de Fat, Fort Collins
November	Turkey Trot, Fort Collins