DONT MISS THIS AT CHAUTAUQUA

Did you know the Chautauqua area is about more than just hiking? The 1898 buildings in this historic district house a General Store that sells ice cream, coffee, tea and sundries (closed in winter); the Chautauqua Dining Hall, which serves farm-to-table cuisine on its pleasant porch or inside next to the cozy fireplace; and the Chautauqua Auditorium, an acoustically exceptional venue for summer music events. You can also picnic on the grassy lawn of Chautauqua Park. Plan to spend time here before or after your hike.

BOULDER
Hiking Guide

KEY

Dogs allowed (on leash) Wheelchair Friendly and Handicap Accessible Parking Fee Biking Trail, Too Restroom Fishing* Great for Winter Hiking

Served by Park-to-Park Bus

The Chautauqua Trailhead is very popular and parking is scarce. You can avoid the congestion by taking the Park-to-Park bus Memorial Day–Labor Day. See more information on reverse.

EASY

Buy Scout Trail

This family-friendly hike has forested views and diced aspen groves en route to a strong looking lookout at Mill’s Peak. It becomes a semiarid landscape of rock outcrops and trees for hikers to scramble over (chance of ticks behind). Take a leisurely tour of the Sensory Garden, where you will not only smell the flowers of the summer season, but also enjoy the nature of the plants. The trail is well-maintained, giving the hiker an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the natural world. The trail ends at the Mill’s Peak Trailhead. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Sawhill Ponds Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Marshall Mesa Loop

A loop that takes you to the top of the mesa and back down again. The trail is well-maintained and easy to follow. The highlight of the trail is the view from the top of the mesa. The trail is 2.5 miles long and takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Marshall Mesa Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Chautauqua Loop

This hike is a great way to see the Chautauqua Loop without the crowds. The trail is 8.5 miles long and takes approximately 4 hours to complete. The trail has some steep sections and requires some physical fitness. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” See more information on the Park-to-Park shuttle, available Memorial Day–Labor Day.

MODERATE

South Mesa Loop

This hiking area is known for its historical homestead settings and landscape that is a pleasant mix of rolling meadows and Rocky Mountain forests, loaded with wildlife and birds. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “South Mesa Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Woods Quarry Trail

Discover an old stone quarry where large sandstone cliffs have been remanufactured into an outdoor living space by time and elements. This trail is a great place to enjoy a picnic lunch or a relaxing walk. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” See more information on the Park-to-Park shuttle, available Memorial Day–Labor Day.

Range View/Ute Trails

On the hunt for a cool and easy hike? Range View Trail is just the ticket, taking you through quiet stands of aspen and pine. The redrock core (so prepare your camera) is a breathtaking view from the top of the trail. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

ADVANCED

Royal Arch Trail

This thrill is best in late winter after the snow has melted. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Mallory Cave Trail

For a few years, this entire trail was closed to protect a rare colony of bats from human disturbance. These days the trail is open, so bring the kids or the dog and head down to see a captivating image of the inner workings of a cave. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Bear Peak Trail

With a 6,441 feet summit and views of Longs Peak from its summit, Bear Peak is a legitmiate mountain climb (so prepare accordingly) and conveniently accessed right out of Boulder city limits. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Bear Peak Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Green Mountain Summit Loop

A 11.44 mile, green Mountain in the west peak in Boulder’s mountain range. The trail leads from the Gregory Canyon to Silverthorne. Both are scenic drives up the coastal and craggy mountain peaks. Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation at “Green Mountain Summit Loop.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

* Must have a valid Colorado fishing license. Learn more at cpw.state.co.us.

For more trails and information on the Park-to-Park shuttle, available Memorial Day–Labor Day. See more information on reverse.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information on hiking trails, visit the Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks website at boulderopenspace.org or the City of Boulder website at cityofboulder.gov.
Park-to-Park
Free Weekend Shuttle to Chautauqua
Memorial Day Weekend–Labor Day

Headed to the Chautauqua Trailhead to hike among the Flatirons? Parking is extremely limited on summer weekends. We strongly recommend riding the free weekend shuttle to get there stress-free and to avoid parking fees. Simply park for free at downtown parking garages, CU Regent lot or New Vista High School, and then hop on the shuttle. More information available at Park2Park.org.

- **Free**
- Every 15 minutes
- Saturdays and Sundays, 8am-8pm (plus Memorial Day, Labor Day and Fourth of July, 8am-8pm)
- Dogs welcome

Prefer not to use the free satellite parking and shuttle? Paid parking ($2.50/hr) is available in designated areas in and around Chautauqua. Another option is to take Lyft/Uber from Chautauqua. Receive $2.50 off each way) summer Saturdays and Sundays 8am-8pm with promo code: RIDETOHKE2019.

Visiting Chautauqua before 8am or after 8pm on the weekends? More transportation options are detailed at Park2Park.org.

How to Hike Happy

**Altitude Awareness**

Boil water for at least one minute, as you might imagine, the air is a bit thinner up here. It helps prevent accidents — especially by hikers, runners and joggers — make sure to drink more water than usual, as your body tends to get dehydrated quicker up high.

**Sunscreen**

Cover yourself with sunscreen and bring a hat. Boulder is a mile closer to the sun than the sandy beaches on the coast, which means it’s easier to get sunburned. Use sunscreen that’s at least SPF 30, and reapply often. Wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt to protect your shoulders and arms.

**Traveling on the Trail**

Stay on the trail and keep to the path! A trail is a trail for everyone, so be respectful of other hikers. It’s also important to keep a safe distance from wildlife. Most hikers will overestimate their time to the summit, so start early in the day to allow extra time for hiking.

**Stay in Your Footprint**

Pilgrimage rocks and petrified wood may not seem like a big deal, but it means others won’t have a chance to enjoy them. With millions of people visiting Open Space and Mountain Parks, the less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. Learn more at trailsandpoints.com/parkour/hike/literature.

**Stick to the Trail**

Traveling on the trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes. Shortcutting the trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes. Traveling on the trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes. Traveling on the trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes. Traveling on the trail leaves room for wildlife and their homes.

**Shore Our Trails**

We all enjoy the outdoors in different ways. Pay attention to ensure others also enjoy the outdoors. Yell if all.

**Dogs**

On most trails, visitors can walk their dogs on leash. If dog guardians wish to walk their dogs off leash, they must be registered in Boulder’s Voice and Sight Program. Learn more at voiceandsight.org.

Boulder’s Outdoor-Loving Legacy

From its earliest days, Boulder has been a city that appreciates its beautiful natural surroundings. In 1898, the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, considered something of a health sanctuary and spa, opened at the base of Boulder’s mountains with trails outside its back door. It drew guests who retreated into the piney hills for exercise, fresh air and sunshine. In 1898, the Colorado Chautauqua was built at the foot of the red rock formations known as the Flatirons. It was a family retreat created in the tradition of national Chautauquas of the time, focusing on culture, music and nature. In 1967, Boulder became the first city in the U.S. to tax itself to acquire funds to be used specifically for the acquisition, management and maintenance of open space.

Boulder continues to passionately protect some 45,000 acres of unspoiled open space, which visitors can access via 300 miles of hiking and biking trails. We welcome you to this outdoor playground.

Winter Hiking

Enjoy fewer hikers, bright-blue skies and the occasional quiet blanket of snow. Snow cleats recommended.

FIRST STOP: RANGER COTTAGE

Before your hike, visit the Ranger Cottage at the Chautauqua Trailhead for maps, brochures, friendly advice and educational displays. You can view local animal specimens and touch pellets. There’s also a public restroom and a place to fill your water bottle.