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# THE BOULDER COUNTY Farm trail

Explore Boulder County's farms, from field to fork



## Back to Our Roots

Early on, Boulder's residents made clear a deep love for their land. In 1967, Boulder became the first city in the United States to tax itself for funds to be used specifically for the acquisition and management of open space. Around the same time, countywide residents approved the use of public lands for agriculture, seeing value in the care and use of public land by farmers. Today, about 25,000 acres of the county's public lands are leased to farmers.

An even broader agricultural industry feeds Boulder's obsession with fresh foods and its

outdoor-loving ethos. There are over 850 farms in Boulder County! This brochure is devoted to a number of those farms that welcome visitors on a regular basis.

It's our hope you'll get out and meet our extraordinary farming community, feel the warm Colorado sunshine on your skin, swing on a tire swing, let a handful of juicy raspberries drip down your chin — and see for yourself why Boulderites are so passionate about our land and the foods that come from it.



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## 5 things to try...



### On the Farm

Experience Boulder's acclaimed food scene at its source, get a little dirt on your hands and meet some furry friends.

- Bike-to-farm.** Boulder Bike Tours offers scenic rides to local farms via country roads and bike paths with beautiful mountain views. Electric bikes are available. Choose from a Thursday evening ride that ends with fresh pizza pies topped with the day's veggie harvest or a Sunday brunch ride.
- Get farm smarts.** On-the-farm classes let you get up close and personal to the land and its farmers. Take a course on wild herb picking and natural medicine at Three Leaf Farm, an officially designated botanical sanctuary; sign up for a cheese-making workshop at Mountain Flower Goat Dairy; or choose a beekeeping class at Growing Gardens. Check the listings on the opposite side for more ideas.
- Dine fresh.** Feel free to kick up your boots, chat and laugh under a string of shimmering lights on Eden-like Lone Hawk Farm. Check our listings for more farms offering dinners, and plan ahead, as they frequently sell out.
- Shop the farms.** Pick up some famous peaches-and-cream sweet corn from Munson Farms, savory sausages from SkyPilot Farm, or cheeses, soaps and handcrafted goodies at Isabelle Farm. Or stop at Ollin Farms, where an on-site helper can point you to the best picks. Swing by Hoot 'n' Howl Farm for raspberries or dig your own irises in May and June at Long's Gardens.
- Picnic in style.** Spread out a quilt in the sun, unpack some goodies and lunch it up while you watch life on the farm. Lone Hawk Farm allows picnics on their barn balcony, or check the listings on the other side for more picnic options.

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### At the Market

Established more than 30 years ago by a handful of local farmers, the Boulder Farmers Market will fill your belly and soul with happiness. With more than 150 vendors, it's a top visitor attraction and a weekly tradition for residents.

Saturdays, 8am–2pm (First Saturday in April through the Saturday before Thanksgiving)

Wednesdays, 4–8pm (First Wednesday in May through the first Wednesday in October)

- Meet the farmers.** Only vendors who grow what they sell are permitted. They tend to be a friendly lot, so feel free to ask questions and admire their crops.
- Redefine "food court" food.** Handmade tamales, steamed dumplings, stone-fired pizza and fresh-pressed juices await in the market's prepared foods area. Grab a plate and take a seat at the tables or in a shady spot next to Boulder Creek.
- Sample the goods.** Locally crafted artisan cheeses, breads, jams, pastas, salsas, granolas and more are offered throughout the market for you to taste.
- Stop and smell the roses.** Farm-grown flower stands bring a riot of color to the market. Pause for a sniff or a photo, and maybe pick up a bunch for your hotel room.
- Jam out.** Local bands are often heard striking up some tunes in the food court area. Sit back and watch, or simply listen as the melody floats through the festival-like atmosphere of the market.

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### On Your Plate

Boulder was named America's Foodiest Town by *Bon Appétit*, and Pearl Street ranked one of the 10 Best Streets for Foodies in *Food & Wine*. Why? We think it has a lot to do with an abundance of creative chefs who insist on ingredients plucked straight from local fields.

- Chefs turned farmers.** Boulder chefs are taking out the middleman and starting their own farms to ensure only freshly harvested foods make it to your plate. This is true of Black Cat, Blackbelly, Leaf, Salt, Lucile's...we could go on and on.
- Go green.** The Kitchen has been called the "greenest restaurant in the West" and is a leader in sustainable, farm-to-fork dining — not to mention deliciousness.
- Cuisine with a conscience.** Chef Bradford Heap of Salt Bistro and Pepper the Noshery has taken a stand against genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and will only buy from suppliers who can guarantee their products are GMO free. It makes for a menu that's worry-free yet incredibly sumptuous.
- Homegrown collaboration.** Seeds Library Cafe in the Boulder Public Library — an organic, locally sourced eatery on a bridge overlooking Boulder Creek — is the result of a partnership between the library and Boulder County Farmers Markets.
- Sip fresh.** Try a cocktail made with regional ingredients at Oak on Fourteenth, Salt or Bitter Bar. Sample Colorado wines at two wineries. Go behind the scenes at one of four local distilleries. Or savor our booming craft brewing industry at 20+ breweries around town.

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### With the Kids

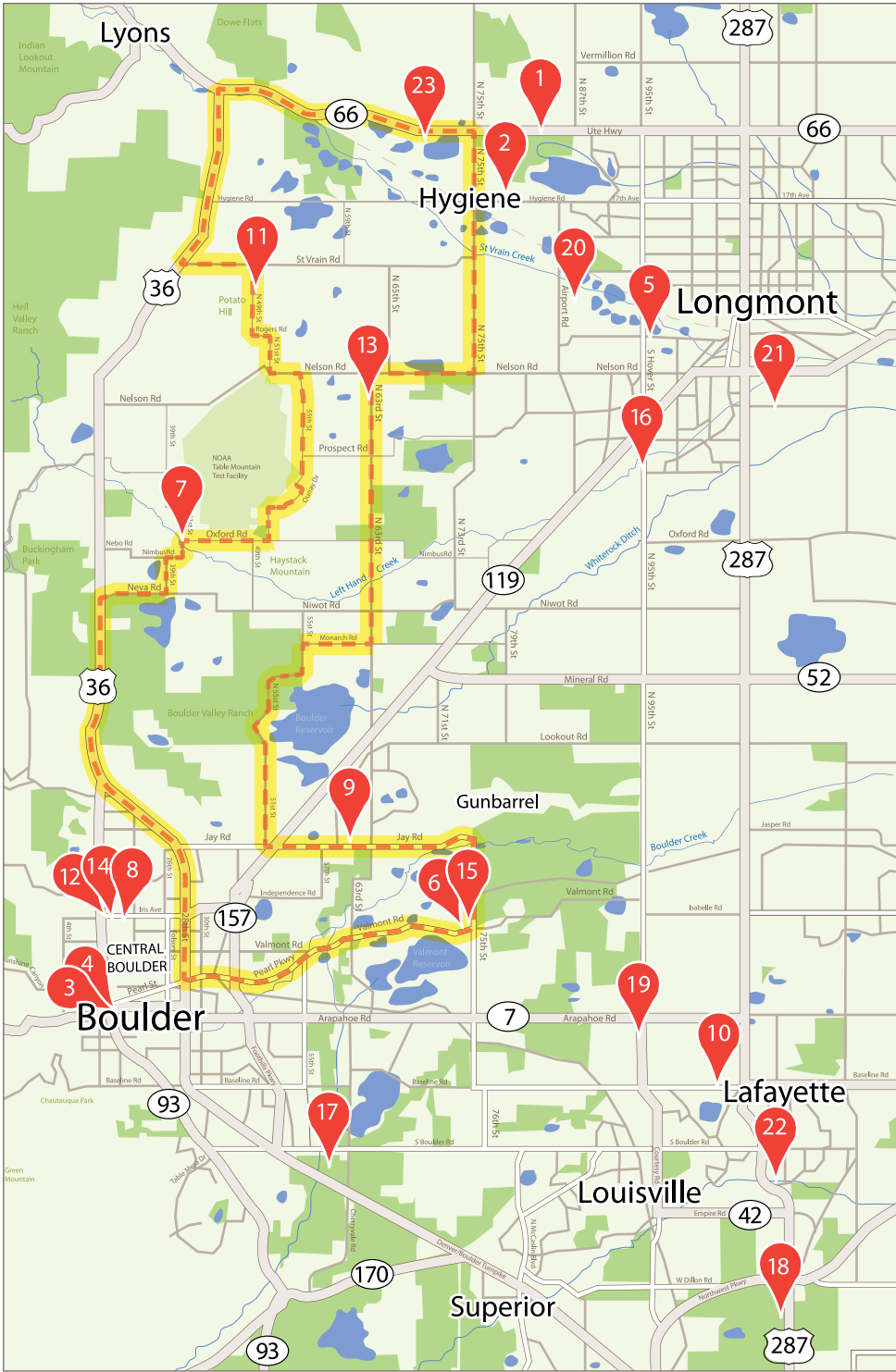
Homegrown fun and simple country pleasures (think strawberry-stained chins and hay stuck in your hair) will have every member of your family grinning from ear to ear.

- Big. Red. Barn.** At Longmont's Agricultural Heritage Center, tour a historical farm, pretend to be a draft horse to see how much weight you can pull, and watch as little ones push buttons inside a tractor cab and play at the fruit stand.
- Pumpkins for lil' punkins.** During harvest time, Rock Creek Farm goes all out, with acres of pumpkin patches, jumpy castles, slides, farm animals, a hay-bale maze and a corn maze — all with a sweeping vista of the Rocky Mountains.
- Seeds of peace.** The Children's Peace Garden is a great place to wander, snap some photos under the charming rainbow entryway with the gorgeous Flatirons as backdrop, and teach little minds about some of Boulder's most cherished ethos: locally grown health foods, kindness, community and peace.
- Babies!** Meet baby goats and learn how the farmers milk the does at Mountain Flower Goat Dairy. All ages and abilities can even take yoga classes among the goats in this unique, historic space. It's a wonderfully wacky and therapeutic way to unwind and reconnect with nature.
- The family that farms together.** Volunteer to lend a hand at Sunflower Farm for some quality bonding time. You'll soak up lots of knowledge and inspiring views. Or make a reservation to pick apples together at Ya Ya Farm & Orchard, for a memorable experience among the pretty orchard rows.

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1. Agricultural Heritage Center at the Lohr/McIntosh Farm

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8348 Ute Hwy., Longmont  
303-776-8688  
bouldercountypenspace.org/ahc

Get a glimpse into the history of agriculture in Boulder County and enjoy the rural surroundings. Interactive exhibits include a farmhouse furnished with items from the 1910s; animals on-site April through October including chickens, pigs, draft horses and sheep; two barns; and an heirloom garden. It's free to visit. Hours: April 1–October 31, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am–5pm; November 1–March 31, the first Saturday of each month 10am–5pm. Check their website for special events, Barnyard Critter Day, and Crafts and Trades of Olden Days.

2. Aspen Moon Farm

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7927 Hygiene Rd., Longmont  
303-684-6848  
aspenmoonfarm.com

Aspen Moon Farm has a seasonal, open-air roadside farm stand. Fresh, certified organic and biodynamic, everything they sell is 100-percent grown on the farm. Open April–December (weather permitting) 10am–6pm. See website for seasonal hours. Tours by reservation only.



3. Boulder Bike Tours: Bike to Organic Farm Tours

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1770 13th St. Boulder  
boulderbiketours.com

Experience all that Boulder has to offer at the forefront of organic farming — local, fresh and accessible via beautiful, easy bike routes. Join a regular weekly tour, choosing between the Thursday Sunset Tour and Sunday Brunch Tour. Tours include seasoned, local guides; scenic rides on bike paths and country roads; a harvest-fresh meal at the farm; education about organic growers; and beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains and plains. Bike rentals (including electric bikes) available; reservations required.

4. Boulder County Farmers Market – Boulder

13th St., between Canyon and Arapahoe, Boulder  
303-910-2236  
bcfm.org

The Boulder Farmers Market opened in 1987 as a growers-only market and today is a major attraction for both residents and visitors. In fact, it was named Best Farmers Market in the nation by readers of *USA TODAY* and 10Best. You'll find beautiful produce, flowers, breads, honey, wine, cheese, prepared foods and more in a lively, festival atmosphere. The market's season runs from the first Saturday in April through the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving, 8am–2pm. The Wednesday evening market runs from the first Wednesday in May to the first Wednesday in October, 4–8pm.

5. Boulder County Farmers Market – Longmont

Boulder County Fairgrounds  
9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont  
303-910-2236  
bcfm.org

This Longmont market began in 1989 and the Boulder County Farmers Markets began managing it in 2003, helping it blossom into a destination market, with ample free parking and a pavilion that features family-friendly music events. The market runs from the first Saturday in April through the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving, 8am–1pm.

6. Cure Organic Farm

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7416 Valmont Rd., Boulder  
info@cureorganicfarm.com  
cureorganicfarm.com

Cure Organic Farm is a family farm that grows 100 different varieties of certified organic vegetables, herbs and flowers on 12 acres. All crops are distributed within 50 miles of the farm through a CSA program, to local restaurants, via farmers' markets and at the farm's store (May–December). The farm is also home to several honeybee hives, a flock of hens and ducks, and heritage Berkshire and Mangalitsa pigs. Open Wed–Fri 11am–6pm and Sat–Sun 10am–4pm. They also offer volunteer opportunities and tours by reservation.



7. The Fresh Herb Co.

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4114 Oxford Rd., Longmont  
303-449-5994  
thefreshherbco.com

The Fresh Herb Co. offers culinary herbs, freshly cut flowers and ornamental succulents. Arrange a tour (by reservation only) to see the lovely grounds and maybe meet the resident farm cat, Watson. If you're interested in renting the farm as a venue for a farm dinner, private party or wedding, please inquire. They're also launching a new farm dinner series, which will feature guest chefs.

8. Growing Gardens

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1630 Hawthorn Ave., Boulder  
303-443-9952  
growinggardens.org

Growing Gardens has enriched thousands of lives through sustainable urban agriculture, education, community gardens and food donations. Their Children's Peace Garden (ages 3–11) includes summer camps and an after-school garden club, while the Cultiva Youth Project offers a teen leadership program. Seasonal adult classes include gardening, farm-to-table cooking, bread making and beekeeping. Join them at the farm for drop-in events and classes, or to volunteer in the greenhouse or out in the field. Or stop by the blooming Children's Peace Garden for photos with your little ones with the iconic Flatiron backdrop.

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9. Hoot 'n' Howl Farm

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6033 Jay Rd., Boulder  
303-530-9504  
facebook.com/HootnHowl

Hoot 'n' Howl sells raspberries, blackberries, flowers, honey, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, zucchini and asparagus. A farm stand also sells peaches, cherries, plums, apricots, nectarines, pears and apples from Early Morning Orchard in Palisade, Colorado. Open June–October, 9am–7pm daily.

10. Isabelle Farm

T F O W P PP Y

1640 W. Baseline Rd., Lafayette  
720-438-0707  
isabellefarm.com

Isabelle Farm is a family-run, certified organic farm that grows more than 80 varieties of produce and grains on 500 acres. They sell their produce, as well as a curated selection of all-natural meats, cheeses, soaps, pottery, beeswax candles, and more at their on-farm farm stand, which is open year-round. The farm is open daily from 10am–6pm through December 22. Check their website for special events, including holiday markets, musical performances, book readings and signings, and volunteer field days.



13. McCauley Family Farm

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9421 N. 63rd St., Longmont  
303-485-7688  
fromourfarm.org

Nestled into the foothills and irrigated by Rocky Mountain snowmelt, McCauley Family Farm is a certified organic whole-farm ecosystem that nourishes people and the planet with delicious food. In holistically managed pastures, they raise truly pastured chicken for meat and eggs, as well as pork and lamb. Other offerings include seasonal ferments, pickled vegetables, pepper flakes and hot sauces. McCauley welcomes visitors to come learn, connect, volunteer and grow.

14. Mountain Flower Goat Dairy

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3240 Broadway, Boulder  
720-492-8918  
mountainflowerdairy.com

This local dairy “brings goats to people and people to goats.” Being a working dairy farm is at the heart of their nonprofit mission to practice land stewardship, humane dairy production and conservation through sustainable urban agriculture, education and advocacy. Mountain Flower connects our community back to the land, back to their food and back to nature. They offer private tours, team building, birthday parties, goat yoga classes, summer camps and raw milk shares. Open and free to the public every Saturday in May and June, 10am–noon, and first Saturdays July–October, 10am–noon.

11. Lone Hawk Farm

T F O V W D P Y A

10790 N. 49th St., Longmont  
303-956-3866  
lonehawkfarms.com

Lone Hawk Farm, 10 miles north of Boulder, encompasses 120 rolling acres of gardens, pastures, orchards and wildlife habitat. Farm dinners are offered throughout the growing season and are open to the public. The event barn is available for weddings, corporate events, fundraisers and other special events. They also offer opportunities for birders, hikers and photographers.

12. Long's Gardens

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3240 Broadway, Boulder  
303-442-2353  
longsgardens.com

This third-generation, family-owned and -operated iris farm is located right in the middle of Boulder. It was founded in 1905 by J.D. Long, and today, the farm specializes in bearded iris, sold to visitors as “dig them yourself.” In May and June, you can choose plants from labeled fields or the “anonymous” field for a bit of mystery.

17. OSMF Antique Farm Equipment Exhibit

66 S. Cherryvale Rd., Boulder  
bouldercolorado.gov/osmf/  
cultural-resources-antique-farm-equipment-exhibit

Every item in this outdoor display at the old Viele/Van Vleet Ranch was used by farmers and ranchers on land that is now owned by the City of Boulder. At one time, each of these implements was essential to the farmers and ranchers who relied on them. Get a look back into how Boulder's early farmers worked the land.

18. Rock Creek Farm Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

T F O P PP C H Y A

2005 S. 112th St., Broomfield  
303-465-9565  
rockcreekfarm.com

Rock Creek Farm is a working farm offering a cornucopia of autumn fun. Venture into 100 acres of pumpkins waiting to be snipped from the vine; laugh as you explore nine miles of fun and challenging corn mazes in four separate patterns; rub elbows with goats, free-ranging chickens, pigs and other farm animals; and take a hay ride to complete your experience. Little ones enjoy the hay-bale maze, a super-slide and more.



19. Shannon Red Barn Farm

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1341 95th St., Lafayette  
303-651-2180  
shannonredbarnfarm.com

Shannon Red Barn Farm is a historic dairy farm that is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places and is a Boulder County Historic Landmark. Buildings include an 1870s grout chicken and milk house, a Victorian farmhouse, a 1919 clay-tile dairy barn, a studs-out granary and a WPA privy. You'll also find a picturesque windmill, vintage farm and dairy equipment, and heirloom flowers. Farm history and garden tours, catered farm dinners, farm teas and farm photo opportunities are available by reservation.

20. SkyPilot Farm

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10384 Airport Rd., Longmont  
970-888-2263  
skypilotfarm.com

SkyPilot Farm's 42 acres of pasturelands are located right in the heart of Longmont, and they raise grass-fed lamb, pastured pork and pastured eggs for families, restaurants and farmers' markets. A central location and rich history allow the farm to act as a resource for community engagement and education in regenerative agriculture, with products that are differentiated by thoughtful husbandry practices, quality cuts and unique specialty sausages.



21. Sunflower Farm

T V P H A

11150 Prospect Rd., Longmont  
303-774-8001  
sunflowerfarminfo.com

During public Farm Fest hours, come laugh, explore, dream and play as you and your family enjoy the serene combination of nature, animals and farm life. During your visit, you can feed the goats, sheep and llama, jump from hay bale to hay bale, play in the corn house, playhouse and sandboxes, explore the tree forts, brush the lama, soar down the zipline, balance on the slack line and peruse an old airplane. Sorry, pets are not allowed. \$15 per person, under 12 months free. Reservations are required.

22. Three Leaf Farm

T F O W D A

445 S. 112th St., Lafayette  
720-334-4724  
threeleafarm.com

Run by a husband-and-wife team of restaurateurs, Three Leaf Farm was created in 2010. Tucked along the banks of the Coal Creek with majestic views of the Continental Divide, the little urban farm is a pastoral oasis and home to goats, chickens, horses and honeybees. Almost all of their harvest goes directly to the owners' six restaurants and their extensive catering services. They also host a full schedule of community farm dinners during the growing months, with menus creatively prepared by restaurant chefs. Visitors can learn about farm skills, homesteading techniques, herbal medicine and beekeeping.

23. Ya Ya Farm & Orchard

F O W P H Y A

6914 Ute Highway, Longmont  
303-549-7447  
yayafarmandorchard.com

This picturesque orchard and historic farm offers the chance to pick your own apples, pears, cherries and flowers. Due to high demand, a limited number of picking reservations are available online. However, you can visit anytime during business hours without a reservation to walk the orchard, bring a lunch to picnic in the orchard, visit with chickens, turkeys and donkeys, feed the horses, or take a hayride around the orchard. On site are apples, apple cider donuts, apple cider, apple butter, pickles and more for sale on site.

