**The Boulder County Farm Trail**

Explore Boulder County’s farms, from field to fork

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3. **Dine fresh.** Feel free to kick up your heels, 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.

4. **Stop and smell the roses.** 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. The Kitchen serves farm-fresh, local and seasonal foods.

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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.

- **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.
- **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 flowers bring color to the market. Pause for a sniff whenever you pass a flower stand. They tend to be a friendly lot, so feel free to ask questions and admire their roses.
- **On Your Plate**

Boulder was named America’s Foodiest Town by Bon Appetit, 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 procured straight from local fields.

1. **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, Lucille’s…we could go on and on.

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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 tricycle stand.

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5. **Picnic in style.** Spread out a quilt in the sun, unplug some goodies and munch 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.
1. Agricultural Heritage Center at the Lohr/Mcintosh Farm

2. Boulder Bike Tours: Bike to Organic Farm Tours

3. Boulder County Farmers Market — Longmont

4. Boulder County Farmers Market — Boulder

5. Boulder County Farm Stand

6. Cure Organic Farm

7. The Fresh Herb Co.

8. Corn Maze

9. Hoot ‘n’ Howl Farm

10. Isabellie Farm

11. Long’s Gardens

12. OSMP Antique Farm Equipment Exhibit

13. McCauley Family Farm

14. Mountain Flower Goat Dairy

15. Munson Farms

16. Ollin Farms

17. Rocky Creek Farm

18. Sunset Farm

19. SkyPilot Farm

20. Ya Ya Farm & Orchard

21. Three Leaf Farm

22. Shannon Red Barn Farm