



Unexpected Finds on Lincoln Avenue – aka Main Street Steamboat Springs Summer 2019/Summer 2020

Main streets across the United States provide a peek into the history and culture of their respective towns, featuring both the usual suspects, as well as some unexpected finds. Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs is no exception, though with the unfathomable variety of shops, restaurants and galleries lining “Main Street,” we didn’t want you to miss the many unique-to-Steamboat treasures. We’ve included a few of our favorites below, and challenge you to discover those we’ve missed. Great timing, too, with the holidays fast approaching.

Take a Dip – The mineral-rich pools at Old Town Hot Springs were once enjoyed by the Native American Ute Indians who first settled the area, and later the first homesteaders. Lucky for you, the hot springs now feature temperature-regulated pools for swimming, playing and dipping, as well as a beloved recreation facility anchoring the south end of Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat’s Main Street. In fact, Old Town Hot Springs is in the midst of a two-phase improvement project. The first part of the project, which wrapped up this spring, includes a 15,000-square-foot addition to the existing building. The renovation includes new and improved areas for fitness/wellness activities, more fitness options, a public climbing wall, an indoor walking track, locker room upgrades and a facelift for the building. Phase two, planned for 2020 or 2021 as funding is raised, will focus on the pool area and include improved waterslides and more space in the popular lap pool and kiddie pool areas. <https://www.oldtownhotsprings.org/>

A Great Escape – The Crooked Key is becoming a staple of any Steamboat Springs visit. That’s because it’s truly one-of-a-kind. The Crooked Key features problem-solving options in themed game rooms, or you can take the challenge outside. Escape games include: Taphophobia – you’re trapped in an Edgar Allan Poe dream; Escape the Old West – you’re locked away in the Hahns Peak jail; Flashover! – you’re a local firefighter dispatched to rescue pets from a blaze; and Key to the City – your secret outdoor mission is waiting. Need more convincing? The Crooked Key made both the USA’s and World’s Best Escape Rooms lists in March 2019. <https://crookedkey.com/>

Shop Dogs – Mountain towns and puppy dogs go together like bread and butter, and you’ll likely spot man’s and woman’s best friend just about everywhere: on the trails; in lakes and rivers; and even in some of your favorite shops. If you’re a dog-lover, be sure to add these Lincoln Avenue stops to your meander down Main Street Steamboat Springs: Backdoor Sports (meet Noya); Branches (meet Bonnie); Ohana (meet Kena); Overland (meet Toby); Pine Moon Fine Art (meet Rupert and Darby); Remember Me (meet Zia); Rumor Design + reDesign (meet Moose); Sand Gallery (meet Solly and Willy); Steamboat Art Company (meet Eddie Edinburg); and Twisted Trails Running Company (meet Kimber).

Lyon Drug Soda Fountain – A go-to on Lincoln Avenue for the usual drug store finds – gifts, cards, souvenirs, pharmacy items and more, a trip to Lyon Drug is also a step back in time. The shop’s old-fashioned soda fountain features old favorites, like sundaes, milkshakes, egg creams, phosphates, fountain sodas and even Purple Cows, plus some specialty sweets, breakfast bites and lunch options.

<http://www.lyonsofsteamboat.com/sodafountain>

IV Therapy – Need an energy boost? Pop in to Replenish IV Therapies for a specially formulated intravenous nutrient therapy that will enhance overall health, immunity and athletic performance. IV therapy can alleviate symptoms caused by minor colds/viruses, jet lag, hangovers, altitude sickness, headaches, menstrual cramps, stress, fatigue, dehydration and more. Replenish is Steamboat’s first and only IV wellness clinic; walk-ins are welcome. <https://www.replenishivtherapies.com/>

The Arts Are Everywhere – In addition to galleries, Lincoln Avenue is home to a broad range of organizations and activities that support and further the arts locally. Don’t miss these stops for a dose of beauty, expression and creativity:

- **Opera Steamboat** – This local organization promotes opera and the vocal arts in Northwestern Colorado through educational and musical opportunities in collaboration with renowned artists. This season’s Summer Festival features Rusalka, Frida, and Hansel & Gretel in August. “What do a mermaid, an artist and two lost children have in common?” They’re all included in Opera Steamboat’s Summer Festival the first two weeks of August. <https://operasteamboat.org/>
- **The Chief Theater** – The Chief debuted in downtown Steamboat Springs in the late 1920s offering live performances and events through the late 1950s. The theater has been remodeled four times since it opened. It now serves as a public cultural and performing arts center with a diverse lineup of events, featuring local, regional and national talent. From film festivals to battle of the bands epics, theater to dance, arts and culture have a home in Steamboat Springs. <https://www.chieftheater.com/>
- **Steamboat Art Museum** – For its size, Steamboat Springs boasts a vibrant local art scene, so much so it was officially designated one of the state’s 23 Creative Districts in 2018. Be sure to pop into the Steamboat Art Museum, an impressive free museum located in one of the town’s most historic buildings on Lincoln Avenue. A new juried exhibition titled “Looking West: An Exhibition Highlighting Works by American Women Artists” is featured until September 2, showcasing 150 paintings and sculptures by members of American Women Artists. <https://www.steamboatartmuseum.org/>

A Bevy of Books – The Bud Werner Memorial Library proudly anchors the north end of downtown Steamboat Springs and houses a collection of over 80,000 volumes, including audiobooks, videos and music. The library’s electronic resources include online databases and downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, educational software, video and music. Children will enjoy the saltwater aquarium and interactive educational toys, as well as ongoing workshops, entertainment events, and a reading with dogs’ program. <https://steamboatlibrary.org/>

About Steamboat Springs

A Northwest Colorado gem just 2.5 hours from Denver, Steamboat Springs is a year-round outdoor playground and a historic resort town where western heritage meets abundant adventure. Summertime in Steamboat means miles of single track and endless county roads, tubing the Yampa and soaking in the hot springs, golfing among the peaks and valleys, and exploring the abundant lakes, rivers and streams that dot the landscape. Downtown Steamboat Springs pays tribute to its ranching roots with a renowned weekly rodeo, heritage shops and outfitters, and a culinary community that takes homegrown to new heights. Throughout the summer Steamboat blooms with activity from Lincoln Avenue to the mountain base and beyond. Get Up Here and experience one of Colorado’s authentic western mountain towns.