

BOULDER/DENVER TRIVIA AND FACTS

Top 10 Cheap Things To Do In Boulder

1. Go walking, biking or skating on the Boulder Creek Path.
2. Catch a Program Council, Cinema Saver, or International Film Series movie.
3. Play frisbee in Norlin Quad.
4. Enjoy the free Wednesday night jazz concerts offered by the College of Music.
5. People-watch on the Pearl Street Mall or on the Hill.
6. Picnic or hike at Chautauqua Park or Mt. Sanitas.
7. Buy a student season football or basketball ticket to watch the Buffs play at home.
8. Join a class at the Rec Center (anything from Aerobics to Yoga).
9. Stargaze at the top of Flagstaff Mountain.
10. Check out the coffeehouse scene.

Boulder and Denver are known for lots of things. But some things even surprise the lifelong resident, a recent transplant (nearly two-thirds of the state's residents were born outside of Colorado), or first-time visitor to the Mile High City.

- Denver is called the "Mile High City" because it is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level. In fact, there is a spot on the west steps of the State Capitol building that is exactly 5,280 feet above sea level and there is a row of seats at Coors Field with the same bragging rights.
- Denver is the most educated city in the U.S. It has the greatest percentage of high school and college graduates of any major metropolitan area in the U.S.
- While Boulder has 10 microbreweries, Denver brews more beer than any other American city.

The state of Colorado boasts more microbrews per capita than any state in the U.S. The Coors Brewery, in Golden, is the world's largest single-site brewery.

- Golf courses remain open all year and have been played on as many as 30 days in January.

• The Denver/Boulder metropolitan area is the 20th largest in the United States. Boulder is not classified as a suburb of Denver; it's nestled in its own valley at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Contrary to popular belief, Denver is not in the mountains; it is near them. The "Foothills" start to rise 15 miles west of the city. Slightly beyond that is the Continental Divide and a series of peaks rising

to 14,000 feet, known locally as the "Front Range".

- Denver is also the "thinnest" city in America while Boulder is the second "fittest" city in America according to *Shape* Magazine and the state of Colorado is tied as the "thinnest" state with Hawai'i. *Health* Magazine named Boulder one of America's 10 Fittest Cities. *Self* Magazine proclaimed Boulder one of the 10 healthiest places for women to live, with a perfect 100 in water quality.

- Boulder has 200 miles of public hiking and biking trails, approximately 30,000 acres of open space and a 16-mile Boulder Creek Path which runs through the middle of town. The city of Denver offers over 450 miles of paved, designated bike paths, over 70 public golf courses and 143 free tennis courts. Denver also has the largest city park system in the nation with 205 within the city limits.

- As the largest city in a 600-mile radius, Denver is the shopping capital of the Rocky Mountain West. It features the largest sporting goods store in the world and the largest independent book store in America with over 400,000 volumes. The 16th street mall is a mile-long pedestrian promenade, not to be outdone by its counterpart in Boulder, the Pearl Street Mall. Boulder is also known for having more used book stores per capita than any other city in the country according to a *Money* magazine count in 1998.

- In that same magazine's 1998 issue, Boulder topped the list for best medium-sized city in the western half of the U.S. to live.

- Among 14 comparable cities, Boulder ranks no. 1 in people who walk to work, work at home and drive with more than one person in the car. It ranks second among those who bike.

- Parts of the movie "Sleeper," with Woody Allen, were filmed at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

- * Bicycling is so highly regarded in Boulder that sometimes the city plows the Boulder Creek bike path before it plows the streets.

- The exterior of the house located at 1619 Pine Street was used as the characters' home in the well-known "Mork & Mindy" television show. It is now a private residence.



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- Boulder's Third Flatiron towers 1,400 feet high, a few hundred feet higher than the Empire State Building, and has been climbed by people without using their hands, on roller skates, naked and in eight minutes (by separate climbers).
- A 1992 survey by the Centers for Disease Control found that Colorado had fewer overweight people per capita and more people who exercise than any other state.
- A Colorado Daily poll found that seven out of ten Boulderites own bicycles. Another guide book states that Boulder's bicycle count is approximately 93,000- almost equal to the total population.
- The Chatauqua Auditorium is an all-wood structure built in 1898. In the evening, when the Colorado Music Festival musicians stop playing, you can often hear the rafters-dwelling owls hoot capita than any other city in the country.
- Boulder is going to the dogs! Recent visitor counts to Boulder Mountain Parks found a ratio of 1 dog to every 5 visitors.
- Every year Boulder Mountain Parks core area receives 1.8 million visits. If that many people made a human chain, it would stretch from Boulder to New York City.

Quick Bites

Runner's World: "Best Running City"
Self: "Thinnest City In America"
Sunset: "The West's Best City" and "No. 1 Green and Clean City" and "No. 2 College Town"
Seventeen: "Top 10 Places for Teens"
Forbes: No. 4 ranking in "Best Places" and Best Cities for singles (with Denver)
Health: "10 Fittest Cities"
Outside: "Best place to be an Uberjock" and the No. 2 ranked Best College Town
Money: No. 2 ranking in "Best Places To Live"
Shape: No. 2 ranking in "Fittest City"
Animal Wellness: No. 1 city for dogs and cats

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS

2
National Parks in Colorado
8
National Monuments and Recreation Areas in Colorado
15
National Forests and National Grasslands in Colorado
21
Scenic and Historic Byways in Colorado
40
State Parks in Colorado
54
Colorado peaks over 14,000 feet in elevation
325
Days of sunshine the Front Range sees each year
450
Square miles of bodies of water in Colorado
469
Length in miles of the Colorado Trail
786
Acres on the main campus in Boulder
1,450
Length in miles of the Colorado River and the Rio Grande
3,350
Lowest elevation in Colorado (Arkansas River)
6,800
Average elevation in Colorado
14,443
Highest elevation in Colorado (Mt. Elbert)
104,247
Size of Colorado in square miles
3.8 million
Colorado population in 1998
126 million
Years geologists estimate it will take for the Rocky Mountains to erode away
1.7 billion years
How long ago the rock in the Rocky Mountains was formed

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT BOULDER



All-Around Best Town - Outside Magazine, August 2006
#1 Best Place To Live - Men's Journal, March 2005 and May 2003
America's Best Running City - Runner's World, January 2001
#1 Best Sports Town In America, Outside Magazine, 1999
#1 Top Green and Clean City, Modern Maturity, 2000
#1 Thinnest City, Self Magazine, October, 2002
The West's Best City, Sunset Magazine, 1999
Best Place to Move - Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation, September 2004
The Best Small Cities - Men's Journal, June 2004
Best College Sports Town - Sports Illustrated on Campus, September 2003
Place You Dream of Living - Backpacker Magazine, February 2006
Ideal Location for Runners - Runner's World, May 1999
Most Enlightened City in Colorado - Utne Reader, April 1997
The Town That Can't Sit Still - The New York Times Magazine, November 1991
Boulder: Ideal Terrain for Training - Sports Illustrated, April 1990

"The varied terrain, beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery and numerous places to run made it number one... Boulder simply has everything...It's a runner's paradise. Lush mountain scenery, plentiful bike paths, off-road trails, great year-round weather, the Boulder 10k, world-class running partners, altitude training, and access to Rocky Mountain National Park. It's all right here." Runner's World (2001)

"On any given spring afternoon, runners, riders and skaters jockey for position along Boulder Creek Path while Kayakers practice on the creek itself; climbers rock-hop in the Flatirons while hikers gawk up at them, swimmers and boardsailors brave Boulder Reservoir as elite runners sprint around it." Outside Magazine (1999)

"Kayakers paddle the chilly waters while folks on foot and wheels take to a shoreline path that's linked to mile and miles of trails. Hikers and rock climbers enjoy routes galore in the Flatirons and the Eldorado Canyon State Park. And come winter, nearby resorts offer unbeatable skiing and snowboarding." Health Magazine (2000)

"A 6-mile greenway through the heart of the Colorado community enhances its outdoorsy reputation." Knight Ridder News Service

"(Pearl Street Mall) The lively four-block pedestrian shopping area in downtown Boulder is almost as much fun as an amusement park. The only things missing are the rides." Dallas Morning News (2002)

"Boulder is the quintessential modern mountain town... Software development, biotech, engineering and university jobs are plentiful, and, equally important, Boulder's mountain parks system offers 200 miles of multi-use trails." Outside (2003)