

Boulder, Colorado: Activities

Boulder's surroundings are a paradise for outdoor lovers and there are dozens of outdoor opportunities in the amazing mountain landscape all around the city. The city itself is divided by Boulder Creek, which is sided by a popular trail that attracts everyone from joggers to rollerbladers and picnickers.

- Hiking Hiking is a favourite way to explore the Rocky Mountain National Park and there are hundreds of short trails offering breathtaking mountain views and the chance to get up close to some of the local wildlife, including moose and coyote. The Trail Ridge road is the starting point for many scenic walks, as is the Old Fall River road. The park has camping facilities.

- Horseback riding Horseback riding can be enjoyed in the parklands surrounding Boulder, with Steamboat Springs being a popular place within driving distance of the city. There are dozens of outfitters here who can guide you along popular trails as well as set you up with the horses and equipment you require.

- Mountain biking A popular pursuit with locals and visitors alike, evidenced by the number of bike rental shops in Boulder, mountain biking terrain is in plentiful supply here. Boulder Creek Path begins in Civic Park and can be followed through leafy trees that hug the river banks, but if you want to escape the crowds, Steamboat Springs and Winter Park offer less populated trails which can be enjoyed in summer. Mountain biking is also a fantastic way to enjoy the Rocky Mountain National Park so long as you have the stamina for all those hills.

- Rock climbing Offering more than 500 rock climbing routes, Eldorado Canyon is the best place to go rock climbing near Boulder. Just a short excursion from Boulder, Eldorado Canyon is best explored with a guide. Mountaineering shops in town can advise you on where to climb and provide you with the necessary gear.

- Skiing Colorado is teeming with ski resorts, with a handful of top choices within close proximity of Boulder. The aptly names Winter Park is a popular resort among skiers, with its varied terrain offering runs for all levels of skiers. Its facilities are comprehensive and disabled and child-friendly. Mary Jane Mountain is a highlight for many, boasting mogul runs that rival others in Colorado. Alternatively, drive a bit farther to Steamboat Springs for more top-notch skiing.