Park-to-Park
Free Weekend Shuttle to Chautauqua Memorial Day–Labor Day

Headed to the Chautauqua Trailhead to hike among the Flatirons? Parking is extremely limited on weekends. We strongly recommend riding the free weekend shuttle to get there stress-free and to avoid parking fees. Simply park for free at downtown parking garages, CU Regent lot or New Vista High School, and then hop on the shuttle. More information available at ParkToPark.org.

• Free
• Every 15 minutes
• Saturdays and Sundays, 8am-8pm (plus Memorial Day, Labor Day and Fourth of July, 8am-8pm)
• Dogs welcome

Prefer not to use the free shuttle and parking? Paid parking ($2.50/hr) is available in designated areas in and around Chautauqua. Another option is to take Lyft to/from Chautauqua. Receive $2.50 off (each way) summer Saturdays and Sundays 8am-8pm with promo code: RIDEOTHREE2018.

Visiting Chautauqua before 8am or after 8pm on the weekends? More transportation options are detailed at ParkToPark.org.

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BOULDER Hiking Guide

EASY

Buy Scout Trail

MODERATE

South Mesa Loop

ADVANCED

Royal Arch Trail

DONT MISS THIS AT CHAUTAUQUA

Did you know the Chautauqua area is about more than just hiking? The 1898 buildings in this historic district house a General Store that sells ice cream, coffee, tea and sundries (closed in the winter); the Chautauqua Dining Hall, which serves farm-to-table cuisine on its pleasant porch or inside next to the cozy fireplace; and the Chautauqua Auditorium, an acoustically exceptional venue for summer concerts. You can also picnic on the grassy lawn of Chautauqua Park. Plan to spend time here before or after your hike.

KEY

Dogs allowed (on leash)
Wheelchair and Handicap Accessible
Parking Fee
Biking Trail, Too
Restroom
Fishing

Great for Winter Hiking

Served by Park-to-Park Bus

This family-friendly hike has forested views and finds the serene terrain ending up in a breathtaking lookout at Miller’s Peak. It becomes a seamless loop of rolling fields and trees. For those who want to see the handcraftr heir of the Chautauqua Trailhead, take Miller’s Peak Road to the Miller’s Peak Trailhead, then follow the signs for the Royal Arch Trail.

The terrain in this family-friendly hike is suitable for beginners of all ages. Take your time and enjoy the views of the Colorado Rockies, loading up with wildflowers and lichen. The adventure starts right away, as you cross two bridges over the clean, bubbling Chautauqua Creek. In the springtime, keep your eyes peeled for damselflies, joined by butterflies between 500 years ago.

Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation to parking at “Sawhill Ponds Trailhead.” Can not registered in Boulder County must pay a $5 parking fee at the parking lot.

Marshall Mesa Loop

South Mesa Loop

Sawhill Ponds

South Mesa Loop is a rolling meadow with blue-fruiting juniper. It’s a great place for a picnic or to watch for birds, especially in the spring.

Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation to parking at “Marshall Mesa Trailhead.” See reverse for information on the Peak to Peak shuttle, available Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Chautauqua Loop

This trail is a popular route for hikers and bikers. It offers great views of the city below and the surrounding mountains. The trail is well-marked and easy to follow.

Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation to parking at “Chautauqua Trailhead.” See reverse for information on the Park-to-Park shuttle, available Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Range View/Utice Trails

Woods Quarry Trail

Chautauqua Loop

Mallory Cave Trail

Bear Peak

Woods Quarry Trail is a great hike for those looking for a challenge. The trail is steep with many switchbacks, but the rewards are worth it. You’ll see incredible views of the city below and the surrounding mountains.

Directions: Use Google Maps for navigation to parking at “Mallory Cave Trailhead.” See reverse for information on the Park-to-Park shuttle, available Memorial Day-Labor Day.

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Green Mountain Summit Loop

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