

BOULDER BEER TRAIL



Beer, Wine and Spirits **FESTIVALS**

FEBRUARY

Wintercraft Beer Festival
wintercraftbeerfestival.com

Nearly 20 Colorado breweries and dozens of beers to taste at Coors Events Center on the CU campus.

APRIL

Microbreweries for the Environment
bouldertheater.com

Beer tasting to benefit five local non-profit environmental organizations, held at the Boulder Theater.

Boulder Strong Ale Fest
averybrewing.com/fests

Celebrating beers of 8% ABV or higher from around the country at Avery Brewing Company.

Taste of Pearl
tasteofpearl.com

Taste Boulder's culinary arts scene and distinctive Colorado wines while strolling through historic downtown.

MAY

Upslope Get Down
upslopebrewing.com/getdown

A day of music, brews and local food trucks at Upslope Brewing Company.

JUNE

Boulder SourFest
averybrewing.com/fests

A fest to toast sour beers, made with bacteria and wild yeast, held at Avery Brewing Company.

Moovers & Shakers
thedairy.org

A cocktail competition featuring mixologists from some of Boulder's best restaurants, held at the Dairy Arts Center.

JULY

Jul-IPA
thewestendtavern.com/events/jul-ipa/

A celebration of the "best and baddest" India Pale Ales at the West End Tavern and Millennium Harvest House.

AUGUST

Boulder Craft Beer Festival
bouldercraftbeerfest.com

Downtown Boulder's celebration of Boulder County's best craft breweries, with tastings, music and food.

Green. Beer. Fest.
greenbeerfest.com

A daylong Colorado craft beer fest with a conscious, held at the Central Park Bandshell, with local bands and exhibitors.

OCTOBER

Boulder Burgundy Festival
boulderburgundyfestival.com

Talks, tastings and meals focusing on old and rare Burgundies, held at various locations around town.

Boulder IPA Fest
averybrewing.com/fests

A day to celebrate India Pale Ale in all its iterations and strengths, held at Avery Brewing Company.

Libations **TOURS**

Boulder Brew Tours
boulderbrewtours.com

Walking tours start on Pearl Street and driving tours visit some of the larger breweries a bit farther out. Custom tours of your preferred breweries also available.

Local Table Tours
localtabletours.com

Cocktail tasting tours and happy hour tours available with a tour guide steeped in local food and libations knowledge.

Boulder Area Bicycle Adventures
boulderareabicycleadventures.com

The Brews Cruise bike tour mixes urban with nature, taking you to two Boulder breweries and a meadery via the Boulder Creek Path.



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BoulderColoradoUSA.com

THIS WAY to Sip-able Boulder Trivia

Colorado's first microbrewery was founded in 1979 in Boulder. Started by two University of Colorado professors, Boulder Beer Company is still going strong today. Their first brew house was actually a goat shed! But don't worry — today's state-of-the-art brewing facility and pub is livestock-free. And nervous flyers can rejoice: there's also a Boulder Beer Tap House at Denver International Airport.

Boulder is known for its eco ethic, so there was no better spot for the state's first all-organic brewery, Asher Brewing Company. But owner Chris Asher didn't stop there; the brewery also runs on 100-percent wind power. Cheers to that!



If you usually choose wine over beer, give sour beer a try. These tart, often fruity ales have swayed many a wine drinker. If you can't find a true sour beer on the menu, opt for a farmhouse or saison. True connoisseurs will want to snap up tickets to Avery Brewing Company's Annual Boulder SourFest in June.

One cannot subsist on beer alone. Luckily, Boulder has a wealth of incredible cuisine — it was named "America's Foodiest Town" by *Bon Appétit*. Nosh on delights from dozens of talented, local chefs, who creatively use Boulder County farms' fresh bounty to craft sumptuous dishes. You'll also find gourmet food trucks parked outside many a brewery.

Colorado ranks in the top five states for breweries per capita, with about 4.7 breweries per 100,000 adults. In fact, the area between Denver, Fort Collins and Boulder is often called the "Napa Valley of Beer."



The Great American Beer Fest represents the largest collection of U.S. beer served each year, with more than 3,000 beers from over 700 breweries. Today, it takes place in Denver, but GABF was started in Boulder in 1982 by a nuclear engineer. Boulder has kept a number of outstanding beer festivals local, too. These crazy-popular events happen throughout the year and can be found at BoulderColoradoUSA.com/Events.

Hit the wine trifecta at Boulder Wine Studios, a group of three local wineries on Lee Hill Road made up of BookCliff Vineyards, Settembre Cellars and Decadent Saint. Spend an afternoon sampling some of Boulder's best wines, then hop back on the beer train — Upslope Brewery is right next door.

Boulder is home to the Brewers Association (which represents the nation's small and independent craft brewers), the American Homebrewers Association, and the Colorado Brewers Guild. Also, White Labs (every home brewer knows about White Labs and its yeast) has an office here and plans to open a tap room in town. This is a town full of beer geeks!



Into spirits? Try the Vapor Distillery's Pumpkin King Cordial, made with local pumpkins and their famous gin; the Rocky Mountain-distilled Vodka 14 at Altitude Spirits; the tingling flavors of FYR Liqueur at J&L Distilling; or Geek Spirits' silver rum, distilled on precise German machinery from Caribbean molasses.

Get your medieval on at Redstone Meadery. Mead, or honey wine, is history's oldest fermented beverage. Raise a goblet in Redstone's Mead Hall, or grab some cans and enjoy it at home or on a picnic.

Stretch your muscles on the mat, then work your biceps sipping a beer at Sanitas Brewing's Brewhouse Yoga class every Tuesday evening. In warmer months, keep the post-yoga zen vibe going on the patio, which has a truly refreshing view to complement your brew.

Colorado's vineyards are earning major cred. BookCliff Vineyards produces award-winning wines using grapes sourced 100 percent from Colorado's Western Slope, where the state's two officially recognized American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) are located. Settembre Cellars also uses exclusively Colorado grapes.

BIKE TO BREWERIES

How do you make a Boulderite grin from ear to ear? Just mention bikes and beer in the same sentence. Get in the local swing of things with this sample bike-to-breweries route. And don't worry about sticking precisely to the highlighted track; you'll find it easy to skip a brewery or loop in a couple more to suit your mood. Boulder's city buses, including the Hop and the Jump (icons shown below) have bike racks should you get tuckered out and need a lift.



- A Shine Restaurant & Gathering Place** 2027 13th St.
- B West Flanders Brewing Co.** 1125 Pearl St.
- C Walnut Brewery** 1123 Walnut St.
- D Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery** 1535 Pearl St.
- E FATE Brewing Company** 1600 38th St.
- F Upslope Brewing Company** 1898 S. Flatiron Ct.
- G J Wells Brewery** 2516 49th St., #5
- H J&L Distilling Company** 4843 Pearl St., #1

- I Vision Quest Brewery** 2510 47th St., Suite A2
- J Redstone Meadery** 4700 Pearl St., #2A
- K Boulder Beer Company** 2880 Wilderness Pl.
- L Altitude Spirits** 2805 Wilderness Pl., Suite 200
- M Sanitas Brewing Co.** 3550 Frontier Ave.
- N Twisted Pine Brewing Company** 3201 Walnut St.
- O BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse** 1690 28th St.

BUS ROUTES



Jump



Hop



Brewery



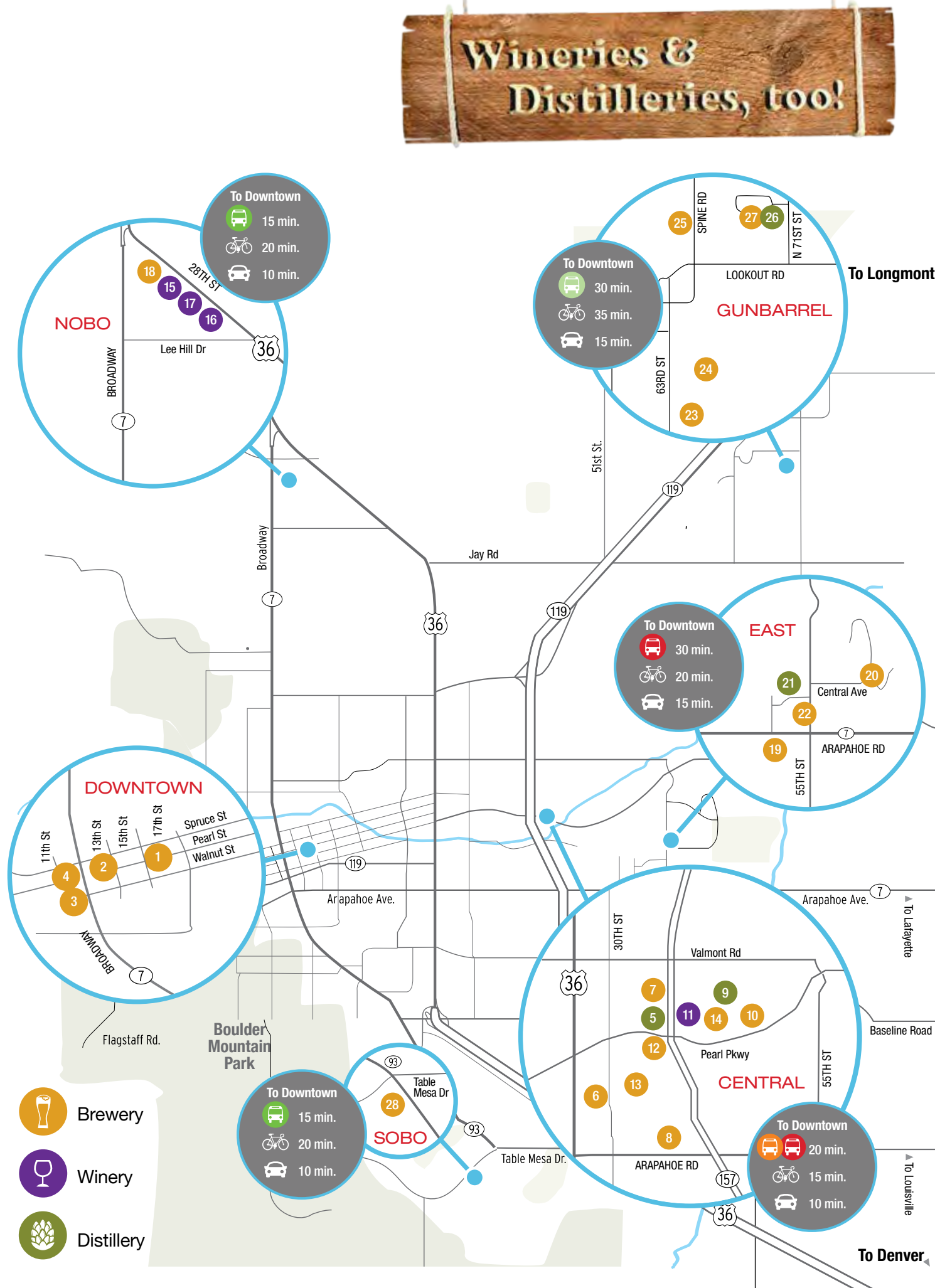
Winery



Distillery

*Bike riding isn't allowed on the Pearl Street Mall, so if you come with your bike, park it and enjoy this walkable historic district on foot. This part of Boulder is full of bike shops offering rentals, as well as B Cycle public bike kiosks.

THE BOULDER BEER TRAIL



DOWNTOWN

- 1. Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery**
1535 Pearl St.
303-546-0886
mountainsunpub.com
Daily 11am-1am
The Mountain Sun is a six-barrel brewery that has been serving up craft beer since 1993. The pub's mission is to create a comfortable environment where great food, craft beers and conversation flow freely.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 2. Shine Brewing Co.™**
2027 13th St.
303-449-0120
shineboulder.com
M-F 11am-close,
Sa and Su 10am-close
Shine is a place for us all to nourish ourselves through food, community, dance, education and celebration. It is a hub to share our gifts, to explore and to have fun doing it. Shine is woman owned and operated by triplet sisters Jill, Jessica and Jennifer Emich.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 3. Walnut Brewery**
1123 Walnut St.
303-447-1345
walnutbrewery.com
Su-Th 11am-11pm,
F-Sa 11am-midnight
Boulder's original brewpub offers seasonal and traditional options for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch alongside award-winning beer brewed on-site. Located a block off the Pearl Street Mall, the Walnut Brewery offers locals and visitors a casual alternative for dining. Ask for a brewery tour, beer sampler, patio seat or head straight to a table in the restaurant.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 4. West Flanders Brewing Company**
1125 Pearl St.
303-447-BREW (2739)
wfbrews.com
M-Th 11am-11pm,
F-Sa 11am-11pm,
Su 10am-9pm
West Flanders Brewing Company is a modern-era craft brewpub in the heart of downtown. It's a destination where local community and visitors alike gather and connect through a dynamic, beer-focused experience.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

CENTRAL

- 5. Altitude Spirits**
2805 Wilderness Place
Suite 200
720-249-2463
altitudespirits.com
Th-Sa 4pm-8pm
Altitude Spirits is a Boulder-based company that offers exceptional organic craft spirits from around the world. Owned and operated by the father-and-son team of Mitch and Matthew Baris, Altitude Spirits draws on a family tradition of spirit distillation and a passion for craft production to curate a portfolio of the finest organic spirits available.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 6. BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**
1690 28th St.
303-440-5200
bjsrestaurants.com
Su-Th 11am-11pm,
F-Sa 11am-midnight
BJ's menu features deep-dish pizzas, salads, sandwiches, steaks, pastas, baby-back ribs and many other options. BJ's is passionate about creating a high-energy, fun and child-friendly environment. Be sure to wash down your meal with one of BJ's handcrafted beers.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 7. Boulder Beer Company**
2880 Wilderness Pl.
303-444-8448
boulderbeer.com
M-F 11am-10pm,
Sa noon-10pm
Tours: M-F 2pm,
Sa 2pm and 4pm
Colorado's first craft brewery, founded in 1979. Free tours include a behind-the-scenes look at the entire brewing process. Grab a bite to eat at the on-site pub and restaurant.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 8. FATE Brewing Company**
1600 38th St.
303-449-FATE (3283)
fatebrewingcompany.com
M-F 11am-10pm,
Sa-Su 10am-10pm
Tours: Su 4pm
FATE Brewing Company is Boulder's first brew-bistro and your new place to enjoy chef-inspired, gourmet creations with unique, handcrafted microbrews. Local ingredients are featured on the lunch, brunch and dinner menus and the full bar with 30 taps featuring house drafts and rotating guest beer. Stop by for a pint and a bite.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 9. J&L Distilling Company**
4843 Pearl St. #1
720-400-1907
jldistilling.com
Wed noon-7pm, Thu-Sa noon-10pm,
Su noon-6pm
J&L is a small-batch distillery producing only premium spirits, 100-percent grain to glass. We believe the craft of distillation is not only an art, but also a science. At the intersection of the two lies true mastery of the craft.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

NOBO (NORTH BOULDER)

- 10. J Wells Brewery**
2516 49th St. #5
303-396-0384
jwellsbrewery.com
M-F 4pm-9pm, Sa 2pm-9pm
J Wells Brewery is Boulder's smallest nano-brewery. You'll find it nestled on 49th Street behind Boulder Toyota. Grab a beer and soak in the view of the Boulder Flatirons. The brewery specializes in IPA beers, pale ale and British bitter. The brewery is garage based, and pale ale tours are given upon request.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 11. Redstone Meadery**
4700 Pearl St. #2A
720-406-1215
redstonemeadery.com
M-F noon-6:30pm, Sa noon-5pm
Tours: M-F 1pm
and 3pm, Sa
12:30pm
Mead, or honey wine, is the oldest alcoholic drink known to humankind. Though honey wine sounds as if it must be sweet, mead is a wide-ranging beverage that can be dry or sweet, sparkling or still and can be honey only or have the addition of fruits, spices, oak, etc. Redstone specializes in medium to dry styles that all have no sulfites added, use only real ingredients and are gluten free. Enjoy!
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 12. Sanitas Brewing Co.**
3550 Frontier Ave. Unit A
303-442-4130
sanitasbrewing.com
M-Wed 3pm-10pm
Th-Sa 11:30am-11pm, Su 11:30am-9pm
The tap room features a rotation of handcrafted beers and tacos from McDevitt Taco Supply. The brewery also features a three-season patio where you can gaze out at the Flatirons while playing yard games or catching up with friends. The mission at Sanitas is to offer a unique experience in every beer. The brewmasters blend traditional processes, responsibly grown ingredients, and an innovative approach to create inspiring and well-made beers.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 13. Twisted Pine Brewing Company**
3201 Walnut St. Suite A
303-786-9270
twistedpinebrewery.com
Su-Th 11am-9pm,
F-Sa 11am-10pm
Established in 1995, Twisted Pine Brewing Company produces only 100-percent natural, unpasteurized pure malt ales, batch brewed and hand-crafted. It is the intention to bring to you a family of individually distinctive ales that we as brewers would enjoy drinking ourselves. The brewery proudly serves a wide range of beers and a full food menu featuring pizzas, salads, and sandwiches.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 14. Vision Quest Brewery**
2510 47th St., Suite A2
303-578-0041
visionquestbrewing.com
W-F 4pm-9pm,
Sa-Su 2pm-9pm
The owners of Boulder Fermentation Supply have turned their knowledge and tools into a full-on brewery. Stop by for some home brewing know-how and a pint of the good stuff.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

EAST

- 19. BRU Handbuilt Ales & Eats**
5290 Arapahoe Ave.
720-638-5193
bruboulder.com
M-Su 11:30am-10pm
Su 11:30am-9pm
Bringing together the art of food and beer, BRU Handbuilt Ales & Eats' beer chef Ian Clark pairs his passion and knowledge for deliciously crafted food with his never-filtered, naturally carbonated ales. Some dishes even use beer, like the BRU Sourdough Pizza with IPA tomato sauce, ale sausage and kale. The 14 rotating handbuilt ales on tap nod to Ian's kitchen career as well. Open daily for lunch and dinner with all-day happy hour every Tuesday.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 20. Upslope Brewing Company (second location)**
1898 S. Flatiron Ct.
303-449-2911
upslopebrewing.com
Daily 11am-10pm
Tours: Th, Sa and Su 3pm
Located on the east side of Boulder, this is Upslope's main production brewery. You'll find a variety of hand-crafted ales and lagers, as well as styles from their Limited Release series and other tap room exclusives (24 beers on tap). Join their Flatiron Park tap-room for live music (6pm) as well as a new beer tapping every Tuesday. They also serve fresh and hot empanadas by Lazo Empanada.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 21. Vapor Distillery**
5311 Western Ave. #180
303-997-6134
vapordistillery.com
Tu-F 4pm-9pm,
Sa and Su 3pm-9pm
Tours: Tu-F 4pm, Sa and Su 3pm, 5pm
Vapor Distillery was the first legal distillery in Boulder County. We make award-winning spirits including single-malt whiskey, bourbon, gin, barrel-aged gin, coffee liqueur, pumpkin cordial, agave spirit and vodka. We take great pride in handcrafting our spirits from the best ingredients and locally when possible. Come down to our tasting room, take a tour and sample our spirits on their own or in cocktails.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 22. Wild Woods Brewery**
5460 Conestoga Ct.
303-484-1465
wildwoodsbrewery.com
Tu-F 4pm-9pm, Sa 2pm-9pm
Additionally June-Sept., Su 1pm-6pm
Wild Woods Brewery creates handcrafted beers inspired by the outdoors. The beers begin with recognizable styles and are brewed with the subtle use of all-natural specialty ingredients to bring the wilderness to life in a pint. Enjoy six year-round beers and six rotating seasonal beers in our comfortable tap room or on the patio. We also have a great growler rewards program and offer a variety of 22-ounce bombers to go.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

GUNBARREL

- 23. Asher Brewing Company**
4699 Nautilus Ct.
Suite 104
303-530-1381
asherbrewing.com
Daily 2pm-midnight
Asher Brewing Company is the first USDA-certified, all-organic brewery in the state of Colorado. At Asher, they take the knowledge that better ingredients make better beer one step further by using only the best all-organic ingredients, which are better for the consumer, better for the environment and better for the beer. That's just part of the reason Asher Brewing Company's motto is, "Solving the world's problems, one beer at a time!"
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 24. Avery Brewing Company**
4910 Nautilus Ct.
303-440-4324
averybrewing.com
Daily: M 3pm-11pm, Tu-Su 11am-11pm
Tours: M-F 4pm, Sa and Su 2pm
Since 1993, Avery Brewing Company has been committed to producing eccentric ales and lagers that defy styles or categories. Our products are thoroughly American at heart: blending Old World tradition and expertise with ingenuity, creativity and boldness. If you think your taste buds can keep up, please drop by to experience our full menu of soul-inspired dishes, smoked meats and 30 taps of world-class and exclusive craft beers. Growlers and to-go beer available.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 25. Finkel & Garf Brewing Company**
5455 Spine Rd. Unit A
720-379-6042
finkelandgarf.com
M-Th 3pm-9pm, F 3pm-10pm,
Sa 2pm-10pm, Su 3pm-7pm
Finkel & Garf has toys in their crest rather than images of hops or barley for a reason. They were founded with the idea that we are all still kids at heart, and their tap room reflects that. Stop by for a game and a pint.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 26. Geek Spirits**
6880 Winchester Circle
Suite D
303-330-4781
geekspirits.com
F 4pm-8pm, Sa 3pm-8pm
Celebrate your inner geek with Boulder's first rum distillery. Geek Spirits offers intelligently crafted spirits made from the finest Caribbean molasses and distilled on high-quality German machinery. Come by the distillery to enjoy a handcrafted cocktail, pick up a bottle or take a tour of the manufacturing area. Be sure to check the website for tasting-room hours and upcoming events.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

SOBO (SOUTH BOULDER)

- 27. Vindication Brewing Company**
6880 Winchester Circle
Unit F
303-530-0642
vindicationbrewing.com
Daily 2pm-9pm
Fostering beer-induced fellowship and enlightened conversation. All are welcome!
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 28. Southern Sun Pub & Brewery**
627 S. Broadway
mountainsunpub.com
303-543-0886
M-F 11:30am-1am,
Sa-Su 11am-1am
The Southern Sun opened in 2002 with the same unique business philosophies as the original Mountain Sun. This location is a 10-barrel brewery with an expansive patio and greater seating capacity. Just like the Mountain Sun, there are no TVs, but you will find bookshelves filled with novels and board games.
 Cheers! One more down.
 Notes, musings, epiphanies:

Tours upon request	Regularly scheduled tours	Gluten-free beers available	Full-service restaurant
Food-on-site (food truck, snacks, etc. call ahead to confirm)	Outdoor patio	Entertainment (check websites for times and dates)	

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