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BOULDER BEER TRAIL









Winter Craft Beer Festival wintercraftbeerfestival.com

Around 50 Colorado breweries and more than 150 beers to taste at Twenty Ninth Street mall.

APRIL

MARCH

Microbreweries for the Environment bouldertheater.com

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

Moovers & Shakers thedairy.org

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

Taste of Pearl tasteofpearl.com

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

MAY

Avery Brewing Invitational averybrewing.com/events

Avery's festivals of beer obsession are now under one roof. Strong Ale Fest, SourFest and the return of IPA Fest will join as one.

Upslope Get Down upslopebrewing.com/getdown

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

JULY

Jul-IPA

thewestendtavern.com/ events-at-west-end

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

AUGUST

Beer, Wine and Spirits FESTIVALS

Boulder Craft Beer Festival bouldercraftbeerfest.com

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

OCTOBER

Boulder Burgundy Festival boulderburgundyfestival.com

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

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 pub crawls 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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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 livestockfree. And nervous flyers can rejoice: there's also a Boulder Beer Tap House at Denver International Airport.

Boulder has more breweries per capita than any other city in the country. Further north, the town of Fort Collins ranks the third in the country, making the area between Boulder, Fort Collins and Denver the "Napa Valley of Beer."

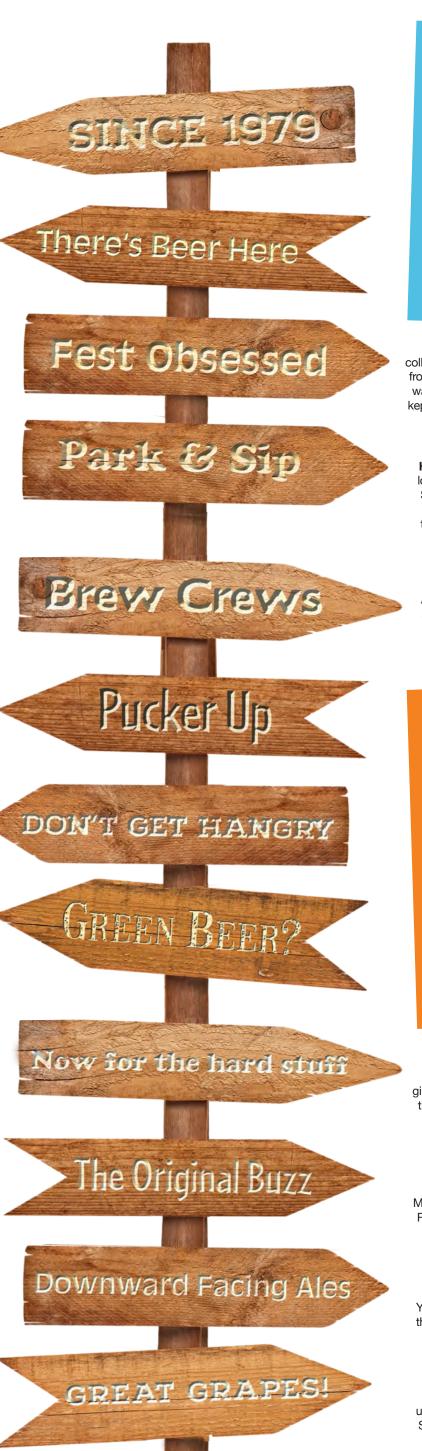


If you usually choose wine over beer, give sour beer a try. These tart, often fruity ales have swayed many a wine drinker. If you can't find a true sour beer on the menu, opt for a farmhouse or saison.

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.

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!







The Great American Beer Fest represents the largest collection of U.S. beer served each year, with more than 3,500 beers from over 800 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 The Tasting Room. Spend an afternoon sampling some of Boulder's best wines, then hop back on the beer train — Upslope Brewing Company is right next door.

Boulder is home to the Brewers Association (which represents the nation's small and independent craft brewers) and the American Homebrewers Association. Also, White Labs (every homebrewer 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.

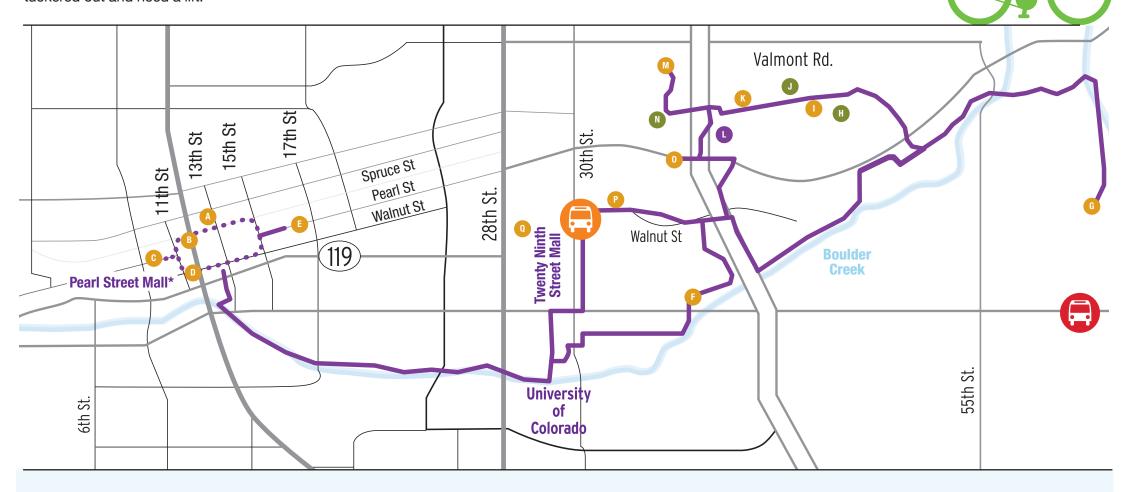
Stretch your muscles on the mat, then work your biceps sipping a beer at Sanitas Brewing's Brewhouse Yoga class every Tuesday evening. In warmer months, keep the post-yoga zen vibe going on the patio, which has a truly refreshing view to complement your brew.

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.



- The Post Brewing Co. 2027 13th St.
- West Flanders Brewing Co.1125 Pearl St.
- Oskar Blues Brewery 921 Pearl St.
- Boulder Beer on Walnut 1123 Walnut St.
- Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery 1535 Pearl St.
- **FATE Brewing Company** 1600 38th St.
- **Upslope Brewing Company** 1898 S. Flatiron Ct.
- **Deviant Spirits** 2480 49th St., Unit E
- **J Wells Brewery** 2516 49th St., #5

- J&L Distilling Company 4843 Pearl St., #1
- Vision Quest Brewery 2510 47th St., Suite A2
- Redstone Meadery 4700 Pearl St., #2A
- Boulder Beer Company 2880 Wilderness Pl.
- Altitude Spirits 2805 Wilderness Pl., Suite 200
- 0 Sanitas Brewing Co. 3550 Frontier Ave.
- Twisted Pine Brewing Company 3201 Walnut St.
- 0 BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse 1690 28th St.

BUS ROUTES





Hop







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.

NOBO (NORTH BOULDER)

BOOKCLIFF

EAST

22. BRU Handbuilt Ales & Eats

M-Sa 11:30am-10pm,

all-day happy hour every Tuesday.

Notes, musings, epiphanies:

Cheers! One more down.

23. Elwood Distilling Company

elwooddistillingco.com

Tours: Sa 3pm and 5pm

Cheers! One more down.

24. Upslope Brewing Company

(second location)

1898 S. Flatiron Ct.

upslopebrewing.com

Tours: Sa and Su 3pm

Cheers! One more down.

25. Vapor Distillery

Notes, musings, epiphanies.

5311 Western Ave., #180

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

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. They

also offer bombers, growlers and 32-ounce "camp cans"

303-997-6134

Sa and Su 3-9pm

Tu-F 4-9pm,

vapordistillery.com

Cheers! One more down.

26. Wild Woods Brewery

5460 Conestoga Ct.

wildwoodsbrewery.com

Tu-Th 4-9pm, F 3-9pm,

Sa 1-9pm, Su 1-6pm

303-484-1465

of fresh beer to go.

Cheers! One more down.

Notes, musings, epiphanies.

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Daily 11am-10pm

303-449-2911

Notes, musings, epiphanies:

whiskey in house from grain to glass.

F 4-8pm, Sa 2-8 pm

720-369-5578

Bringing together the art of food and beer, BRU

Handbuilt Ales & Eats' beer chef lan 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 lan's kitchen

career as well. Open daily for lunch and dinner with

Named for the founder's beloved dog, Elwood, this

craft whiskey distillery produces unique, small-batch

Located on the east side of Boulder, this is Upslope's main

production brewery. You'll find a variety of handcrafted ales

and lagers, as well as styles from their Limited Release

Series and other tap room exclusives (24 beers on tap!). In

addition to the beer, enjoy fresh, hot empanadas from Lazo

Empanadas and chips and salsa daily. Occasional food

VAPOR DISTILLERY

trucks and a new beer tapping every Tuesday!

5290 Arapahoe Ave.

720-638-5193

bruboulder.com

Su 11:30am-9pm

Award-winning wines made from 100-percent Coloradogrown grapes in our vineyards in Palisade, Colorado. Enjoy a tasting of five wines from a large selection for \$8. See the wine-making operation. Join us for one of our signature events, local chef's dinners, first Fridays wineand-cheese experience or library wine tastings

Cellar West Artisan Ales brews Belgian farmhouseinspired beers that celebrate people, place and purpose. Many of their beers are fermented in oak with their house

Th-Su 1-6pm, and by appointment Settembre Cellars crafts elegant, food-friendly wines from Colorado grapes. With an uncompromising commitment to quality, and winemaking techniques influenced by winemakers in Italy and France, their wines showcase the unique terroir of Colorado's high-altitude

SETTEMBRE

welcome to bring food to enjoy while tasting.

The Tasting Room lets you sample Decadent Saint's craft wines and Wild Cider's crisp apple ciders — plus an atmosphere of creativity, fun and adventure. They invite the community to explore new flavors with innovative products. Venue rental is available for fundraising efforts, personal celebrations, intimate dinners or a tasting getaway.

Located in North Boulder, this is Upslope's original facility, now turned experimental and specialty brewery. Enjoy 14 beers on tap and a beer engine that serves specialty firkins, rotating food trucks and plenty of games while

GUNBARREL

27. Asher Brewing Company

Suite 104

303-530-1381

4699 Nautilus Ct.

asherbrewing.com Daily 2pm-midnight Asher Brewing Company is the first certified, allorganic brewery in the state of Colorado. Crafted with only the highest quality organic ingredients, Asher's brews are better for the consumer, better for the environment and better for the beer. At Asher Brewing Company, their mission is to solve the world's problems, one beer at a time.

Cheers! One more down. Notes, musings, epiphanies.

28. Avery Brewing Company

4910 Nautilus Ct. ELWOOD 303-440-4324 5757 Arapahoe Ave., Unit A2 averybrewing.com Daily: M 3-11pm, 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:

Beyond the Mountain Brewing

6035 Longbow Dr., Unit 109 303-530-6981 beyondthemountainbrewing.com W-F 3-9pm,

Sa-Su noon-9pm Beyond the Mountain grew out of a mutual love of artisanal beer and live music. In addition to five yearround beers, the 12 taps feature one-off and seasonal beers, as well as an "Artist Series" of beers brewed in

collaboration with musical artists. Cheers! One more down. Wotes, musings, epiphanies.

30. Finkel & Garf Brewing Company

5455 Spine Rd., Unit A 720-379-6042

finkelandgarf.com M-Th 3-9pm, F 3-10pm, Sa 2-10pm, Su 3-7pm 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 pin Cheers! One more down.

6880 Winchester Circle Suite D 303-330-4781 geekspirits.com

intelligently crafted whiskey and rums made from the finest ingredients 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.

32. Gunbarrel Brewing Company

7088 Winchester Circle 800-803-5732 gunbarrelbrewing.com M 3-9pm, Tu-Sa 12-10pm,

Su 12-9pm With a focus on historical and rare ales, Gunbarrel Brewing is a great spot to try unusual beers like the Bogan, a sparkling, Australian-style ale, as well as seasonal brews, some of which are made from fruit donated by the community through the brewery's Found Fruit Project.

Cheers! One more down. Notes, musings, epiphanies

33. Vindication Brewing Company

6880 Winchester Circle Unit F 303-530-0642 vindicationbrewing.com Daily 2-9pm

conversation. All are welcome! Cheers! One more down.

Fostering beer-induced fellowship and enlightened

Notes, musings, epiphanies

SOBO (SOUTH BOULDER)

34. Southern Sun Pub & Brewery

627 S. Broadway 303-543-0886 mountainsunpub.com 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 pation 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.

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31. Geek Spirits

GEEK

F 4-8pm, Sa 3-8pm Celebrate your inner geek! Geek Spirits offers

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Regularly scheduled tours

Gluten-free beers available

Full-service restaurant

Food on-site (food truck, snacks, etc. call ahead to confirm)



Entertainment for times and dates)