



Welcome to **colorful** Colorado.

# VISITOR'S GUIDE TO THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS & NORTHERN COLORADO

*Downtown Fort Collins | Image credit: Richard Haro*



## Fort Collins Fun Facts & Trivia

Named the *Most Peaceful Place to Live* in the U.S

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### **The “A” on the foothills stands for Aggies**

Before 1957, Colorado State University was referred to as Colorado Agriculture and Mechanical College or Colorado A&M with athletic teams referred to as Aggies. The A is painted every year, a student tradition since 1924.

### **70 percent of Colorado beer is produced here**

Ironic since Fort Collins was a dry town until 1969.

### **Disneyland’s Main Street, USA is modeled after Old Town in our downtown district**

And it was designed by Fort Collins native Harper Goff.

### **Enjoy 285+ miles of bicycle and walking trails**

Renting a bike or going for a walk is a great way to get to know Fort Collins – and it’s great for your mental health!

### **Fort Collins sits 5,003 ft above sea level**

Stay hydrated to avoid elevation sickness.

### **60,000 Canada Geese winter here each year**

Watch your step on campus – they also winter at CSU.

### **We are a Platinum Level Bike-Friendly Community**

A designation from the League of American Bicyclists and shared by only four other towns in the nation.

### **Cache la Poudre River is Colorado’s only nationally designated ‘Wild & Scenic’ river**

It runs through Fort Collins and is Colorado’s only nationally designated ‘Wild & Scenic’ river! The river got its unique name when French-Canadian trappers were forced to hide their gunpowder during a raging blizzard in the early 1800s.



*Horsetooth Reservoir | Image credit: T.S.*

## Food that hits the spot

Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant  
Call Your Mother Deli  
Rainbow Restaurant  
Slyce Pizza Co  
The Still Whiskey Steaks

Rodizio Grill Brazilian Steakhouse  
Penrose Taphouse & Eatery  
Union Bar and Soda Fountain  
Blue Agave Grill  
Jaws Sushi  
\*Avogadro's Number (veg. vegan)  
\*Tasty Harmony (veg. vegan)

## Cheers and be merry

Odell Brewing Company  
The Mayor of Old Town  
The Gilded Goat

Elliot's Martini Bar  
New Belgium Brewing Company  
\*Pinball Jones (arcade bar)  
\*The Social (speakeasy)  
Scrumpy's Hard Cider Bar  
The R Bar and Lounge  
Breckenridge Brewery

## Caffeine lovers unite

Mugs Coffee Lounge  
Starry Night Espresso Cafe  
Bindle Coffee

\*Fox Den (no waste cafe and roastery)  
\*Explorado (Fully Gluten Free bakery and coffee shop)  
Lima Coffee Roasters  
Wolverine Farm Publick House

## Catch a show

Mishawaka  
The Lincoln Center  
Aggie Theater  
The Lyric

Washington's  
Neighbor  
The Atrium  
Magic Rat

## Hike our favorite spots

Dixon Reservoir  
• Easy, 2.1 miles  
Bobcat Ridge Valley Loop  
• Easy, 4.3 miles  
Horsetooth Mountain  
• Moderate, 6.5 miles  
Arthur's Rock  
• Moderate, 4.2 miles  
Seaman Reservoir Trail  
• Moderate, 3 miles

Devil's Backbone  
• Moderate, 6 miles

Grey Rock Trail in the Poudre Canyon  
• Hard, 8 miles

Gem Lake  
• Moderate, 3.2 miles

Bear, Nymph, Dream & Emerald Lake in RMNP  
• Moderate to hard, 3.8 miles



## FoCo Adventure & Fun

Have a few hours to spare? Check out our favorite local activities

### Morning Fresh Dairy Farm Tours

Pet baby cows and sample local milk and yogurt—then grab a bite or a coffee on-site at Howling Cow Cafe.

### Local Concert Series (May - July)

- Lagoon Summer Concert Series
- Bohemian Nights Thursday Night Live
- Sun. Summer Series at Mishawaka
- New Belgium Friday Live Music Series
- Music on the Lawn at Foothills

### Fort Collins Food Truck Rally (May - Sept)

Every Tuesday at City Park with live music from 5:30pm-dusk.

### Holiday Twin Drive-In Theater

Situated at the base of the foothills, revel in nostalgia. The Theater offers four movies a night on two screens. Show-times start at sunset. A local fave for the past 50 yrs!

### Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch

Campgrounds, disc golf, hikes, sledding & ice skating, bird watching & nature photography + the Ranch House Restaurant & Pub.

### Haunted Pub and Ghost Tours

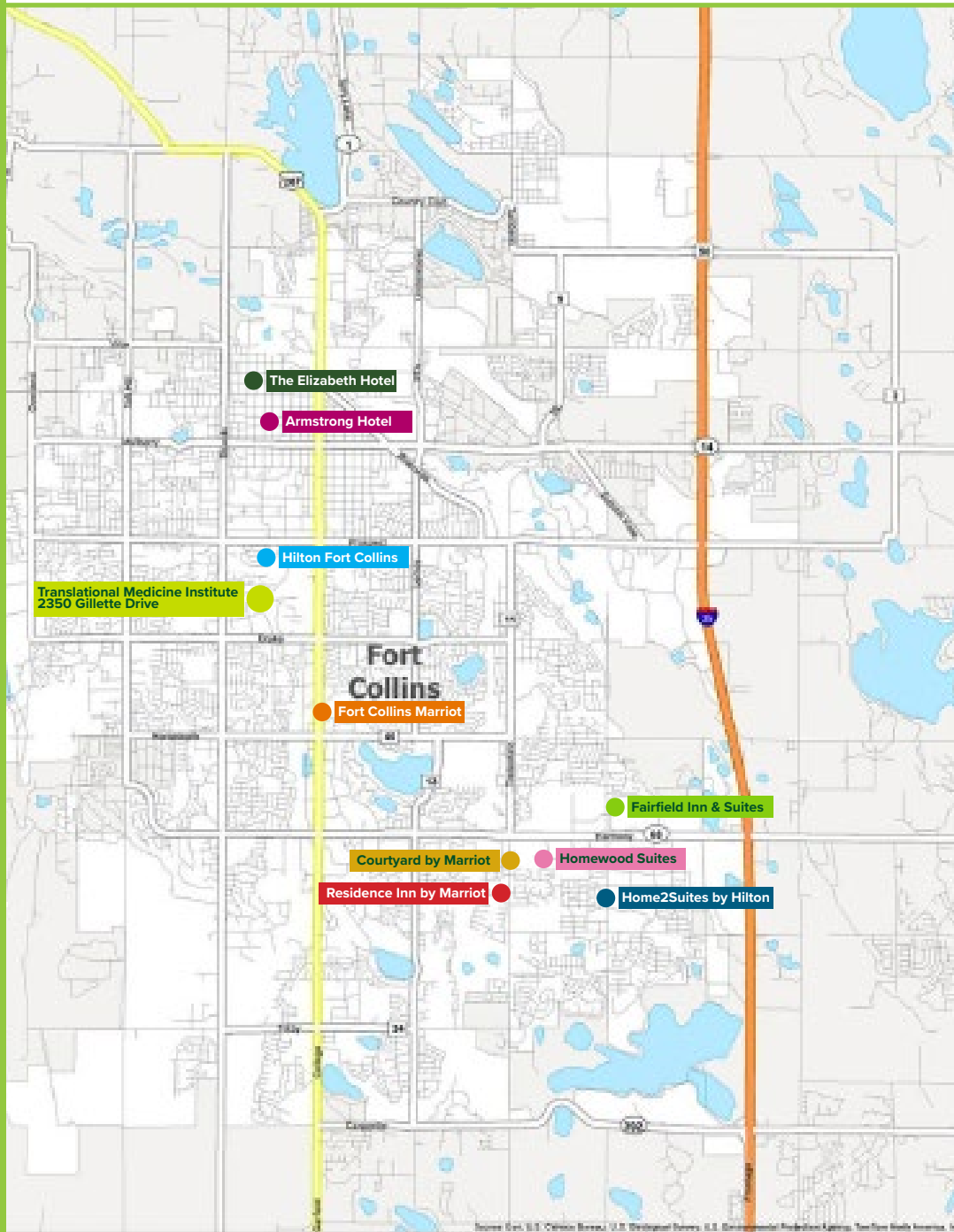
Visit FoCo's notorious haunted sites in Old Town pubs and our underground passageways—all year round!

### Fort Fun

Mini-golf, Go-Kart, and an arcade. Need we say more?

Rocky Mountain National Park is only 46 miles away

# Map of Fort Collins Hotels and mileage from the TMI



- The Elizabeth Hotel**  
3.2 miles from the TMI
- The Armstrong Hotel**  
3.1 miles from the TMI
- Hilton Fort Collins**  
1 mile from the TMI
- Fort Collins Marriot**  
1.9 miles from the TMI
- Home2 Suites by Hilton**  
4.3 miles from the TMI
- Residence Inn by Marriot**  
3.7 miles from the TMI
- Homewood Suites**  
3.8 miles from the TMI
- Courtyard by Marriot**  
2.7 miles from the TMI
- Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
6 miles from the TMI

# Location, location, location

Fort Collins has a lot to offer no matter where you stay

## Our Preferred Hotels

**The Elizabeth Hotel** is open and provides guests with an upscale Fort Collins experience that transcends the ordinary. Start planning your next visit to this luxury Old Town Fort Collins hotel and explore available on-site amenities and dining outlets such as the Emporium, Magic Rat Live Music, and the Sunset Lounge. Located in the heart of Old Town Fort Collins, you're also within walking distance to this vibrant part of Fort Collins.

If you're seeking the closest place to stay to the TMI, we recommend **Hilton Fort Collins**. Located right outside of CSU's main campus, this hotel is a 10-minute walk to the TMI. On your way you'll pass the beautiful grounds of Spring Creek Gardens, and if you're looking for a little treat, take the Spring Creek Trail to the Mason Trail then the overpass to Whole Foods Market and locally owned Wilbur's beverage.

## Old Town & Midtown

**The Armstrong Hotel** opened in 1923 by Charles & Carolyn Mantz. A historic Fort Collins icon, the hotel boasts a storied past that was home to eager entrepreneurs, illustrious Professors, and feisty farmers. Today, the Armstrong Hotel continues to be the community's hub to connect and recharge, with its central location, welcoming atmosphere and historic charm.

**Fort Collins Marriot** is midtown convenience. Located less than 2 miles from the TMI, this hotel provides walking distance to Foothills Mall that includes shops, restaurants, and a movie theater.

## South Fort Collins

South Fort Collins is packed with familiar restaurants along E. Harmony Road and shopping options at Front Range Village. While **Home2Suite by Hilton**, **Residence in by Marriot**, **Homewood Suites**, **Courtyard by Marriot**, and **Fairfield Inn & Suites** are located the furthest distance from the TMI, they are the closest to I-25 for easy access when you need to travel back to Denver International Airport.

## **The Elizabeth Hotel, Autograph Collection**

111 Chestnut Street  
3.2 miles from the TMI

**The Elizabeth Hotel** is an eclectic mix of bold details and traditional elements. This downtown Fort Collins hotel is home to 164 guest rooms, including three sophisticated signature suites. Featuring locally-loved dining, an energetic live music venue, and a chic rooftop lounge with mountain views, The Elizabeth Hotel embodies the very best of colorful Colorado.

Call: 970-490-2600

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## **Hilton Fort Collins**

425 West Prospect  
1 mile from the TMI

The **Hilton Fort Collins** is the closest hotel to the TMI. In fact, it's right down the street. The views of Horsetooth Rock and the foothills during the sunrise and sunset will make you feel instantly connected to Colorado. This hotel is two miles from Fort Collins' historic Old Town and downtown area, less than half a mile from CSU's main campus and Canvas Stadium, and a 20-minute drive from Horsetooth Mountain.

Call: 970-482-2626

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## Armstrong Hotel

259 South College Avenue  
3.1 miles from the TMI

Experience Fort Collins' only independent hotel, and one that's dedicated to ensuring you have a personalized, memorable stay. The **Armstrong Hotel** is in the heart of Old Town. Ask for a complimentary bicycle to explore Old Town. From Ace Gillett's Lounge – their underground supper club, to Amara Massage – their on-site massage studio, get a taste of the best of Fort Collins while staying at the Armstrong Hotel.

Call: 970-484-3883

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## Fort Collins Marriott

350 East Horsetooth Road  
1.9 miles from the TMI

Spacious accommodations featuring modern decor, **Fort Collins Marriott** draws from the natural elements found in the surrounding landscape. Relax in the outdoor pool or enjoy Copper Creek Restaurant for fresh dishes using locally sourced ingredients. Enjoy a crafted cocktail at Falls Bar. Explore all of Fort Collins easily with close proximity to Foothills Mall and the bustling Old Town breweries, restaurants, and local shops.

Call: 970-226-5200

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## Home2 Suites by Hilton Fort Collins

4715 S. Timberline Road  
4.3 miles from the TMI

**Home2 Suites** features spacious suites with kitchens that are ideal for extended stays. Minutes from I-25, Cinemark theater, Super Target, shopping, and restaurants. Enjoy free WiFi, parking, and hot breakfast when you stay here.

Includes complimentary breakfast.

Call: 970-223-9995

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## Courtyard by Marriott Fort Collins

1200 Oakridge Drive  
3.6 miles from the TMI

Enjoy the amenities of South Fort Collins at **Courtyard by Marriott Fort Collins** including shopping and restaurants, and easy access to hiking trails in Loveland, Estes Park, and the nearby foothills. At the end of the day, unwind in stylish rooms featuring free WiFi, plush bedding and ergonomic workspaces.

Call: 970-282-1700

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## **Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Collins**

1127 Oakridge Drive  
3.7 miles from the TMI

Breathe new life into your travel routine at **Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Collins**. This extended-stay hotel offers a convenient location shops and restaurants. Plan a day trip to Estes Park and enjoy a hike in Rocky Mountain National Park. Kick off your day at the complimentary continental breakfast. After an eventful day, decompress in oversized suites boasting contemporary decor, complimentary high-speed WiFi, and fully equipped kitchens.

Call: 970-223-5700

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## **Homewood Suites by Hilton**

1521 Oakridge Drive  
3.8 miles from the TMI

**Homewood Suites by Hilton** has the traveler in mind, offering free breakfast, WiFi, and parking. After a day on campus, stretch your legs in their indoor pool or cook a meal using your in-suite kitchen, equipped with a cook top, dishwasher, and full-size fridge. Being on the south end of town, you'll have quick access to surrounding outdoor recreation like Devil's Backbone in Loveland and Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park.

Call: 970-225-2400

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## Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Fort Collins South

3520 Timberwood Drive  
6.0 miles from the TMI

Turn any stay into a relaxing getaway at **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Fort Collins South**, where you'll find a stress-free experience that allows you to always be at your absolute best. Conveniently located near countless notable locales, such as Colorado State University, Canvas Stadium and the Lincoln Center. Offering free breakfast, a 24-hour fitness center, and pool to stay on top of your workout schedule.

Call: 970-226-6656

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# Transportation & Rentals

## **Enterprise Rent-a-Car**

2100 S College Avenue | 970-224-2592 & 3321  
E. Mulberry Street | 970-472-8300

## **Avis Car Rental**

4900 S College Avenue Ste 100 | 970-229-9115

## **Hertz**

350 E Horsetooth Road | 970-236-9489

## **DIA Car Rentals**

There are 11 options available once you land in Denver. [See your options.](#)

## **Shuttle Services**

[Groome Transportation](#) and [Landline](#) both provide shuttle service from DIA to Fort Collins.

## **Genesis Executive Transportation**

[Genesis](#) provides ground transportation throughout Northern Colorado.



*Image credit: Denver International Airport*

Fort Collins is 55 miles north from Denver International Airport (DIA), about an hour and a half drive.

- The most direct route is to take the toll road E-470 out of the airport toward Fort Collins to then merge onto I-25 North.

- An alternative is to take Pena Blvd toward I-70 West and I-270 before merging onto I-25 North to Fort Collins.