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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 Center for the Arts.

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.

Kyle's Brew Fest

facebook.com/kylesbrewfest

Thirty-some Colorado breweries, an album release by Kyle Hollingsworth of the String Cheese Incident and a homebrew competition, held at Liquor Mart.

OCTOBER

Boulder Burgundy Festival

boulderburgundifestival.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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THIS WAY to Sip-able Boulder Trivia

Boulder Beer Company holds the distinction of being Colorado's first microbrewery. Founded in 1979 by two University of Colorado professors, the first brew house was in an actual goat shed! But don't worry—today's state-of-the-art brewing facility and pub is livestock-free. Nervous flyers 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% wind power. Cheers to that!



Speaking of vino, 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 food—it was named "America's Foodiest Town" by *Bon Appétit*. Many restaurants carry a bountiful selection of beers (The Kitchen Upstairs lists 70 beers on its menu) and plenty of breweries offer top-notch cuisine on site (see the listings next to the map for dining icons). You'll also find 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 What We Love The Winery. 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!



Head to Boulder Distillery to taste 303 Vodka. This spirit has a story: the recipe was discovered in a steamer trunk that founder Steve Viezbicke's grandfather brought to America from Poland in 1907. Stop into J&L Distilling while you're in the neighborhood—it won Colorado Distiller of the Year in 2014—then try Vapor Distillery's nearby speakeasy-style bar. Last but not least is newcomer Geek Spirits.

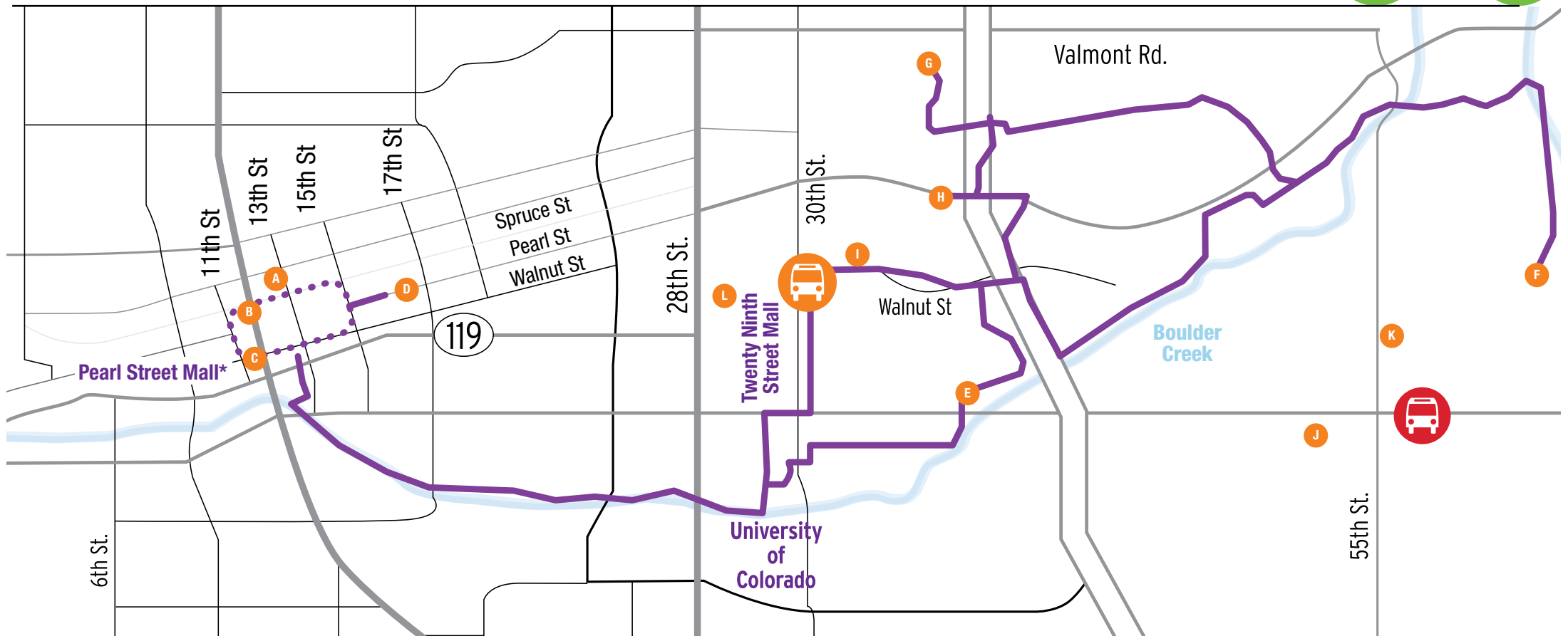
Get your medieval on at Redstone Meadery. Mead, or honey wine, is history's oldest fermented beverage. Raise a goblet in Redstone's Mead Hall, or grab some cans and enjoy it at home or on a picnic.

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% from Colorado's Western Slope—where the state's two officially recognized American Viticultural Areas (AVAs) are located. Settembre Cellars and Augustina's Winery also use 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.



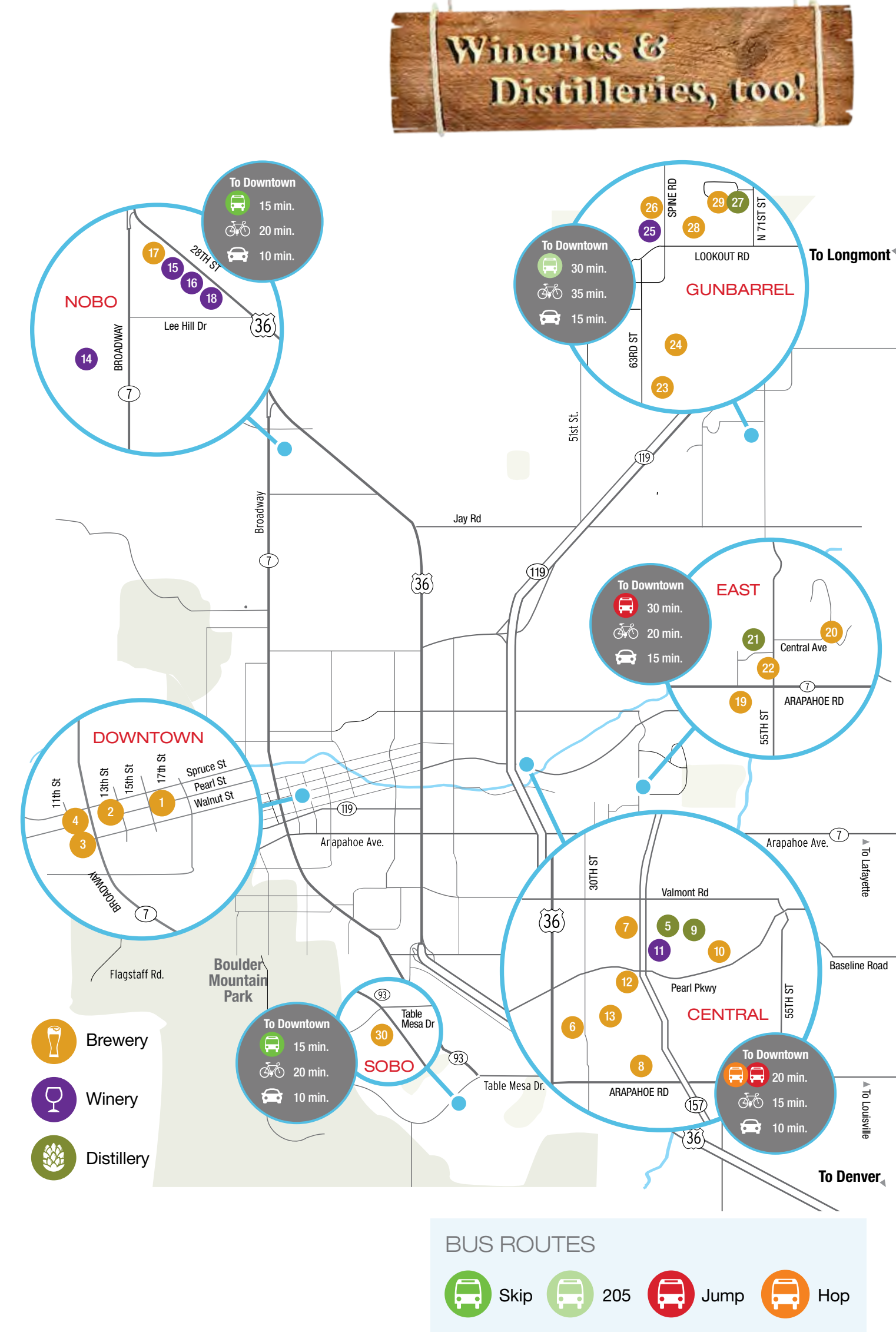
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- B West Flanders Brewing Co.**
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Arapahoe Ave. & Marine St.

- F Upslope Brewing Company**
1898 South Flatiron Ct.
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2880 Wilderness Pl.
- H Sanitas Brewing CO., LLC.**
3501-3655 Frontier Ave.
- I Twisted Pine Brewing Co**
2005 32nd St., Palmer Gardens Shopping Center
- J BRU Handbuilt Ales & Eats**
5290 Arapahoe Ave.

- K Wild Woods Brewery**
5460 Conestoga Ct.
 - L BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse**
1690 28th St.
- BUS ROUTES**
- Jump** **Hop**

*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 Company™**

2027 13th St.
303-449-0120
shineboulder.com
M-Th 11am-close,
F 11am-close, Sat and Sun 10am-close

Shine Restaurant & Gathering Place 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. It truly is a place where we can all shine.

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☐ 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 newly remodeled bar.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 4. West Flanders Brewing Company**

1125 Pearl St.
303-447-BREW (2739)
wfbrews.com
M-Th 11am-10pm,
F-Sat 11am-9pm,
Sun 11am-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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:

CENTRAL

- 5. Boulder Distillery and Clear Spirit Company**

2500 47th St. Suite #10
303-442-1244
303vodka.com
W-Sa 2pm-10pm,
Su 11-4pm

Boulder Distillery got its start when its founders found a family potato vodka recipe in the lining of an old trunk. The rest, as they say, is history. Boulder Distillery distills their vodka slowly to keep their quality consistent and their alcohol delicious—the whole process can be viewed through windows in their tasting room. Call ahead for a tour to go behind the scenes.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 6. BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**

1690 28th St.
303-440-5200
bjsrestaurants.com
Su-Th 11am-11pm,
F-Sa 11am-12am

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.

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☐ 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.

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☐ 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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 9. J & L Distillery**

4843 Pearl St. #1
720-400-1907
jldistilling.com
Wed 12pm-7pm, Thu-Sa 12pm-10pm,
Su 12pm-6pm

J&L is a small-batch distillery producing only premium spirits, 100% 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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:

NOBO (NORTH BOULDER)

- 14. Augustina's Winery**

4715 N. Broadway B-3
303-520-4871
augustinaswinery.com
Check website, hours vary

Augustina's is a one-woman winery located in the old warehouse district of North Boulder. Opened in 1997, Augustina's is Boulder's first winery. She uses only Colorado grown grapes and fruit to make fun, easy-drinking wines that go with backpacking adventures, bike rides, Cary Grant movies and mystery novels.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 15. BookCliff Vineyards**

1501 Lee Hill Rd. #17
303-449-9463
bookcliffvineyards.com
Th-Su 1pm-6pm

Award-winning wines made from 100% Colorado-grown grapes in our vineyards in Palisade, Colorado. Enjoy a tasting of five different wines from a large selection for \$5, refunded upon the purchase of two bottles of wine. See the wine-making operation. Join us for one of our signature events, local chef's dinners, first Fridays wine-and-cheese experience or library wine tastings.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 16. Settembre Cellars**

1501 Lee Hill Rd., #16
303-532-1892
settembrecellars.com
Th-Su 1pm-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 vineyards. A great place for an urban picnic: guests are welcome to bring food to enjoy while tasting.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 17. Upslope Brewing Company**

1501 Lee Hill Rd. #20
303-960-6494
upslopebrewing.com
Daily: 2pm-10pm
Tours: F and Sa 4pm

Located in North Boulder, this is Upslope's original facility now turned experimental and specialty brewery. Enjoy 12 beers on tap and a beer engine that serves specialty firkins, rotating food trucks and plenty of games while you sip your brews. They also serve fresh and hot empanadas by Maria Empanada.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 18. What We Love the Winery**

1501 Lee Hill Rd., #14
303-963-6342
whatwelove.com
Th-Su 1pm-6pm

What We Love is a craft winery that offers an atmosphere of creativity, fun and adventure with taste. We invite our community to explore new flavors with our innovative products as well as classic varietal wines. We love to offer our winery as a venue for your fundraising efforts, personal celebrations, intimate dinners or a tasting getaway.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:

EAST

- 19. BRU Handbuilt Ales & Eats**

5290 Arapahoe Ave.
720-638-5193
bruboulder.com
Daily 11:30am-close

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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 20. Upslope Brewing Company (second location)**

1898 S. Flatiron Ct.
303-449-2911
upslopebrewing.com
Daily: 11am-10pm
Tours: Sa and Sun 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 (up to 24 beers on tap!). Enjoy happy hour at this location M-F 11am-2pm pm and live music every Friday night. They also serve fresh and hot empanadas by Maria Empanada.

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☐ 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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 22. Wild Woods Brewery**

5460 Conestoga Ct.
303-484-1465
wildwoodsbrewery.com
Tu-F 4-9pm, Sa 2-9pm

Wild Woods is a brewery that creates handcrafted beers inspired by the outdoors. The beers begin with recognizable styles and are brewed to highlight elements of the wilderness. For example, Wildflower Pale Ale contains whole jasmine flowers which blend nicely with the floral hops, and Ponderosa Porter is aged with vanilla beans and oak to replicate the inviting aroma of a ponderosa pine forest.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:

GUNBARREL

- 23. Asher Brewing Company**

4699 Nautilus Ct.
Suite 104
303-530-1381
asherbrewing.com
Daily 2pm-12am

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 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!"

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 24. Avery Brewing Company**

4910 Nautilus Ct.
303-440-4324
averybrewing.com
Daily: M 3-11pm, Tu-Su 11am-11pm
Tours: M 4 and 5pm, Tu-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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 25. Boulder Creek Winery**

6440 Odell Pl.
303-516-9031
bouldercreekwine.com
Th-Su 1pm-5:30pm

After 12 years as one of Colorado's most celebrated wine producers, Boulder Creek Winery owners are retiring and closing its doors at the end of 2016. Don't miss this opportunity to visit the winery and taste the last of its award-winning wines.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 26. Finkel & Garf Brewing Company**

5455 Spine Rd., Unit A
720-379-6042
finkelandgarf.com
M-Th 3pm-9pm, F-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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 27. Geek Spirits**

6880 Winchester Circle
Suite D
303-330-4781
geekspirits.com
F 4-8 pm, Sa 3-8 pm

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.

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:

- 28. New Planet Brewery**

6560 Odell Pl. Unit D
303-499-4978
newplanetbeer.com
F-Sa 3pm-8pm

Tours: Call ahead one week before

Since it's founding in 2009, New Planet has been able to craft traditional character out of nontraditional grains, creating a flavorful portfolio of beers both in draft and in bottles. New Planet's new tap room now offers progressive, great-tasting gluten-free and gluten-reduced beers in six different rotating draft styles. Our nationally recognized, award-winning beers are handcrafted and brewed right on our premises. Stop in today for a fresh pint or try a flight of tasters, and don't forget to take a four-pack home with you!

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☐ Notes, musings, epiphanies:
- 29. 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:
- 30. 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.

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SOBO (SOUTH BOULDER)

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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)