

Hiking Recommendations

Near Boulder

Hike	Distance	Elevation	Description
Royal Arch	3.4 miles	1,252 ft.	An adventurous, classic Boulder hike with phenomenal views. It starts historic Chautauqua park and includes some fun scrambling.
Mount Sanitas Trail	2.6 miles	1,252 ft.	This is a popular Boulder trail close to town with excellent views. There are multiple trails in this system allowing for different routes.
Lion's Lair	4.4 miles	751 ft.	A quieter option with excellent views from the top and far fewer crowds than other trails on Mount Sanitas.
Hogback Loop	2.1 miles	740 ft.	A short loop that is close to town. Makes for a great trail run or nice moderate hike that can be done in less than an hour.
Green Mountain W. Ridge	3.9 miles	633 ft.	Enjoy the spectacular summit of Green Mountain with sweeping 360° views. An easy trail with additional hiking options in the area..

Further Afield

Area	Travel Time (Boulder)	Description
Brainard Lake	45 min.	There are numerous trails at Brainard Lake, one of the most beautiful spots in Boulder County. Hike up towards the Continental Divide and surround yourself with the awesome mountains of the Indian Peaks Wilderness. This is your best chance to see a Moose in Colorado! Be sure to make a reservation!
Longs Peak	1 hour	There are a few hiking options here, including the beautiful Chasm Lake (8 mi. / 2,766 ft.) or tag one of the more challenging hikes in the state by summiting via the Keyhole Route (14 mi. / 5,241 ft.). If you plan on hiking here, be prepared with plenty of water and the rest of the 10 essentials .
Rocky Mountain National Park	2 hours	The jagged peaks of this high-alpine National Park will make you think you are in Switzerland. Bear Lake Trailhead provides access to dozens of trails of varying difficulty levels. In addition to a huge number of trails, there will also be a huge number of people. Be sure to make a reservation!
Garden of the Gods	1.5 hours	This famous rock formation in Colorado Springs is family friendly and includes numerous short hikes, but the whole place can be seen by car as well. If you are looking for more of a workout, check out the Manitou Incline right down the road, but be sure to make a reservation!