Major Attractions and Amenities – Aurora, Colorado
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Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park
Located adjacent to Aurora Reservoir in unincorporated Arapahoe County, the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park is home to the Arapahoe County Fair, and features a 45,000-square-foot events/exhibition center. The facility hosts other events throughout the year. Future additions are planned for the 236-acre site, including an indoor arena, outdoor area and horse barn, as well as open space, parks and trails.

Art in Public Places
Situated throughout the city, more than 240 artworks indoors and out range from traditional to whimsical; funded through a 1993 city ordinance requiring 1 percent of city construction and remodeling projects with budgets over $100,000 to be used to fund public art. Additional public art has been placed along the R Line light rail in partnership with the Regional Transportation District.

Aurora Cultural Arts District
A 16-block area located along the historic commercial corridor from Clinton to Geneva streets on East Colfax Avenue that features art galleries, arts-related venues like The People’s Building and a thriving theatre scene that includes the Vintage Theatre and the Aurora Fox

Aurora Fox Arts Center
An historic landmark and 245-seat performing arts facility and adjacent black-box theatre in the Aurora Cultural Arts District, home of the Aurora Fox Theatre Company and the Aurora Fox Children's Theatre Company, and one of the metro area's only professional Equity theaters

Aurora History Museum
A community-based cultural center featuring a permanent exhibit on Aurora history and two changing exhibit galleries touching on topics related to history and decorative arts. Educational programs, tours, workshops and family events are offered for all ages throughout the year.

Aurora Sports Park
A 250-acre site of major local, state and national competitions annually on 12 baseball/softball fields and 23 soccer/multiuse fields, including softball, soccer, rugby, cross country, football and lacrosse, along with four lighted, multi-use synthetic turf fields

Aurora Symphony Orchestra
Community orchestra established more than 40 years ago, and offering season of full orchestra concerts annually as well as smaller chamber ensemble performances

Aurora Wheel Park
Includes a bicycle moto-cross dirt racetrack, a full-size in-line hockey rink and a skateboard bowl

Colorado Freedom Memorial
Located near Buckley Air Force Base at Springhill Park, this memorial’s glass panels contain the names of nearly 6,000 of the state’s military service personnel killed in action since Colorado became a state.

**Del Mar Family Aquatics Center**
Newly renovated center features a 181-foot waterslide with splashdown activity pool, a huge water playground with two slides, and a 25-meter, six-lane pool with zero depth entry, a 12-foot dive well and 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards

**DeLaney Farm**
Site of Aurora’s famous historic round barn, and featuring 130 acres of open space, trails with access to the High Line Canal, a historic farm with two structures on the National Register of Historic Places and a one-room schoolhouse, and a membership-supported, educational community farm operated by Denver Urban Gardens

**Dining**
More than 100 ethnically diverse eateries situated throughout Aurora, from wine bistros and sushi bars to authentic Mexican and fast casual

**Disc Golf**
Aurora manages disc golf courses at Centre Hills Park and Expo Park.

**Eisenhower Suite**
Restored suite in the Fitzsimons Building (formerly Building 500) at the Anschutz Medical Campus where President Dwight D. Eisenhower spent seven weeks recovering from a heart attack while vacationing in the area in 1955; restoration completed through careful review of photographs, archival notes and press accounts; tours are not currently available

**Festivals and Special Events**
Year-round events for all ages, including Punkin Chunkin Colorado, a fall festival with a pumpkin launching competition; the Fourth of July Spectacular, with the largest fireworks display in the metro area; Buskers, Brews & BBQ, a festival with a barbecue contest, buskers and live music; Aurora Rhythms Concerts on the Lawn; Summer in the City outdoor entertainment days for kids; the Holiday Tree Lighting; Global Fest, celebrating Aurora’s international community; and the monthly Food Truck Rodeo during warmer months.

**Golf Courses**
Five award-winning municipal golf courses (Aurora Hills, Meadow Hills, Murphy Creek, Saddle Rock and Springhill) as well as privately owned Blackstone Country Club, CommonGround Golf Course, Heather Ridge Country Club, and Heritage Eagle Bend Golf and Country Club

**Historic Sites**
The city of Aurora manages two historic districts, one cultural heritage site and 28 historic sites and landmarks, including the Gully Homestead of 1870, the Victorian-style Centennial House of 1890, the privately owned American War Mothers National Memorial Home, the DeLaney Round Barn of 1902, and Lowry Building 800, the interim headquarters for the U.S. Air Force Academy from 1955 to 1958.
Horseracing at Arapahoe Park
Located adjacent to Aurora Reservoir but located in unincorporated Arapahoe County, Colorado’s only live horseracing track features thoroughbred racing, quarter horse stakes, appaloosa competitions and Arabian dashes from June through September, with simulcast horse and greyhound racing offered year-round.

Jewell Wetland
A 50-acre wooded wetland featuring more than a mile of soft and hard surface trails, a boardwalk/deck access into the wetland and a butterfly garden

Plains Conservation Center
Take a trip back in time to Colorado’s high plains and pioneer life in the mid-1800s. Preservation space for 1,100 acres of native shortgrass prairie located north of Hampden Avenue at Picadilly. Open to the public with a variety of educational programs provided by the Denver Botanic Gardens and the city of Aurora.

Reservoirs
Aurora Reservoir features a swim beach, fishing, an eight-mile loop trail, a certified 5K soft-surface trail, and canoe, kayak, paddle boat and aqua cycle rentals. It also serves as the host site for races and triathlons. Quincy Reservoir offers a 3.5-mile soft-surface trail, shoreline and dock fishing, and a boat launch and rental.

Star K Ranch/Morrison Nature Center
Star K Ranch provides important habitat for wildlife and has several trails for nature exploration. You can also access the Sand Creek Greenway Trail from the property. Parking for Star K Ranch is located off Smith Road, a half-mile east of Chambers Road on Laredo Street.

The People’s Building
Provides a high-quality and flexible venue for a diverse array of programming with a flex space featuring 191 retractable cushioned seats and a gallery for meetings, small receptions and art installations

The Vintage Theatre
Houses the 145-seat Jeffrey Nickelson Auditorium, the 67-seat Bond Trimble Theatre and the 60-seat lobby raised stage