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. 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, these 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.

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 and arts-related venues; the district’s offices are home to Theatre Esprit Asia

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 Fox Arts Center
An historic landmark and 245-seat performing arts facility and adjacent black-box theatre in the Aurora 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; also home to Ignite Theatre

Aurora Sports Park
A 220-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.

Aurora Symphony Orchestra
Community orchestra established more than 30 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, three full-size in-line hockey rings and an 18,000-square-foot skateboard bowl with a street skating freestyle course

Colorado Freedom Memorial
Located near Buckley Air Force Base, 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 bistro 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 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 and tours available by calling 720-848-4070

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; KidSpree, a festival designed for children and families; Aurora’s Summer Concerts in the park; and Global Fest, celebrating Aurora’s international community.

Golf Courses
Six award-winning municipal golf courses (Aurora Hills, Meadow Hills, Murphy Creek, Saddle Rock, Springhill and Fitzsimons as well as privately owned Blackstone Country Club, CommonGround Golf Course, Heather Ridge Country Club, Heritage Eagle Bend Golf and Country Club, John F. Kennedy Golf Course and Valley Country Club

Historic Sites
The city of Aurora manages two historic districts, two cultural heritage sites and 26 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 Art Deco-style KOA Building of 1934, 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
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

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