Lafayette, Colorado

While the postcard images focus on snowy mountain ranges and ski slopes, “Colorful Colorado” has much more to offer. Located along the Northern Front Range, Lafayette, Colorado provides the versatility of a small community in close proximity to the resources of the larger metropolitan areas including Boulder and Denver. The main street of Lafayette is home to dozens of wonderful restaurants and boutique shops, and if you can’t find what you are looking for, Louisville, Erie, and Broomfield are close-by communities each with their own unique flair. This area of the Front Range is an easy 30 minute drive to the Denver International Airport, and only an hour away from the closest ski resort. In addition to numerous hiking trails and open space, the Front Range boasts an average temperature of 65 degrees and over 300 days of sunshine every year. Even on the chilly days, you can count on the sun in Colorado. In fact, some Peak to Peak staff members live close enough to walk or bike to campus on most days of the year.

Lafayette Links:

- Arts & Culture
- Dining & Shopping
- Festivals and Annual Events
- Recreation
- Trails & Open Space
- Resources

Surrounding Areas:
- Louisville
- Erie
- Broomfield
- Superior
- Longmont
- Boulder
- Denver

Hike a 14er: Not everyone seeks the challenge of hiking to one of Colorado’s highest peaks, but there are plenty of local day hikes, walking, and biking trails, too. Click to learn more about Colorado’s 14ers or other options on the Front Range.

Attend a Concert: Many have heard of Red Rocks Amphitheater; Colorado has dozens of outdoor concert venues and numerous annual festivals that take place across the state. The winter concert weather is part of the draw; there is plenty to do year round!

Visit a Museum: Whether you are passionate about history, art, nature, or science, the Denver metropolitan area has top notch museums to satisfy your curiosity. Click to visit Come to Life Colorado for a listing of museums and places of interest.

Try Something New: Perhaps you’d like to try kayaking, ballooning, rock climbing, bird watching, zip lining, or paddle boarding. Because of the close proximity to the mountains, Colorado’s Front Range offers a myriad of choices for outdoor enthusiasts looking for something new. Click to see how many different outdoor activities are available close by.

Click here to see Colorado’s climate and weather data and statistics.