# Winter Text and Discourse 2025 Things to do in Boulder

#### **Official Website**

The tourism <u>website</u> provides detailed guides to engage in all that Boulder has to offer. We have selected a few activities to get you started but encourage you to explore for yourself.

#### **Downtown Boulder**

The conference location is the historic <u>Hotel Boulderado</u>, which is in <u>downtown Boulder on</u> <u>Pearl street</u> with dozens of restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, shopping, and other activities within minutes of walking.

## Alpine/Nordic Skiing, Snowboarding, and Snowshoeing

- <u>Eldora Ski Resort</u> is only 20 miles from Boulders and is the local destination for alpine/nordic skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing.
  - Getting there
    - The most convenient option is the <u>NB1 bus</u> from <u>Downtown Boulder Station</u>, which is a 10 minute walk from the Boulderado (conference hotel).
    - Or you can <u>drive to the resort</u>, which is about 40 mins from the Boulderado

## o Passes/Tickets

- Eldora is a member of the <u>Ikon Pass</u> so no additional tickets required if you are an Ikon pass holder
- You can purchase multi-day or single-day <u>alpine or nordic passes and</u> tickets
- Several other world-class ski resorts (<u>Arapahoe Basin</u>, <u>Copper Mountain</u>, <u>Keystone</u>, <u>Loveland</u>, <u>Winter Park</u>) are within 2 hours each way from the Boulderado. Because these are on the major I-70 corridor, travel can often be a challenge especially in adverse weather conditions and during rush hour. Plan for 5+ hours in travel time only.

#### Rental Gear

You can rent gear directly from Eldora (or the other resorts), but it is much more economical to rent from local Boulder outlets, especially for multi-day rentals. The shops are within a short ride (10 minutes Uber/Lyft) from the Boulderado.

- o REI Boulder
- o Crystal Ski shop
- o Epic Mountain Gear
- o Christy Sports

## Hiking/Trail running

Boulder has more than 150 miles of <u>hiking trails</u> of various levels of difficulty, most of which can be hiked in all weather.

- The <u>Centennial</u> trailhead is walking distance (30 mins/ 5 mins by Uber/Lyft) from the Boulderado. It offers several trails, including the Mount Sanitas trail, which is a local favorite.
- Chautauqua Park is a popular tourist destination with dozens of trails with incredible views of the iconic Flatirons. It is 40 mins walking or 6 mins by Uber/Lyft from the Boulderado
- For winter hiking, a pair of waterproof, insulated hiking boots are essential. <u>Microspikes</u> to help with traction in the snow/ice are highly recommended. You can purchase or rent them at REI.

### **Road and Mountain Biking**

Boulder has more than 300 miles of road and mountain bike <u>trails</u> including <u>fat biking</u> for the winter. Bikes can be rented at <u>University Bicycles</u>, which is a 10 minute walk from the Boulderado.

## **Rock Climbing**

Boulder has more than 5,000 climbing routes, making it a world-class climbing destination. You can also climb <u>indoors</u> at several climbing gyms

### **National Parks**

Boulder is also an hour away from <u>Rocky Mountain National Park</u> and the <u>Indian Peaks</u> <u>Wilderness Area</u> with incredible views, hiking, snowshoeing, back-country skiing, and other outdoor activities.

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