

What a Day in Boulder Actually Costs

Every published fee in one place, and four worked days built from them. Where a price is not published anywhere, this guide says so instead of guessing.

One thing this guide will not do: put a number on your lunch. This site does not publish restaurant prices, because they change and a wrong price sends people to a bad decision. Every figure below is a fee published by the city, county, state or the venue itself. The food line is yours to fill in.

Every published fee in Boulder

What	Cost	The detail that matters
OSMP trailhead parking	\$5/day or \$25/year	Only vehicles not registered in Boulder County
Chautauqua parking	\$2.50/hr	Everyone, summer weekends only. Free weekdays
Eldorado Canyon entry	\$10 per vehicle	Everyone, plus timed entry in season
NCAR Mesa Lab	Free	Admission, parking and the noon guided tour all free
Betasso Preserve	Free	Boulder County land
CU Art Museum	Free	No ticket needed, donations welcome
Dairy Arts Center galleries	Free	Daily, noon to 6 p.m. Cinema and theatre ticketed separately
BMoCA	Pay what you want	\$1 minimum only if paying by card
Museum of Boulder	\$12 / \$10	\$10 seniors, college students, youth 5 to 17. Under 5, members and SNAP cardholders free
Fiske Planetarium	\$12 / \$8	\$8 seniors, students, military, youth 4 to 17, plus a \$1.50 fee
City recreation centers	\$15 / \$9	\$9 youth 2 to 17, \$32 for a group of four. One pass covers all three centers that day
Scott Carpenter Pool	\$15 / \$11	\$11 youth 2 to 17, \$35 for a group of four
Movement climbing day pass	\$29	The only climbing gym in town that publishes a day rate
Boulder Public Library and BLDG 61	Free	Under 18 needs a signed release each visit
Pearl Street Mall	Free	Street performers, window shopping, the 1977 animal sculptures