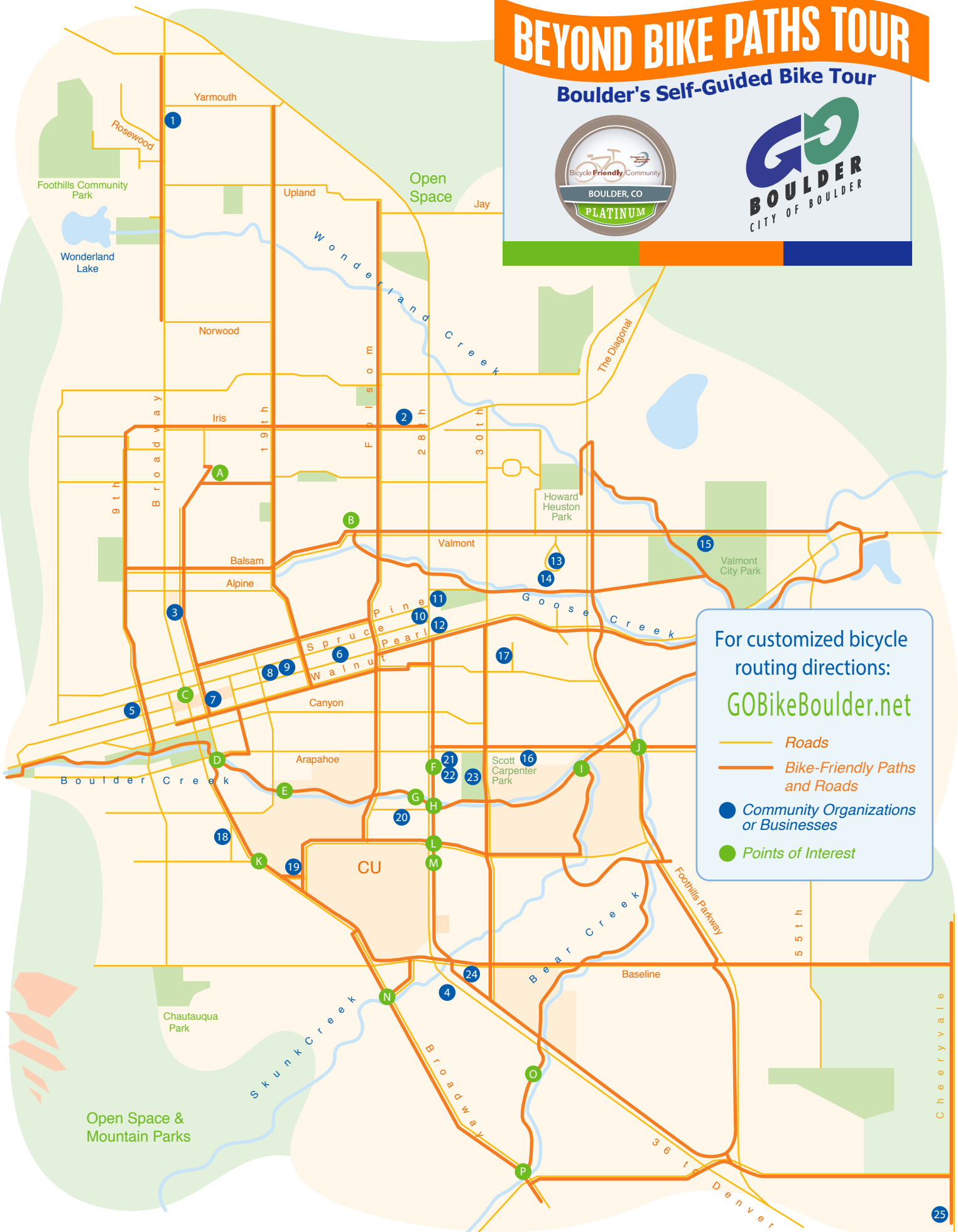


# BEYOND BIKE PATHS TOUR

## Boulder's Self-Guided Bike Tour



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### Points of Interest

#### **A Hawthorne Community Gardens, 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Hawthorne Avenue**

There are seven community gardens in the city of Boulder. Hawthorne Community Gardens has 202 plots available for seasonal rental. Teenagers involved with the Cultiva Youth Project tend a one-acre organic garden here, where they grow vegetables to sell at the Boulder Farmer's Market to help fund the program. They also donate produce to Community Food Share to help those in need. This site is also home to the Children's Peace Garden where children ages five to 10 years old can learn about gardening, and an Able Garden for seniors and people with disabilities.

#### **B Elmers Twomile Greenways Project**

When finished in spring of 2010, Elmers Twomile Greenway will complete a vital link between the area north of Glenwood Drive and the entire Greenways trail system. This long-awaited project includes a grade-separated, multi-use path connection from Goose Creek to Glenwood Drive, an underpass at Valmont Road and flood mitigation improvements. The flood mitigation component of the project addresses flooding that would occur south of Glenwood Drive to the confluence with Goose Creek during a 100-year storm event. This project removes several properties from the 100-year floodplain and contains the flows within the Elmer's Twomile channel.

#### **C 13<sup>th</sup> Street Contraflow Bike Lane**

Boulder's contraflow bike lane runs for three city blocks connecting downtown Boulder's Pearl Street Mall to a link of interconnected greenways. Maximizing automobile parking, service vehicle loading, and automobile and bicycle circulation patterns, it creates a unifying feel throughout downtown with beautiful and aesthetic detail. While bikes share the northbound lane with cars, they have their own dedicated contraflow southbound lane. This has become a successful project that works for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and more cyclists than cars now use this corridor.

#### **D Boulder Creek at Broadway**

Mosaic stone artwork under the bridge mimics the ripples, waves, rapids and eddies of Boulder Creek with repeating shapes and varied textures of red and buff sandstones and blue granite. Historic columns were salvaged and creatively re-used in the gateways to this underpass, and were inspired by the rapidly flowing Boulder Creek. Artists Christian Muller and Jessica Saunther incorporated seating areas to provide an opportunity for reflection of Boulder Creek.

#### **E Greenways Reflection Spot, Boulder Creek Path east of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass**

This shady and welcoming spot features rocks placed for relaxing and creek listening. Be on the lookout for the cornerstone of a house that used to sit on this spot in the Boulder Creek floodplain and art featuring the Boulder Greenways' mission.

#### **F Natural Structure, 28<sup>th</sup> Street south of Arapahoe Avenue**

This block long streetscape, designed by Robert Tully, is an open-air architecture wrapping around trees. Tall, stone light posts have a wave formed by the natural curved fracture of stone blocks. Completing it are a bus stop shade roof, cast of concrete end block, bus stop totem, trellises and carved stones funneling rain to plants. The overall effect is an open-air architecture compatible with trees on the corner and the surrounding built environment, inspired by the concept that people play a more integral part of natural processes than they imagine. The posts increase in height to form an

inspirational arc wrapping around the existing trees. Other art elements are a bus stop cairn made of stainless steel spheres on top of round cobblestones, a shade roof with grass patterns, and carved, stained details of nests and people sitting under trees.

#### **G Boulder Creek Stream Observatory, Boulder Creek Path between Folsom and 28<sup>th</sup> streets**

Four windows allow visitors a fish-eye view of Boulder Creek's fish population. Native fish, including Fathead Minnow, White Sucker and Greenback Trout, and introduced species such as the Cutthroat, Brook, and Rainbow Trout reside in this healthy stream ecosystem. The interpretive signs at the top of the stairway help visitors easily identify the various fish found in the creek.

#### **H Vortex Street, 28<sup>th</sup> Street north of Taft Drive**

Designed by Ken Bernstein, the north and southbound bus stops feature walls and plazas embellished with patterns of the swirling nearby Boulder Creek waters. Curved walls on the west and east side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street are covered with mosaic tile and river rock. A spiral staircase from the northbound bus stop leads to the Boulder Creek path and a seating area with a poetry wall. A pedestrian bridge over Boulder creek is gated with a wrought iron sculpture: its flagstone pillars are fitted with night lighting and colorful custom tiles. The two transit plazas are connected by the Boulder Creek path and feature a mural of water elements painted on the underside of the 28<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. Follow the spiral stairwell on the east side of the street to another flagstone seating area beside a wall with the playful poem "Limits" written by local environmental poet, Jack Collom.

#### **I The Confluence, at the intersection of the Boulder Creek Path and the Skunk Creek Path**

This urban wetland oasis between Arapahoe Avenue and Foothills Parkway is the confluence of multiple Boulder Creek tributaries and is a wildlife habitat for Wetlands migrating birds, turtles, snakes, frogs, and skunks. This shady resting spot includes stamped concrete, creatively placed rocks to rest on, and poetry swirled into the concrete pad.

### **J** Bear Creek at Foothills Parkway

This underpass artistically recreates the underground world of prairie dogs. Artist Jessica Saunther highlights animals that are a part of the prairie ecosystems, including the endangered black-footed ferret, various birds and the black-tailed prairie dog. Impressions in concrete and stone mosaics of buff sandstone, red sandstone and polished granite create the dreamlike underground art in the tunnels that morph into cloud shapes as you emerge from the tunnel. The construction of this high priority underpass involved relocating a dense prairie dog colony. This provided inspiration to the artist.

### **K** Broadway at College Avenue

With an intriguing collage of free flowing, richly textured hieroglyphic-like images created in concrete and sandstone, this underpass provides safe passage between the University of Colorado campus and the University Hill commercial district. The intricate patterns woven into the design discourage graffiti and encourage cyclists and pedestrians to slow down and take a closer look at the geese, snakes, and interesting patterns that wind their way through this busy underpass beneath Broadway.

### **L** Strata Variations Retaining Wall, 28<sup>th</sup> Street between Colorado Avenue and Taft Drive

Flagstone and river rock are integrated into the design to mimic the nearby urban and natural surroundings and reflect the Flatirons in the background. This functional and eye-catching retaining wall provides terraces for native landscaping while stabilizing the hillside and protecting the multi-use path from erosion. This artistic wall serves as a grand entrance to Boulder.

### **M** Wind Tunnel, 28<sup>th</sup> Street at College Avenue

This underpass was constructed in the 1960's to provide a safe route for pedestrians and bicycles to cross under 28<sup>th</sup> Street at College Avenue. Art transformed this underpass, making it a landmark for the University of Colorado's nearby campus neighborhood. The walls feature a tile mosaic of swirling eddies above the entry. Moving concrete patterns are inset in the wingwalls and strong patterns are stained into the plaza pavement. The flagstone pillars are topped with artistic windvanes to provide a visual announcement of the entrance to the underpass.

### **N** Skunk Creek at Broadway

This artwork was inspired by Artist Kristine Smock's desire to celebrate the animals that live in Boulder. The underpass features children's poems, paintings, metal artwork and decorative railings that depict animals that live in Boulder. Working with local environmental poet Jack Collom, Smock engaged local school children to write poems and create works of art highlighting Boulder's animals. Be sure to pump the tail on the whimsical steel skunk and watch the water spray.

### **O** Bear Creek at Martin Drive

Ever wonder why homeowners on the Bear Creek bike path have gates and stairways leading from their backyards to the bike path? They were part of a project designed to transform Bear Creek into a greenway and mitigate the flooding issues that plagued the neighborhood. Each yard previously sloped gently down to Bear Creek. The city purchased the land from the homeowners, and through creative planning, removed the yards from the flood plain, reduced the flood risk to the neighborhood, increased property values, created a recreation and transportation opportunity, and maintained creek access for each of these homes.

### **P** Bear Creek at Broadway

This cheerful underpass is the result of a box culvert being transformed into a beautifully landscaped gurgling stream ecosystem. The landscape design and art, created by Carol Adams, forms a playful connection between Table Mesa Drive and Martin Park. Cartoons of frogs and children drawn by artist Lin Takeuchi are sandblasted into the walls, and whimsical railings, easily viewed from Broadway and the path, feature swimming fish and are part of a family of railings with similar character at underpasses along Broadway.

## Community Organizations and Businesses

### **2** Boltage

[www.boltage.org](http://www.boltage.org)

Freiker, a Boulder-based non-profit with 12 programs operating in four states and Canada, provides solar powered computers to schools to promote and track walking and cycling school trips. Students are given a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag that provides daily counts of each trip made to school and uploads the data to a Web site. Freiker is a great motivational tool that keeps kids walking and biking. Boulder schools that support Freiker are Horizons K-8, Crest View Elementary, Foothill Elementary, and Casey Middle.

### **4** 21 Wheels

637 s. Broadway Suite 227

21 Wheels explores and creates innovative ways for people to navigate through their community.

### **6** Pedal to Properties

2014 Pearl Street

Pedal to Properties is a full service residential real estate company that is quickly becoming famous for its special cruiser bike home tour option.

### **7** People for Bikes

1966 13th St. Suite #250

Bikes Belong is a Boulder-based organization with nearly 400 members. It uses its membership of bicycle suppliers and retailers to improve bicycling in America and works to put more people on bicycles more often. Their efforts are concentrated in four areas: Federal Policy and Funding, National Partnerships, Community Grants and Promoting Bicycling.

### 11 Y-Riders, YMCA Boulder Valley

2850 Mapleton Ave.

Y-Riders, a Boulder Valley YMCA program for school-aged children, is dedicated to supporting cyclists of all ages in achieving their potential and goals. Y-Riders strives to produce honest, responsible, respectful and caring riders of all ability levels and in every aspect of cycling: for fitness, fun, recreation, competition and alternative transportation. Y-Riders offers after school programs, camps, skill clinics, and repair and maintenance clinics.

### 13 Boulder Beer

2880 Wilderness Pl.

Boulder Beer Company is the first group in Boulder to adopt a city bike path and take on the responsibility of maintaining it. Boulder Beer Company also holds the official title of Colorado's *FIRST* Microbrewery, and this year celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of craft brewing.

### 14 Community Cycles

2805 Wilderness Pl. #1000

Community Cycles is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate and advocate the safe use of bicycles as affordable, viable and sustainable transportation and personal enjoyment. Community Cycles takes in used bikes to "re-cycle" them back into the community through Earn-A-Bike programs, bike swaps and affordable sales. They provide participants with a working bike and a welcoming space to learn about bicycle repair, maintenance and operation.

### 15 Valmont Bike Park

Intersection of Airport and Valmont roads

The city of Boulder and the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA) are working together to build the Valmont Bike Park - a place to ride, learn, race and advocate cycling on 40-acres of terrain appealing to off-road riders of all ages and all abilities. Construction begins summer of 2009, and when complete, off-road cyclists will have a safe, traffic free environment to ride within city limits. Valmont Bike Park will also offer pre-scheduled racing, contests, race training, instruction and other events.

### 16 Fat Kitty Cycles

3380 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, CO 80303

Fat Kitty is Boulder's newest bike shop; featuring new and used bikes, parts, accessories, maintenance service, and classes! Fat Kitty Cycles will consign bicycles for sale, as well as make that old bike in the garage last another ten years with some love.

### 19 CU Bike Station

Euclid & 18<sup>th</sup> (North of the Euclid Auto Park and east of University Memorial Center)

The CU Bike Station offers services that keep campus cyclists in the saddle and enjoying CU and Boulder's great bicycling environment. Services include: bicycle registration, cruiser bicycle rental, free minor maintenance, mobile mechanics, transit schedules, maps, and information.

### 20 Singletrack Mountain Bike Adventures (SMBA)

194 Taft Dr., #C

Singletrack Mountain Bike Adventures (SMBA) is a non-profit dedicated to promoting the benefits of mountain biking, peer support, environmental stewardship and self-sufficiency on and off the trail. SMBA welcomes all levels of riders and maintains a coach-to-rider ratio that promotes safety, quality, and individual attention. Coaches guide riders in a progression-oriented, skill-based curriculum, with a focus on fun and adventure. No rider is pushed too hard and experienced riders get ample opportunity to hone their skills. SMBA promotes and supports mentoring and community involvement.

### 23 Boulder Skatepark

1505 30th Street (½ block south of Arapahoe in Scott Carpenter Park)

The Boulder Skatepark is an unsupervised, skate-at-your-own-risk facility featuring an exciting "street-course" with rails, curbs, and free-flowing forms and bowls. The skatepark is free and always open for skateboarders and in-line skaters. BMX riders are welcome daily from 7 - 10 a.m.

### 25 City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks (OSMP)

66 S. Cherryvale Rd.

Boulder's OSMP manages over 45,000-acres of public land teeming with native plants and wildlife and is home to various threatened and endangered species. These unique lands provide citizens with recreation opportunities unique within urban America and include a trail system that serves walkers, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders, dog walkers and other interests, such as nature study and photography.

## Bike Shops

1 **Boulder Cycle Sport:** 4580 N. Broadway, #B

3 **Pro Peloton:** 2615 13th St.

5 **U-Bikes:** 9th and Pearl streets

8 **Full Cycle:** 1795 Pearl St., 1211 13th St.

9 **Vecchio's:** 1833 Pearl St.

10 **Sports Garage:** 2705 Spruce St.

12 **Bicycle Village:** 2100 28<sup>th</sup> St.

16 **Fat Kitty Cycles:** 3380 Arapahoe Ave.

17 **Excel Sports:** 2045 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

18 **Full Cycle:** 1211 13th St.

21 **Performance Bikes:** 2450 Arapahoe Ave.

22 **Boulder Bikesmith:** 28<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe Ave.

24 **Trek Store:** 2626 Baseline Rd.