



Bike the Sites

Historical Tour
of Fort Collins

About the Fort Collins Bike Library

The Fort Collins Bike Library is a community-supported program developed by FC Bikes, Bike Fort Collins, and the Fort Collins Bike Co-op.

To borrow a bike and get rolling, all you need is a valid ID and a credit card for a damage deposit. Borrowing bikes is free!

To learn more, go to www.fcbikelibrary.org or call 970.419.1050. The Fort Collins Bike Library station is located in Old Town Square (near Linden St.) An additional Fort Collins Bike Library location, The Mason Station, is located at 222 LaPorte Ave. (corner of Howes St. and Laporte Ave.), 970.221.2453

Safe Bicycling in Fort Collins

Please be a good example of a respectful bicyclist and follow the rules of the road. Ride with lights at night. Stop at traffic lights and stop signs. Use hand signals and eye contact to communicate your turns to motorists. Ride on the right hand side of the road and when cycling on bike trails signal to pass pedestrians and other cyclists with your bike bell. Always wear a helmet. Enjoy the ride!

Bicycling Info & Tips

Bicycles are a sensible form of transportation in Fort Collins. Our City offers over 280 miles of bike lanes, and over 30 miles of bike trails. Bicycling on College Ave in downtown is legal, but recommended for experienced bicyclists only. Please walk your bicycles through Old Town Square and on sidewalks in the downtown area. Bicycling on roads is recommended and legal. In case of emergency, dial 911. In the event of mechanical difficulties or need for directions, please call 970.491.1050 or 970.221.2453.

Thank You!

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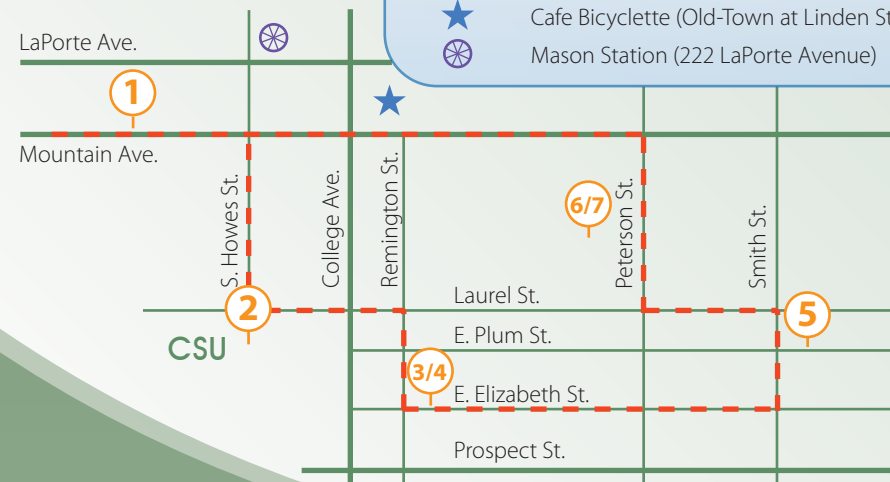


Fort Collins Historical Tour

Approx. 3.5 Miles (round trip)

Legend

- Tour Route
- Biking/Walking Trail
- Street or Road
- Cafe Bicyclette (Old-Town at Linden Street)
- Mason Station (222 LaPorte Avenue)



Site 1 - The Avery House

402 W. Mountain Ave.

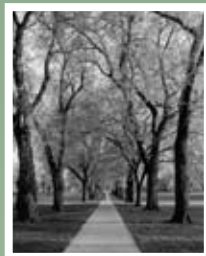


The Avery House was built in 1879 by Franklin & Sarah Avery. Franklin was responsible for the wide streets throughout Fort Collins, founding the First National Bank, and developing water projects throughout Northern Colorado.

The Avery house is open throughout the year, call 970-221-0533 for times.

Site 2 - The Oval

Located at Howes and Laurel



The Oval was designated in 1909. There are 65 Elm trees that span around the oval. Students enjoy relaxing, playing frisbee, and studying in the large grassy areas.

The Oval is one of the most recognizable places on the CSU campus and represents the University's extensive history. Feel free to lock your bike up and walk around.

Site 3 The Westfall House

214 East Elizabeth

This Queen Ann-style house was built in 1905 and was named in honor of Dr. Alfred Westfall, a CSU professor, who purchased the house in 1929.



In 1990 the house caught fire while the current owners, Rodney and Monica Straws were renovating. The house was quickly repaired from the extensive damage.

Site 4 - The Hoffman House

219 East Elizabeth

This bungalow was built in 1924 for a mere \$3,500 by Leonard and Gertrude Hoffman. The house was unchanged until 1985 when owners Melanie and N.H. Heltsly added an oak mantle piece in the living room, a breakfast nook, and a backyard deck.

Site 5 - The Curtis House

812 Smith Street



This house was owned by both Alice B. Curtis, an assistant professor at CSU, and Ruth Jocelyn Wattles who wrote *Mile High College: A History of Colorado A & M*.

Sites 6 & 7 - Library & Museum

201 Peterson Street

The library, originally located where the museum is, was the sixth public library in the state. The museum became a Pioneer Museum in 1941 and was operated by the Pioneers Association and the Daughters of Colorado Pioneers. In 1976, the library relocated into the new Carnegie Library building.