



Bike the Sites

Historical Tour of Fort Collins

About the Bike Library

The 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 form of identification. Borrowing bikes is free!

To learn more, go to www.fcbikelibrary.org, or call 970.419.1050. FC Bike Library station is located in Old Town Square (near Linden St.) An additional FC Bike Library station is located at the Fort Collins Bike Co-op (970.484.3804) at 222 LaPorte Rd. (corner of Howes St. and Laporte Rd.)

Safe Bicycling in Fort Collins

Please be a good example of a respectful bicyclist and respect 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 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 970.484.3804.

Thank You!

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Fort Collins Historical Tour

Approx. 3.5 Miles Round Trip

Site 1 - The Avery House

402 W. Mountain Ave.

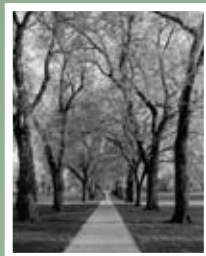


The Avery House was built in 1879 by Franklin & Sarah Avery. Franklin is responsible for the wide streets throughout Fort Collins, founding the First National Bank, and developing water projects throughout Northern Colorado.

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 the Colorado State Campus.

Site 3 The Westfall House

214 East Elizabeth

This Queen Ann-style house was built in 1905 & was named in honor of Dr. Alfred Westfall, a professor at CSU for over 40 years, and his wife Dorothy 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.

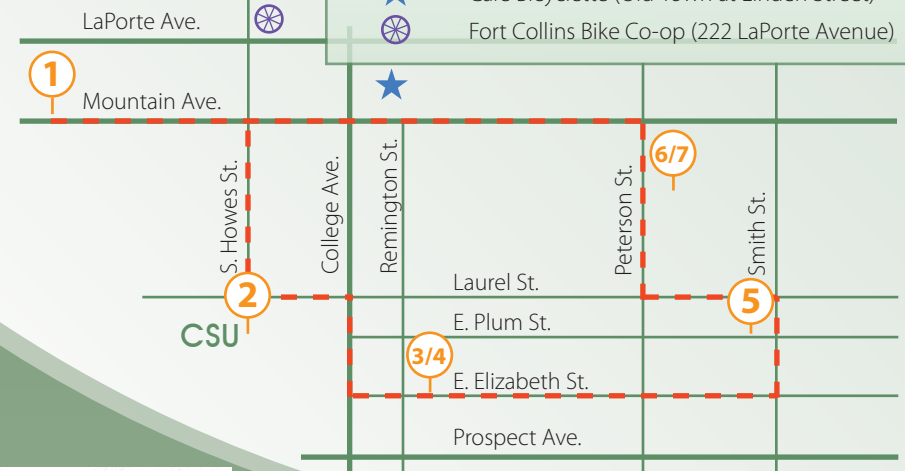
Site 4 - The Hoffman House

219 East Elizabeth

This bungalow was built in 1924, for a mere \$3,500, by Leonard and Gertrude Hoffman. The Hoffman's Jewelry Store at 107 East Mountain Avenue was un-altered until 1985 when Melanie and N.H. Heltsly added an oak mantle piece in the living room, a breakfast nook, and a backyard deck.

Legend

- Tour Route
- Biking/Walking Trail
- Street or Road
- Cafe Bicyclette (Old-Town at Linden Street)
- Fort Collins Bike Co-op (222 LaPorte Avenue)



Site 5 - The Curtis House

812 Smith Street



This house was owned by Alice B. Curtis, an assistant professor at CSU in addition to Ruth Jocelyn Wattles who wrote, The Mile High College, history of CSU, Fort Lewis College, and Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Sites 6 & 7 - Library & Museum

201 Peterson Street

The Library was originally in the building the Museum is in now. It 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 Museum relocated into the Carnegie Library building.