

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR BOULDER

Boulder is located 25 miles northwest of Denver, and about 43 miles from Denver International Airport. Meeting locations vary depending on the time of year and the class/trip, your guide will provide you with this information. There are plenty of accommodations and amenities located in Boulder, however camping is not readily available. If you have any additional questions your Colorado climbing adventure, please contact our call (303) 532-5184.

### TRAVEL

Boulder is located 25 miles northwest of Denver, and about 43 miles from Denver International Airport. There are two main highway routes to Boulder: a northern toll route (E-470) - a few minutes quicker and more scenic; and a toll-free southern route using Peña Blvd and US-36. While often referred to as DIA by locals, the FAA and IATA identifier is DEN. Car rentals, shuttles, taxis, charters/limousines, and public transportation (RTD SkyRide, "Skyride AB" route) are all available from the airport. Nearly every rental company is represented at DIA. Although there are peak periods that affect drive time, driving to Boulder is recommended because it provides opportunities to see many more nearby attractions during your stay.

If driving to Boulder from another location, there are numerous routes.

Following are general suggestions using Google Maps:

From the west, going through the mountains on I-70, it's usually best to head north through Golden on CO-93.

From the north, if driving I-25, taking exit 240 for CO-119 W is preferred.

From eastern Colorado, on I-70, follow I-70 W, to I-270 W, to US-36 W; at Denver rush hour, E-470 N may be faster.

From southern Colorado, if driving I-25, take I-25 N to US-36W

### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Please note that JHMG guides cannot provide transportation. Please arrange independent transportation to and from JHMG activities. Once in Boulder, Boulder Yellow Cab is one option to get to and from the trailheads and meet points. Make sure to confirm drop-off and pick-up times with the dispatcher.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Numerous options exist for lodging around Boulder. Following are some examples from the many options available.

Lower cost accommodations range from choices like the Boulder International Hostel near campus and the Foot of the Mountain Motel, located at the mouth of Boulder Canyon about one mile from the Dome climbing area and one mile from Pearl Street Pedestrian Mall via the Boulder Creek Bike Path.

More intimate and upscale lodging exists, including the centrally located Briar Rose Bed and Breakfast and The Bradley Boulder Inn, situated just off Pearl St with a variety of nearby dining options. The St Julian Hotel & Spa is an ultramodern luxury hotel, while the hundred year-old Hotel Boulderado shows classic Victorian and Wild West character.

An attractive option for those climbing in the Chautauqua area of the Flatirons (e.g. 1st Flatiron, 3rd Flatiron, Gregory Canyon Amphitheater) is to stay in one of the 60 Chautauqua Cottages. You can walk to and from many of the Flatirons most popular climbing objectives. These cottages are located in the Chautauqua Park, a National Historic Landmark, at the foot of the Flatirons. Numerous chain Motels and Hotels are located around Boulder. For example, the Boulder Marriott, the Boulder Creek Quality Inn, the Best Western Golden Buff, and the Boulder University Inn.

While Boulder has plentiful hotel rooms, there is no camping readily available anywhere near the city. Numerous options are available in US Forest Service campgrounds near Nederland. However, the distance from the climbing areas (45min to more than an hour) suggests that these are best used as single overnight stays before or after climbing with JHMG.

### **MEETING TIME & PLACE**

Our standard meet time for full day climbs and classes is 8:00am. However, weather conditions and route aspect commonly suggest alternate meet times. Please consult with our office for further detail regarding your specific class or objective. Our meeting locations vary depending on the class or climb. Following is a short list of possible meeting places:

Chautauqua Park - first lot after entering the park at Grant Place and Baseline Road

The Dome/Elephant - large lot on left about 1 mile into Boulder Canyon

Eldorado Canyon State Park - large lot located just beyond the entrance kiosk

### **WEATHER & CLIMATE**

Conditions can be favorable for climbing at nearly any point during the year, but for most objectives, better climbing conditions occur in spring, summer, and autumn. Spring has a higher likelihood of precipitation. Summer afternoon temperatures can climb into the 90's and isolated afternoon thunderstorms are common. In the autumn, climbers tend to find the most reliable conditions. Winter has many spells of great climbing weather, but it is difficult to plan in advance, as the Front Range can also receive full Rocky Mountain snowstorms and cold fronts. Because cliffs are dramatically affected by sun and wind exposure (or lack thereof), please refer to your JHMG guide for route or area recommendations. Suggestions are to provide our guests with the most enjoyable experience.

During summer months, even if the day dawns clear, all climbers should pack a rain jacket for the occasional surprise afternoon thundershower. Synthetic clothing is strongly advised at many times of the year, and is almost always preferable to cotton. Comfort levels can vary quite a bit depending on where you are climbing within a given climbing area, so please ask us for our clothing recommendations based on your planned climb/class and if you are unfamiliar with the area. It is common for us to suggest an early start to avoid afternoon thunderstorms.