

# BREWERIES AND FOOD IN LARIMER COUNTY

If you love beer, you'll love Larimer County. While it's no Portland, it is known for its array of craft breweries. If you want to taste Colorado beer, plan to attend the Brewers Festival in June of each year in Fort Collins where you can sample 150+ Colorado beers.

The largest brewery in Larimer County is New Belgium Brewing Company, based in Fort Collins since its inception in 1991. The craft brewery is 100% employee-owned and makes the popular Fat Tire Belgian Style Ale. It's the fourth largest craft brewery in America and the 11th largest brewery in the United States. Anheuser Busch is the largest and oldest brewery in Fort Collins, and Coopersmith's Pub & Brewing and Odell Brewing tie for the longest-standing craft breweries—both opened their doors in 1989. The newest players on the market include Prost Brewing, Freedonia Brewing and Red Truck Beer in Fort Collins, and Dratz Brewing, Machination Mead Works and Laughing Leprechaun Meadery in Loveland.



## 10 HIGHEST-RATED BREWERIES

1. New Belgium, Fort Collins
2. Rock Cut, Estes Park
3. Odell, Fort Collins
4. Funkwerks, Fort Collins
5. Horse and Dragon, Fort Collins
6. Jessup Farm Barrel House, Fort Collins
7. Loveland Aleworks, Loveland
8. City Star, Berthoud
9. Grimm Brothers, Loveland
10. Equinox, Fort Collins

Source: Yelp, May 2018



**70%** of Colorado's craft beer is produced in Northern Colorado, with **33** microbreweries

Source: [northerncolorado.com](http://northerncolorado.com)

# EATS AND TREATS



Larimer County is not lacking for restaurant choices, from the elegant to the obscure. Find homemade cinnamon rolls at the oldest restaurant in Fort Collins, the Silver Grill Café founded in 1933 or grab a s'more waffle at The Waffle Lab, a former food truck turned restaurant. In Loveland, you'd be amiss not to try the well-appreciated Door 222 or Henry's Pub. For the finest fine dining in the area, visit Chimney Park in Windsor. If pizza is your desire, you can't go wrong at Berthoud Pizza or Krazy Karl's in Fort Collins, which was named the best pizza in a *Coloradoan* poll in 2018.

Don't forget dessert! In Fort Collins, you need to try the legendary Walrus Ice Cream or the local chocolatier, Nuance. In Loveland, there's the Starlight Dessert Bar featuring exotic favorites including Tuxedo Crème Brulee or cheesecake made your way.



## ➔ FOOD TRUCK RALLIES - MAY - SEPTEMBER *Bands, food and fun!*

### Fort Collins City Park

Tuesdays  
5:30 pm - dusk  
30 rotating food trucks

### North Lake Park, Loveland

Wednesdays  
5:30 pm - dusk  
6-10 rotating food trucks

## ANNUAL FOODIE EVENTS

**Fort Collins Foodie Walk**  
*Every Third Friday*  
Tastings at a dozen culinary shops  
Old Town, Fort Collins

**Taste of Fort Collins**  
*June*  
Food & beverage booths with music  
Old Town, Fort Collins

**Great Plates**  
*March 1-14*  
\$25 Dinner Specials at 25 restaurants  
Old Town, Fort Collins

**Estes Park Wine Festival**  
*August*  
Tastings from 20 Colorado wineries  
Downtown Estes Park

**Taste of Loveland**  
*April*  
Food & beverage booths with music  
RM Center for Innovation & Technology

**Octoberfest, Berthoud**  
*October*  
German food and dancing  
Fickel Park