About Fort Collins

The Colorado State University campuses are located in or near the city of Fort Collins. The county seat of Larimer County, this community of approximately 130,446 is located 65 miles north of Denver on Interstate 25, and 45 miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The city is served by railroad-freight and bus lines. Transportation from Fort Collins to Denver International Airport is provided by shuttle service.

At the foot of the Rocky Mountains, Fort Collins is within an hour’s drive of such major recreational areas as Estes Park, Red Feather Lakes, Horsetooth Reservoir, and several mountain parks, including the 790,000-acre Roosevelt National Forest and Rocky Mountain National Park.

A wide variety of recreational activities is fostered not only by the presence of such areas but also by the climate in the Fort Collins region. Located at an elevation of 5,000 feet, Fort Collins has a clear, dry atmosphere, over 300 days of sunshine and generally pleasant temperatures throughout the year. The summer temperature ranges from an average high of 85 to an average low of 52; the winter temperature ranges from an average high of 42° to an average low of 13.

Indicative of the cultural life of Fort Collins are the museum, the public library, the civic symphony, and the University’s own University Center for the Arts. An active University calendar – guest speakers, art exhibits, theater, cinema, concerts – adds to community life. This broad spectrum of cultural and outdoor recreational facilities, the excellent climate, and the mountain surroundings contribute toward making Fort Collins an ideal university setting.

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