



New Happenings in Loveland, Colo. for Spring/Summer 2014

Your Summer of AWESOME awaits you in the heart of northern Colorado

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LOVELAND, Colo. – In Loveland, we were born to play. With the sun on our skin and the fresh Colorado air soaking into our lungs, Loveland is a spring and summer getaway offering everything you love. Just 45 minutes north of Denver and as the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park, there has never been a better time for families, seniors, art and culture lovers and adventure seekers to come to Loveland. Included below is just a sampling of great activities and amenities to enjoy for spring and summer 2014:

What's New

- **Loveland's new beer bus tour:** The Colorado Rockies have inspired many to experiment with the flavors and combinations that make amazing beers, it only makes sense to try a few. [NoCo Short Bus Tours](#) gives you the opportunity to experience the distinctive combinations and the exclusive beers that northern Colorado craft breweries have to offer. On the Short Bus tours, you'll get transportation to three or more local breweries, 10+ beer tasters, and busloads of fun. Discover great beers with us on the short bus.
- **Loveland Embassy Suites ranked No. 1 in the world.** The Embassy Suites & Conference Center located in Loveland was recently ranked No. 1 in the world for its commitment to service excellence. Come and see what true hospitality is like.
- **Crow Hops Brewing joins Loveland's craft beer scene.** Crow Hop focuses on taking traditional English beers and making them American. They currently offer a red (Rado's Red Ale), IPA (Nooner India Pale Ale), wheat (Window Screen Wheat), stout (Sleeping Owl Stout), lager (Loose Tongue Lager), brown ale (Big Water Nut Brown Ale) and seasonal rotators. Join them in the taproom at 217 E. Third Street.

Not-To-Miss Festivals & Events

- **The Elders, March 27:** The Elders come to the Rialto Theater Center in downtown Loveland this spring. Since forming in 1998, The Elders have set the music scene on its ear, thanks to a skillful blend of American roots rock and amped-up Celtic folk; a cross-pollination of elements that is high-octane and progressive, yet rooted in tradition. It didn't take long to establish themselves as one of the top American Celtic-rock bands, headlining the biggest Celtic festivals in North America & Europe, and quickly gaining critical attention in prestigious publications such as PASTE Magazine, Music Row Magazine, Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange, Goldmine Magazine, TRAD Magazine (France), Chicago Sun-Times, Kansas City Star and many more. Tickets are on sale now through the Rialto Center box office, 970-962-2120 or online at rialtoloveland.ticketforce.com.
- **Cirque Du Soleil Varekai (May 1-4):** Loveland is one of only two locations throughout Colorado bringing visitors the national touring Cirque du Soleil production of Varekai. Deep within a forest, at the summit of a volcano, exists an extraordinary world - a world where something else is possible. A world called Varekai. From the sky falls a solitary young man, and the story of Varekai begins. Parachuted into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world populated by fantastical creatures, this young man sets off on an adventure both absurd and extraordinary. On this day at the edge of time, in this place of all possibilities, begins an inspired incantation to life rediscovered. Tickets on sale at www.ComcastTIX.com, 877-544-TIXX (8499) and the Budweiser Events Center Box Office.
- **Foote Lagoon Concert Series – (Kicks off June 26):** Dance and sway to the harmonious sounds of free live music under the stars in the heart of Loveland. Beginning June 26 and occurring every Thursday night through the summer (weather pending). The complete schedule will be announced this spring.
- **July 4th Festival:** Visitors from across northern Colorado come to Lake Loveland and North Lake Park to celebrate America and great community. Hailed as one of the best fireworks shows in the area, the July 4th Festival is an ideal place for families to celebrate the holiday complete with fun activities, vendors and a patriotic show.

- **Loveland Sculpture/Art Weekend, Aug. 8-10:** Art and culture lovers from across the world unite in Loveland the second week of August to celebrate art and sculpture. Peruse beautiful bronze sculpture masterpieces. Chat with artists about their latest creations, and purchase your next piece of art after learning the story behind its beauty. Three different and affordable shows, [Sculpture in the Park](#), [Loveland Sculpture Invitational](#) and [Art in the Park](#), offer something for everyone.
- **Old Fashioned Corn Roast Festival (Aug. 22-23):** Celebrate Loveland's agricultural heritage and chow down on some good 'ol fashioned, delicious corn on the cob at the annual Corn Roast Festival. Community favorites return in 2014 including the parade, corn shucking competition, corn eating contest and roasted and boiled corn to eat. In addition, people of all ages can enjoy a variety of entertainment, the Loveland's Got Talent Competition and more. General attendance and all concerts, as always, were free and open to the public.
- **Thunder in the Rockies (Aug. 29 – Sept. 1):** The annual Thunder in the Rockies Bike Rally is an action packed, four-day event happening over Labor Day weekend. More than 45,000 motorcycle enthusiasts and hardcore bikers from all over the country love this event that includes live local and national music, competitions, vendors and more.

5 Not-To-Miss Activities

- **Bronze Foundry Tours:** Sculptors from around the world send their sculptures to be cast in bronze at one of Loveland's bronze foundries. See how a sculpture is transformed from a small-scale model into a life-size piece. [Art Castings of Colorado](#) and [Bronze Services Fine Art Foundry](#) both offer public tours by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a great educational and cultural opportunities for families and art lovers.
- **Lake Loveland Swim Beach:** The Lake Loveland Swim Beach at North Lake Park is open annually from Memorial Day through Labor Day, as long as staffing and water levels permit. Bring the family and enjoy Loveland's ample summer sunshine and the cool, crisp water of Lake Loveland.
- **Horseback Riding:** Saddle up at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch for a scenic ride around the foothills, with the beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains as your backdrop.
- **Self Guided Sculpture Garden Tours:** Loveland is home to several unique sculpture parks. [Benson Sculpture Garden](#) has provided a beautiful and unique outdoor setting for showcasing sculpture since 1985. It is here that the Loveland High Plains Arts Council hosts its renowned Sculpture in the Park event each summer. Currently, there are 139 pieces of sculpture on permanent display. [Chapungu Sculpture Park](#) (pronounced cha-poon-goo) Sculpture Park is the only permanent exhibit of its kind in the U.S. Located east of The Promenade Shops at Centerra off Centerra Parkway and Hwy. 34 in Loveland, the public park features 82 African stone sculptures carved by artists from Zimbabwe. The artwork is positioned among water features, a 1.5 mile walking trail, benches for seating and community gathering areas.
- **Scenic Bike Rides:** Loveland has many scenic bike trails – no wonder we were a 2013 host for the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Bike around the Carter Lake Loop, around Centerra or at Devil's Backbone, all offering exceptional biking experiences.

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