

Fort Collins Brewery Guide for Rotarians

Your Free-Time Passport to the Craft Beer Capital of Colorado

Welcome to Fort Collins - home to more than **20 craft breweries**, a nationally recognized beer culture, and some of the most award-winning breweries in the United States. With the **Innovation Summit hosted at the Hilton Fort Collins on Prospect**, you are minutes from several outstanding taprooms and easy routes to the rest.

Use this guide to explore breweries that fit your schedule, group size, and personal taste. Fort Collins breweries are known for friendly staff, outdoor patios, and walkable clusters perfect for short free-time excursions.

Signature Breweries (Must-Visit Classics)

1. New Belgium Brewing Company

500 Linden St. — 8 minutes from Hilton

Known for: IPAs, sours, creative small batches

An iconic American craft brewery celebrating sustainability, community, and delicious beer. Enjoy the sprawling lawn, large taproom, and optional brewery tours. Famous for Fat Tire and Voodoo Ranger. A lively social stop for Rotarians.

2. Odell Brewing Company

800 E. Lincoln Ave. — 8 minutes from Hilton

Known for: Balanced ales, experimental pilot brews

Locally adored. The beautiful patio and beer garden make this one of the most enjoyable places to spend an afternoon. Their pilot system produces unique, limited releases you won't find elsewhere. For wine drinkers, connected to Odell is their OBC Winery.

3. Horse & Dragon Brewing Company

124 Racquette Dr. — 10 minutes from Hilton

Known for: Small-batch ales, stouts, creative seasonals

A beloved, family-owned microbrewery with outstanding beer and a warm, intimate tasting room. Their "Sad Panda" Coffee Stout is a Fort Collins legend.

✦ **Fun Note:** Horse & Dragon is co-owned by **Rotarian Tim Cochran**, a longtime champion of community service. Be sure to stop in and say hello if he's around!

4. Jessup Farm Barrel House

1921 Jessup Dr. — 12 minutes from Hilton

Known for: Barrel-aged ales, farmhouse styles

Part of a beautifully restored farmstead filled with boutiques and eateries. The Barrel House specializes in slow-aged, rustic beers served in a relaxed, stylish environment.

5. Zwei Brewing

4612 S. Mason St. — 10 minutes from Hilton

Known for: German lagers, traditional European styles

A clean, classic brewery run by two brothers with a passion for German beer purity. Easy drinking, crisp lagers and pilsners — great for those who prefer lighter, less hoppy brews.

6. Maxline Brewing

2724 McClelland Dr. — 7 minutes from Hilton

Known for: Hazy IPAs, smooth stouts, seasonal fruit beers

Charming neighborhood vibe with live music and one of the friendliest staffs in town. Excellent for small gatherings and relaxed evenings.

7. Verboten Brewing & Barrel Project

1611 S. College Ave - Walking distance from the Hilton

Known for: Smooth ales, barrel-aged specialties, dessert-style beers. A great stop if you want something close, creative, and consistently well made.

MORE GREAT BREWERIES TO EXPLORE

Brewery	Location/Focus	Key Feature
Rally King Brewing	1624 S. Lemay Ave.	Creative small-batch beers in a casual, welcoming taproom.
Crooked Stave FoCo Taproom	225 Pine St. (Downtown)	Best known for barrel-aged sours and wild-fermented ales.
Salt Road Brewing	321 Old Firehouse Alley (Downtown)	Authentic Bavarian brewing styles with a focus on lagers.
Coopersmith's Pub & Brewing	5 Old Town Square (Downtown)	Fort Collins's original brewpub with a full restaurant.
Equinox Brewing	133 Remington St. (Downtown)	Peaceful, plant-filled taproom with balanced ales. Houses Postcard Pizza Th-Su 4-8pm. Just recognized as the best pizza in Colorado!
Gilded Goat Brewing Company	Two locations: 132 W. Mountain Ave (Downtown) 3500 S. College Ave. (Foothills Mall area)	Small, award-winning brewery focusing on refined ales.
Hello Brew Co.	405 Linden St, (Old Town area)	A friendly, easygoing brewery
Breckenridge Brewery	1020 E. Lincoln Ave.	Wide selection, food available, patio, easy walk from New Belgium and Odell.
Intersect Brewing	2160 W. Drake Rd	relaxed taproom, patio, and strong family/dog-friendly vibe, West FC

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Stodgy Brewing Company	1802 Laporte Ave.	Laid-back neighborhood brewery, NW FC, welcoming community vibe, spacious patio, and relaxed taproom
Konstrukt Brewing beers	3027 E Harmony Rd	SE FC, casual & fun



Brewery Districts & Easy Touring Routes

Old Town / Downtown (Walkable)

Perfect for Rotarians wanting to explore shops, restaurants, and breweries without driving.

Includes:

- Salt Road Brewing
- Coopersmith's
- Crooked Stave
- Equinox
- Hello Brew Co.
- Gilded Goat
- Nearby restaurants for pairing

Walk between 2–4 breweries in a single outing.

North Side Beer District (Short Drive from Hilton)

A classic Fort Collins "brewery square":

- **New Belgium**
- **Odell**
- **Horse & Dragon**
- **Breckenridge**

Many visitors do all four in a single afternoon.

Mid-Town to South Fort Collins (Closest to Hilton)

Quick drives, easy parking, relaxed vibe:

- Verboten Brewing
- Prost Brewing
- Zwei Brewing
- Maxline Brewing
- Rally King
- Gilded Goat (Foothills Mall area)

Ideal for post-conference socializing.

West Fort Collins

- Mythmaker Brewing
- Intersect Brewing
- Stodgy Brewing

Transportation Notes for Rotarians

- **Hilton Fort Collins** is centrally located - most breweries are **6–12 minutes away**.

- Uber/Lyft are plentiful.
- Hotel shuttles may operate depending on weekend staffing — check at the front desk.
- Parking at breweries is generally easy outside of Old Town.
- Many breweries allow **outside food** — feel free to bring a snack or grab something nearby.

Tips for a Great Brewery Visit

- Try **flights** to sample several styles.
- Weekday afternoons are quieter; weekends can be lively.
- Many breweries host **live music, food trucks, and seasonal events**.
- Use the buddy system — explore together and enjoy responsibly.