



## Free-Range Tourism

3 days

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If you are looking for an open space vacation where you have room to roam, look no further than this northeast Colorado road trip. Free-range tourism is all about exploring the wide-open spaces doing safe activities.

## Sustainability Activity

### Make a Donation:

[Family Resource Center](#) offers a variety of ongoing programs for parents, guardians, youth and children that aim to foster the development of successful, happy, healthy family units.

Sustainability Activity

Day 1

### ACTIVITY

## Eugene Carara Collection at Historic Logan County Courthouse

Paintings of early life by local artist Eugene Carara and framed original linen blueprints by architect John J. Huddart adorn the Courthouse walls.

### LUNCH

## Simkins Parlour

Now serving: Premium Hard Ice Cream, Delicious High Plains Spice Company Coffees, Gourmet Soups, and Fresh Salads with an array of toppings to choose from!

### ACTIVITY

## Bradford Rhea Tree Sculptures Tour

This 'Colorado Treasure' has its share of very talented local artists. Sterling is known as the City of Living Trees for its collection of cottonwoods that have been carved into fanciful creatures...

## **DINNER**

### **Parts and Labor Brewing Company**

Parts & Labor Brewing Company is in the business of beer - and not just any beer. We build great beer.

## **ACTIVITY**

### **Go on a Walking Tour**

Stroll the downtown area to see more than a dozen historic buildings and imagine Sterling's early majesty as Queen City on the Plains.

## **LODGING**

### **The Crest Motel**

Off I-76 in Downtown Sterling, Colorado, The Crest Motel offers guest modern, boutique rooms with free WiFi, flat-screen TVs, minifridges and microwaves.

Day 2

## **BREAKFAST**

### **J & L Cafe**

Burgers, homemade soups, limited-edition pies and more.

## **ACTIVITY**

### **Riverview Golf Course**

Our natural grass driving range, outstanding practice areas and professional instruction will help you hone your skills to the next level.

## **LUNCH**

### **Hootenannies**

Local Bar and Grill, offering a number of unique burgers, large selection of draft beer, wide range of food including pastas, salads, steaks, and Mexican dishes. Located in Sterling, CO, we offer a...

## **ACTIVITY**

### **Overland Trail Museum**

Honors the historic migration of gold seekers and early pioneers looking to make their fortunes. Behind the main museum building, several other buildings, such as a one-room school house,...

#### **DINNER**

### **The Grill at River City**

Coated with our signature rub and fire-grilled, our signature steaks have a flavor all their own. No steak sauce required. In fact, it's prohibited!

#### **ACTIVITY**

### **Reds Wine Boutique**

We are a winery specializing in small batch brewing. All of our labels feature dogs that have been rescued through our home or by friends and family members.

#### **LODGING**

### **Best Western Sundowner**

Conveniently located just off Interstate 76 in Colorado at Exit 125 between Ogallala and Denver, the Best Western Sundowner offers award-winning customer service, newly remodeled rooms and a...

Day 3

#### **BREAKFAST**

### **Brew Grit Coffee**

From our delicious coffee and smoothies to our sandwiches and notorious cinnamon rolls, everything on our menu is both fresh and delicious. Whatever you're in the mood for, stop on by and stay for...

#### **ACTIVITY**

### **Birding on Tamarack Ranch**

While you won't see many tamarack trees here, this large state wildlife area is the best spot in northeastern Colorado to search for a full suite of northeastern birding specialties.

#### **LUNCH**

### **Baja Tacos**

Serving locally loved tacos, enchiladas, tostadas, burritos and more - not to mention their signature spice recipe - for 20-plus years.

#### **ACTIVITY**

## **Hike the South Shoreline Trail**

North Sterling State Park includes a reservoir with almost 3,000 acres of surface area and six miles of hiking trails along the shoreline. See sprawling prairie for miles at the Balanced Rock Look Out.

### **COTREX**

[Map the Trail](#)

### **DINNER**

## **The Hot Spot Smokehouse**

Small town bar and grill where you can enjoy a cold beer, good food, and great people. Barbecue, pool, liquor, ping pong and live entertainment.

### **ACTIVITY**

## **North Sterling Boat Charter and Rental**

We have boats and floats to rent! Rent a pontoon, paddleboat, kayak, canoe or fishing boat.

### **LODGING**

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sterling**

Welcome to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sterling, One of the Best Sterling, Colorado Hotels. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sterling is located in the seat of Logan County in the scenic high... Hello World.

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