

Welcome

to the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark

The Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark in Boulder is one of only a few remaining chautauquas in the U.S. It is the only site west of the Mississippi that has been in continuous operation since its founding and with its original structures intact and used for their original purposes.

Founded in 1898, the Colorado Chautauqua is considered *the* western representation of a cultural movement that swept the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and continues to exemplify its original ideals — lifelong learning, voluntary simplicity and love of nature, music, oration and the arts.

Nestled against the dramatic backdrop of the Flatirons, the Colorado Chautauqua is centrally located just 1.5 miles from downtown Boulder and the famous Pearl Street Mall and one mile from the University of Colorado campus. Adjacent to 48 miles of open space trails and boasting Boulder's largest city park, Chautauqua Park, as its front lawn, the Colorado Chautauqua offers front door access to some of the region's best recreation opportunities.

Each year, we welcome guests from all 50 states and around the globe to stay in our lodges and cottages and enjoy our many cultural and recreational offerings.

Thank you for choosing Chautauqua for your Boulder stay. If there is anything our staff can do to make your visit more comfortable or provide information to help you enjoy all that we have to offer, please let us know.

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LODGING OFFICE INFORMATION



Quiet Hours

- Daily 11 PM - 8 AM
- Additionally 1 - 3 PM
June 15 - August 15

Quiet hours are a century old tradition at the Colorado Chautauqua. This cherished custom allows our visitors and guests to enjoy the contemplative nature of our beautiful surroundings.

Lodging Office Hours

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Lodging Office Phone: 303.952.1611

Email: lodging@chautauqua.com

After Hours Guest Hotline: 303.952.1641

Check-in/Check-out Hours

Check-in time: 4:00 PM

Check-out time: 10:00 AM

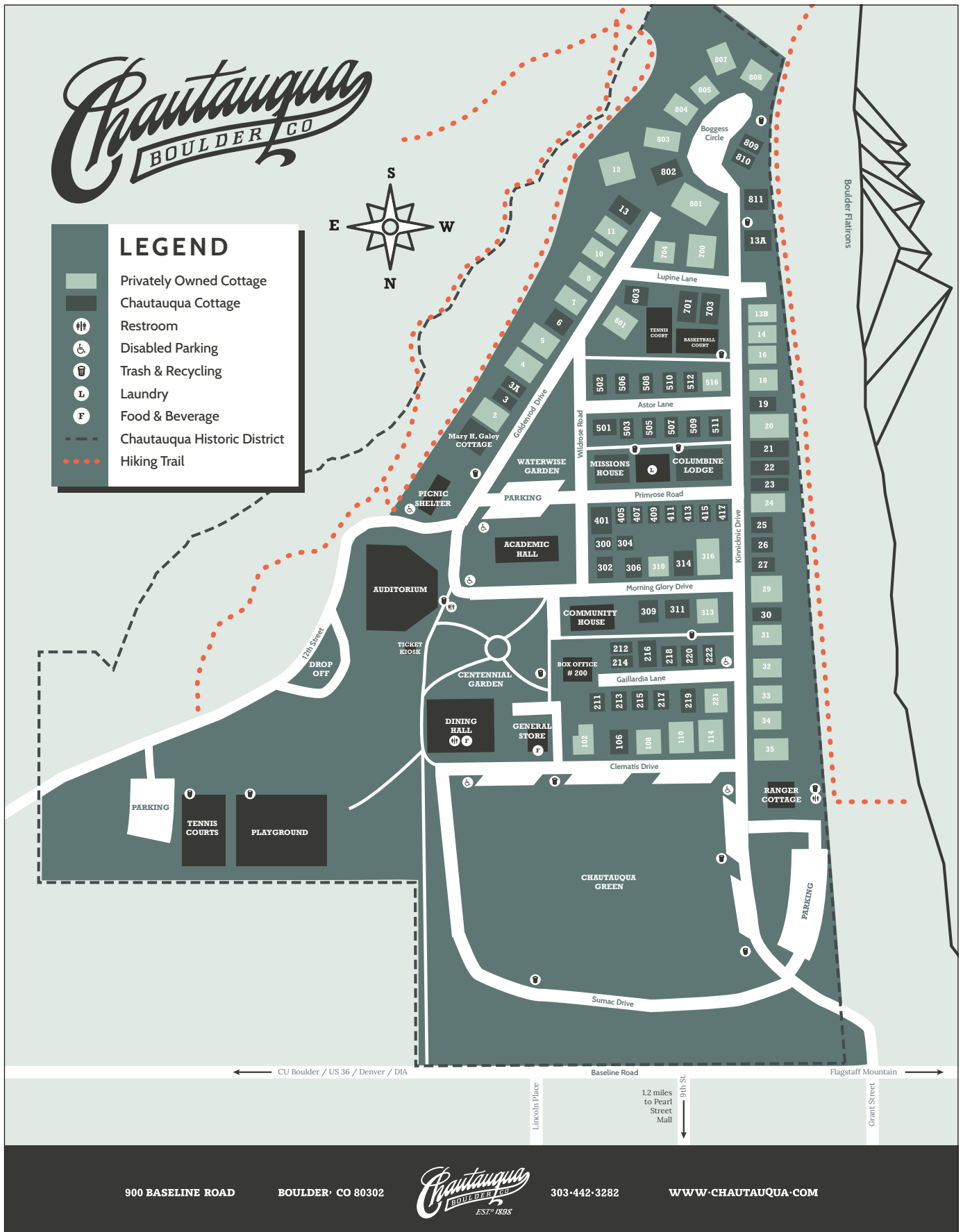
Maintenance requests

If you require any maintenance in your cottage or lodge room, please call
303.952.1611.

Emergency

To report a fire or request emergency police or medical assistance, please call 9-1-1 from any phone.

CHAUTAUQUA MAP



GUEST SERVICES



Housekeeping Services

As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability and to reduce energy and water consumption, daily housekeeping services and fresh linens are provided prior to arrival only. Additional housekeeping services are available upon request. Please call the Lodging Office at 303.952.1611.

Linen Exchange

From May - September, bed linens and towels may be exchanged 7 days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the linen exchange window, located in the guest laundry room. From October - April, fresh towels, bed linens or supplies are available upon request by calling the Lodging Office at 303.952.1611.

Guest Laundry

For your convenience, a coin operated guest laundry room is located in the alley between Primrose Lane and Astor Lane, midway between Missions House and Columbine Lodge. Vending machines dispense soap and there is a bill change machine in the laundry room.

Extra Linens

Most of our 1-3 bedroom cottages and a few of the apartments in Columbine Lodge have sofa sleepers in the living room. The bedding for the sofa can generally be found in a closet or dresser drawer.

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Pack 'N Play Cribs

A limited number of Pack 'n Play® cribs and rollaways are available on a first come, first served basis. Cribs are complimentary. Please contact the Lodging Office for more information.

Television & Phones

All accommodations are television and phone-free to allow guests to relax and unplug. For those wanting to follow their favorite sports team, the lounge at the Dining Hall is equipped with two televisions.

A public phone for complimentary local calls is located in the lobby of Academic Hall.

Internet Access/Guest Computer

Lodging guests receive unlimited complimentary basic Wi-Fi service. You will receive instructions in your welcome packet.

For any printing needs, please contact the front desk for complimentary printing.

ADA Accessibility

Designated accessible parking for persons with disabilities is available throughout the park. Please see the map for locations. A valid, appropriate disabled placard or license plate is required to park in a space identified as reserved for persons with disabilities.

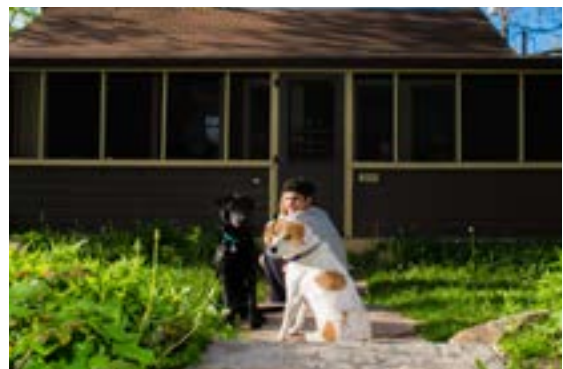
Pets

Dogs are the only pets allowed at Chautauqua. Dogs are permitted in pet-friendly cottages for an additional \$25 per dog, per day fee. Please contact Guest Services (303-952-1611) for other details regarding pet fees. Dogs may NOT be left unattended in any cottage for any reason. Guests are responsible for any damages caused by pets (including guest rooms, hallways and common areas) and will be assessed according to our damage policy. Please be sure to call Guest Services at least 72 hours prior to arrival if you are traveling with a dog. Without notice, we cannot guarantee availability of dog friendly accommodations.

Dogs found in PET-FREE cottages will require immediate boarding at the Guest's expense and the Guest will incur a \$250 per day cleaning fee.

In deference to our guests with pet allergies, dogs are prohibited in cottages 6, 23, 216, 304, 306 and 401, Mary H. Galey Cottage, Missions House Lodge and Columbine Lodge.

If your pet causes damage to your cottage, the grounds or public buildings, we will hold you financially responsible. If excessive pet hair is found on the furniture, an additional fee to cover the added housekeeping costs may be charged.



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Damage Charges

While we expect reasonable wear and tear in our rental cottages, guests will be held financially responsible for damages or excessive cleaning.

Lost & Found

“Found” items are generally turned in to one of three locations, depending upon where an item was found. Items in the open space surrounding the park are generally stored in the Ranger Cottage. Items lost in or near the Auditorium during the summer months are stored at the Box Office on the west side of the Auditorium. All other found items will be stored in the Lodging Office and held for a maximum of 30 days, after which time all items will be donated to charity.

Chautauqua Dining Hall

Please refer to the Dining tab for hours, menus and additional information.

Lodging guests receive a 10% off discount at Chautauqua Dining Hall. Just show your room key.

General Store

Located next to the Dining Hall, the Chautauqua General Store offers a delicious selection of coffee drinks, homemade ice cream, snacks and candies, as well as basic hiking supplies, gifts and Chautauqua merchandise. Lodging guests receive a 10% discount at the General Store. Just show your room key.

The Chautauqua General Store is open year-round. **For General Store hours, please visit us [here](#).**

To contact the Chautauqua General Store during seasonal hours, call 303-952-1632 or email info@chautauqua.com

Other Campus Amenities

Chautauqua offers a number of other great amenities, including:

- Contemplative gardens
- Sports courts
- Flatirons-themed children's playground

For a full list, visit us [here](#).

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Preferred Partners

Skip the hassle and order from our Chautauqua Preferred Partners for delivery and transportation. Click the logos below to order from each service.

Transportation

Arrange sustainable transportation to take you to and from the airport and on excursions with Green Ride!



Delivery

Stock up the cottage kitchen and drinks cabinet without driving to the store. Take advantage of Instacart and Hazel's Beverage World by having your groceries and beverages arrive the same time you do. Plus, delivery is free on your first Instacart order.



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Box Office

Tickets for events at the Colorado Chautauqua may be purchased year-round online at

tickets.chautauqua.com or by phone at 303.440.7666. The Box Office kiosk, located just northwest of the Auditorium, is open seasonally from May – September for walk-up ticket sales.



Concert Memberships

Make the most of Chautauqua's excellent programming by becoming a concert member! Members receive 10% discount on CCA produced events such as Silent Film Series and Community House events. Please confirm with Box Office if an event is CCA produced or (CMF and Summer Concert Series are not CCA produced, but discounts are available to CCA concert members). Sign up for a CCA membership [here](#)



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Ranger Cottage

The Ranger Cottage is located at the main entrance of Chautauqua Park at the bottom of Kinnikinic Road. Please stop by for current trail conditions and up-to-date information or call 303.441.1959.



Lodging FAQs

If you have any other questions, please check [here](#) or ask our front desk team.

Health & Safety Guide

To see what we are doing to protect you at the Colorado Chautauqua, see our Health & Safety Guide [here](#). The Colorado Chautauqua Association is one of 64 Five Star Certified businesses in Boulder County.



SUSTAINABILITY AT CHAUTAUQUA



Sustainability at Chautauqua

In 2008, the Colorado Chautauqua Association committed to making the Colorado Chautauqua the country's most sustainable National Historic Landmark. Since then, we have made sweeping changes to our buildings, grounds, and to the way we operate. We continue to explore strategies to conserve water and energy, divert waste from landfills and utilize earth-friendly products, while preserving the comfort and enjoyment of our guests and the Colorado Chautauqua's historic character.

The Chautauqua values of lifelong learning, love of nature and voluntary simplicity go hand-in-hand with sustainability. We hope that you learn something during your visit here, and that you will take those lessons home with you. And if you have some lessons to teach us, we welcome your ideas on how we can achieve our goal of becoming the most environmentally sustainable National Historic Landmark in the country.

Trash, Recycling, and Composting

The Colorado Chautauqua is striving to become a zero-waste facility. Please help us by doing your part and utilizing the

compost container on the kitchen counter and the single-stream recycling container located under the kitchen sink. Please refer to the Compost and Recycling guides in this directory for a list of compostable and recyclable materials.

Please do not set any waste outside your cottage overnight as this will invariably attract animals, which may lead to unnecessary destruction of wildlife. Please use the bear-proof dumpsters, recycling and composting containers located throughout the park. Please review the park map for the location closest to you.

For your convenience, Housekeeping will pick up trash, recycling and composting materials on a daily basis. To take advantage of the service, please remove your waste bags from the containers and place the bags on the curb outside your cottage between the hours of 7 AM to 9 AM. Replacement bags are located under the kitchen sink and should be utilized as follows:

Clear bags = recycling

Black bags = trash

Green compostable bags = compost

Please contact the Lodging office for additional bags.

COTTAGE INFORMATION



Cooling

Many of our cottages are equipped with whole house fans to take advantage of the natural nighttime cooling.

For those who prefer air-conditioning, each cottage is equipped with an air conditioning unit. The unit needs to be permanently vented to the outside so please do not move the unit.

Air-Conditioning Instructions

1. **TURN ON:** Press the power button to start the air conditioner.
2. **SELECT MODE:** Select the mode by pressing the "MODE" button (COOL mode is recommended).
3. **SELECT FAN SPEED:** Press and release FAN to choose the desired fan speed.
4. **SELECT TEMPERATURE:** Press the PLUS button to raise the temperature. Press the MINUS button to lower the temperature.

Columbine Lodge has a central evaporative cooling system that operates during the summer months. To take advantage of the cool air flow, crack a window to allow the air to draw into your unit. Conversely, closing windows will stop the flow of cool air.

Heating

The cottages are equipped with either electric or forced-air gas heat. Occasionally, a strong west wind may blow out the furnace pilot light in our gas-heated cottages. If this occurs or your heat is inoperative, please contact the Lodging Office or if the office is closed, please call the After Hours Guest Hotline at 303.952.1641.

Heating Instructions

1. **TURN ON:** Press the power button to ignite the heater.
2. **SELECT TEMPERATURE:** Press the UP arrow to raise the temperature. Press the DOWN arrow to lower the temperature.

Note: The left side of the display shows the temperature setting. The right side of the display shows the room temperature.

Water and Sewer

Being a National Historic Landmark also means that our water and sewer lines are historic and require special care. Please be careful what you send down the drains and dispose of sanitary products and disposable wipes in the trash.

DINING



Chautauqua Dining Hall

The Chautauqua Dining Hall has been a Boulder tradition since 1898. Savor spectacular views from the enchanting wraparound porch while enjoying fresh Colorado bistro cuisine at breakfast, lunch and dinner year-round.

The Dining Hall offers a full bar with local beers and great wines to complement your meal.

After a hike on the nearby trails, before a concert in the historic Chautauqua Auditorium, or anytime you'd like to meet friends and family in Boulder's most scenic setting, the Dining Hall is the perfect place to go.

Chautauqua lodging guests receive a 10% discount on food at the Dining Hall. Please show your waitperson your cottage key prior to ordering.

Hours of Service: Open Year 'Round

For Dining Hall hours, please visit us [here](#).

Reservations can be made online [here](#) or by calling 303.440.3776

Restaurant Dining in your cottage: Order a meal from the dining hall online [here](#), stroll over to pick it up and dine in the privacy of your cottage

Phone: 303-440-3776

Email: reservations@chautauquadiningshall.com
(Please call if requesting a reservation within 24 hours.)

Catering and special event reservations:

Special Events Phone: 303-952-1612

Email: sales@chautauqua.com

PARTIES AND MEETINGS



Founded in 1898 and named a National Historic Landmark in 2006, Chautauqua has held a special place in the hearts of the Boulder community for more than 100 years. The Colorado Chautauqua combines scenic splendor and a rich tradition of history and culture that is unparalleled. It's the perfect place for a dream destination wedding, family reunion, or corporate retreat.

**For private event inquiries, please contact 303.952.1612
or email sales@chautauqua.com**

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WILDLIFE

The Colorado Chautauqua is surrounded by parks and open space owned by the City of Boulder. At your doorstep are 48 miles of hiking trails and thousands of acres of natural lands which are home to mountain lions, bobcats, bears, skunks, porcupines, deer, elk and many other wild creatures. Most encounters with wildlife are lucky moments you'll treasure for the rest of your life. Please exercise caution and use common sense. For more information about current wildlife activity, please stop by the Ranger Cottage.



OUR HISTORY



Our Story

Before radio and television, the Chautauqua Movement united millions in common cultural and educational experiences. Orators, performers, and educators traveled a national chautauqua circuit of more than 12,000 sites bringing lectures, performances, concerts, classes, and exhibitions to thousands of people in small towns and cities. Theodore Roosevelt called chautauquas, “the most American thing in America.”

On July 4, 1898, over 4,000 people gathered for the opening day of the Colorado Chautauqua. Boulder civic leaders and Texas educators had joined together to create a cultural and educational summer retreat.

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To learn more about existing chautauquas throughout the U.S. and Canada, please visit www.chautauquatrail.com.

The Chautauqua Movement: A Brief History

The word “chautauqua” is Iroquois and means either “two moccasins tied together” or “jumping fish.” Whatever the precise etymology, the word described a lake in western New York, which by the Civil War was known as Chautauqua Lake.

In 1874, John Heyl Vincent and Lewis Miller rented the site of a Methodist camp near Chautauqua Lake to use in the post-camp meeting season as a summer school for Sunday school teachers; this became known as the Chautauqua Institution. This reflected a nationwide interest in the professionalization of teaching. They were very clear that their intent was educational rather than revivalist. It should be stressed that the Chautauqua Institution was never affiliated with any one denomination; almost every faith group in the U.S. has a

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chapel or building on the grounds today. Still, the sort of mild Protestantism that has informed much of American culture was an underpinning of the Chautauqua Movement.

Within a few years, the scope of the Chautauqua Institution had broadened to include adult education of all kinds, as well as a correspondence course—the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle—designed to bring “a college outlook” to working and middle-class people. Along with the educational offerings at Chautauqua (and education was broadly defined to include the arts and public affairs), its thousands of summer residents attended concerts and social activities. By the last decade of the nineteenth century, the Chautauqua Institution was nationally known as a center for rather earnest, but high-minded, activities that aimed at intellectual and moral self-improvement and civic involvement.

The Chautauqua Movement, with which the Chautauqua Institution has had a maternal interest but never a formal relationship, grew out of that Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. As its members and graduates spread the chautauqua idea, many towns—especially in rural areas where opportunities for secondary education were limited—established “chautauquas.” These seasonal establishments were influenced as much by the athenaeums, mechanics’ institutes, and lecture series “back east” as they were by the Chautauqua Institution and reflected the intense desire for self-improvement through education that has always marked the American striver. “Chautauqua” had a degree of cachet and became shorthand for an organized gathering intended to introduce people to new and great ideas, including issues of public concern. “Independent chautauquas,” those with permanent buildings and staff could be found throughout the U.S. by 1900,

with a concentration in the Midwest.

After 1900, the “circuit chautauqua” became the principle expression of the movement. The institutional chautauquas were somewhat wary of these travelling, tented chautauquas. Still, at the height of the Chautauqua Movement, about 1915, some 12,000 communities had hosted a chautauqua. Many of the lecturers and performers were contracted by chautauqua agencies—the most notable was the Redpath Agency in Iowa—and the quality of the offerings varied from Vassar-educated lectures and Shakespeare, to animal acts and vaudeville farce.

The movement pretty much died out by the mid-1930s. Most historians cite the rise of the car culture, radio, and movies as the causes. There were several other important, yet subtle, reasons for the decline. One was the sharp increase in fundamentalism and evangelical Christianity in the 20s; the bland non-denominationalism exhibited at most chautauquas couldn’t accommodate these impulses. Many small independent chautauquas became essentially camp meetings or church camps. Another seemingly contradictory influence was the rise of the liberated, educated woman. Chautauquas functioned for many lower- and middle-class women much as the elite women’s colleges did for upper-class women. They were training grounds from which women could launch “real” careers. When professional and educational opportunities increased, interest in chautauquas dwindled. Finally, the Depression made chautauquas economically impossible for organizers and audiences.

However, the Chautauqua Movement has not died out entirely. In fact, several independent chautauquas continue to survive. Estimates vary about how many function today as they did in the late-19th

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century: offering summer-long educational, cultural, and recreational programs and accommodations. The Chautauqua Institution flourishes, offering broad and dynamic programs every summer and the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle is alive and well. The Colorado Chautauqua is the only year-round chautauqua and the only one whose grounds are free and open to the public.

Chautauqua is experiencing a renaissance. People are discovering that lifelong learning is one of the keys to living a happy, fulfilling life. The demand for authentic cultural experiences is growing quickly. Existing chautauqua communities are thriving and ones from the past are being resurrected. Several state humanities councils have organized "chautauquas" in the last decade. These are generally programs of performers who represent figures from the American past, but who were not associated with the historical chautauquas, including Mark

Twain and Calamity Jane. More closely carrying on the spirit of the Chautauqua Movement are programs for educators organized by universities (the National Science Foundation, for example) and even a chautauqua that tours the mid-Atlantic states in the summer presenting everything from symposia to juggling.

The Chautauqua Trail is an informal alliance of institutions that range from church camps with chautauqua roots to weeklong revived chautauquas (Waxahatchie, TX and DeFuniak Springs, FL are examples).

Visit www.chautauquatrails.com.



SUPPORT

Support the Colorado Chautauqua

The Colorado Chautauqua has always represented the best of what Boulder has to offer, thanks in part to our members and donors.

Your generosity allows us to constantly improve the visitor experience of the Colorado Chautauqua's historic buildings and grounds, and the quality and quantity of our educational and cultural programming.



To learn more about how you can support the Colorado Chautauqua Association through membership, donations, corporate partnerships, or planned giving, visit us online at chautauqua.com/support, email us at info@chautauqua.com or call us at 303.952.1635.

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