



## Tour 3: The Plains

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### Preparing for your trip

Tour 3, exploring the plains, takes you from the immensity of the shortgrass prairie at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area to the urban experience of Fort Collins at the Museo de las Tres Colonias and Colorado State University, and back to the prairie at Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area. When you travel to Soapstone, be prepared to protect yourself from the weather and the elements.

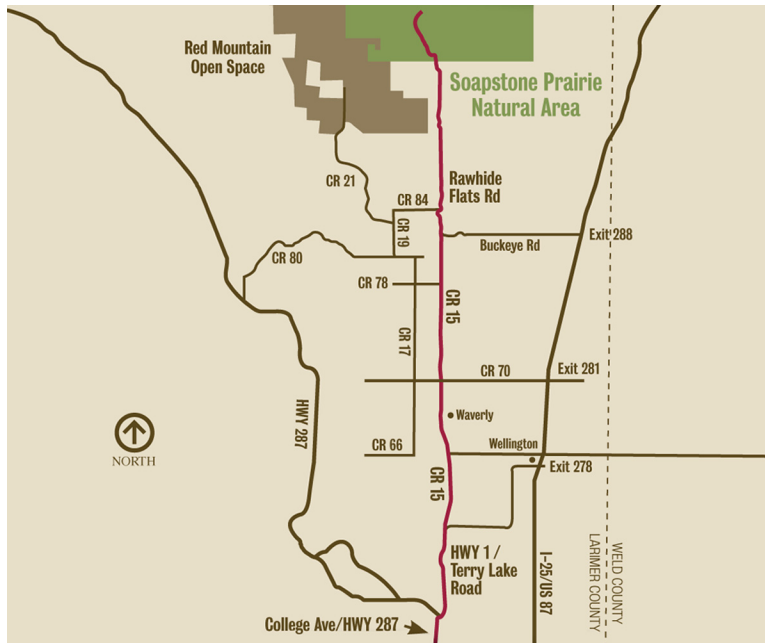
Good wildlife watching opportunities abound at Soapstone and Cathy Fromme, so remember your binoculars and cameras. During the hot summer weather, keep an eye out for rattlesnakes at both natural areas on this tour.

You'll find directions for each stop on the tour, along with an activities page, in the rest of this guide. Print it and bring it along on your journey.



Soapstone Prairie Natural Area 25.5 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: No
- Restrooms: Yes

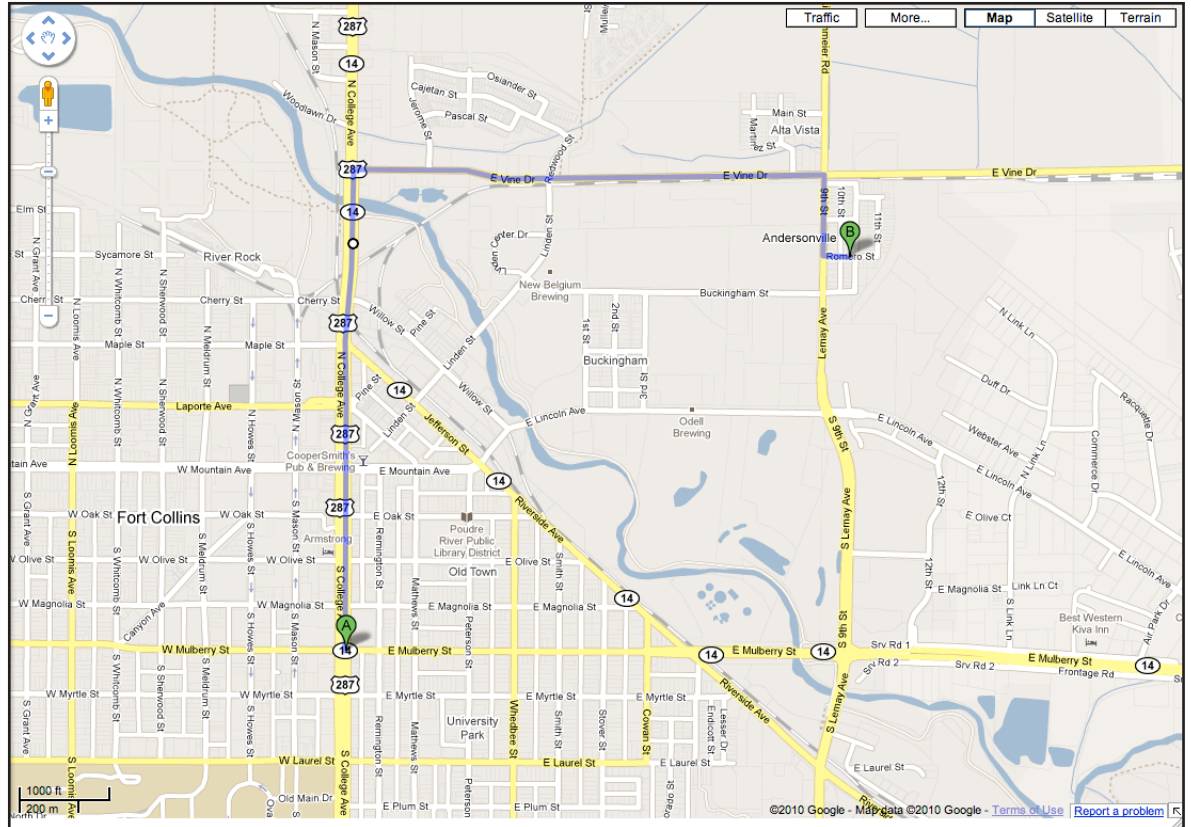


- Head north on South College Ave/US 287 N 2.4 mi
- Turn right at CO 1 N/Terry Lake Rd 3.8 mi
- Turn left at N County Rd 15 19.3 mi



Museo de las Tres Colonias 2.2 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

Food: No  
Water: No  
Restrooms: No



- Head north on S College Ave 1.0 mi
- Turn right on E Vine Dr 1.0 mi
- Take the second right 9th St/S Lemay Ave 0.2 mi
- Take the third left onto Romero St 282 ft

Please note that the Museo is only open from 12:30 - 3:00 pm on the third Saturday of each month.



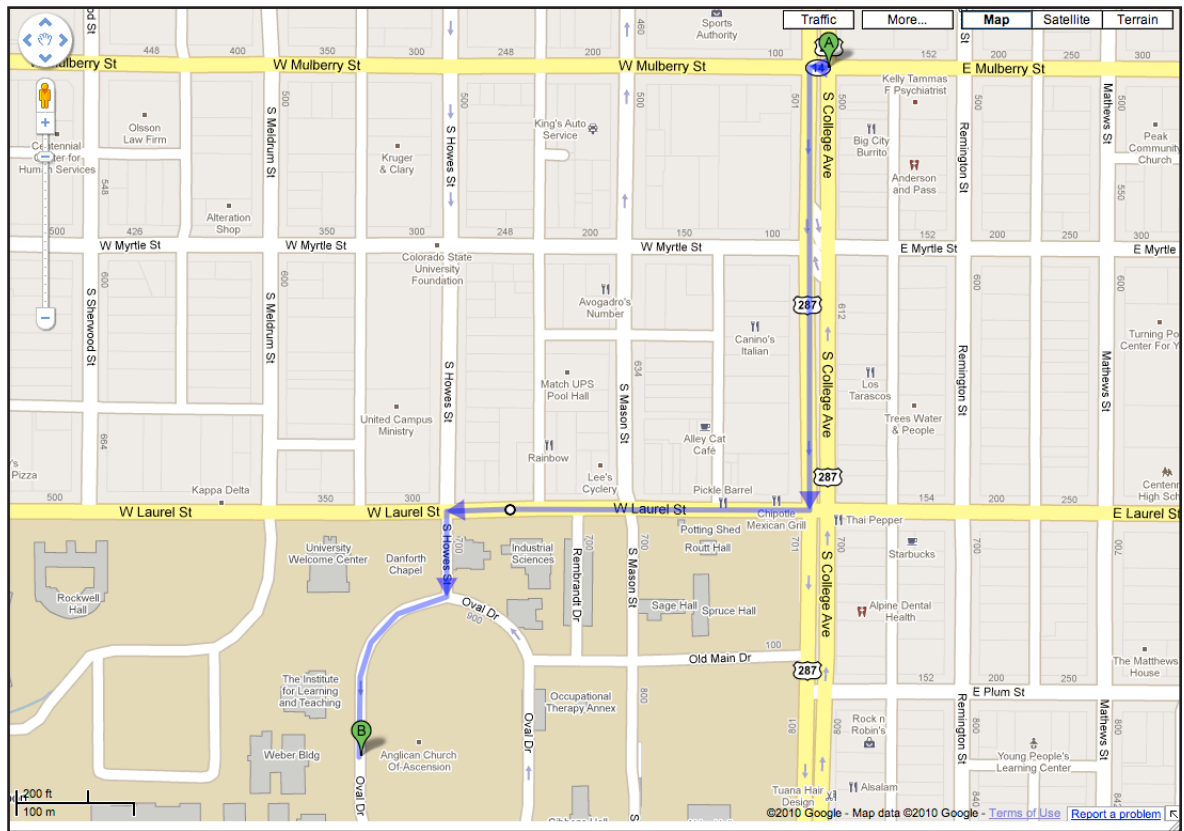
## Colorado State University

0.6 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

Food: Yes

Water: Yes

Restrooms: Yes



Head south on S College Ave

0.2 mi

Turn right on Laurel St

0.2 mi

Take the 3rd left onto S Howes St

240 ft

Turn right at Oval Dr

0.1 mi

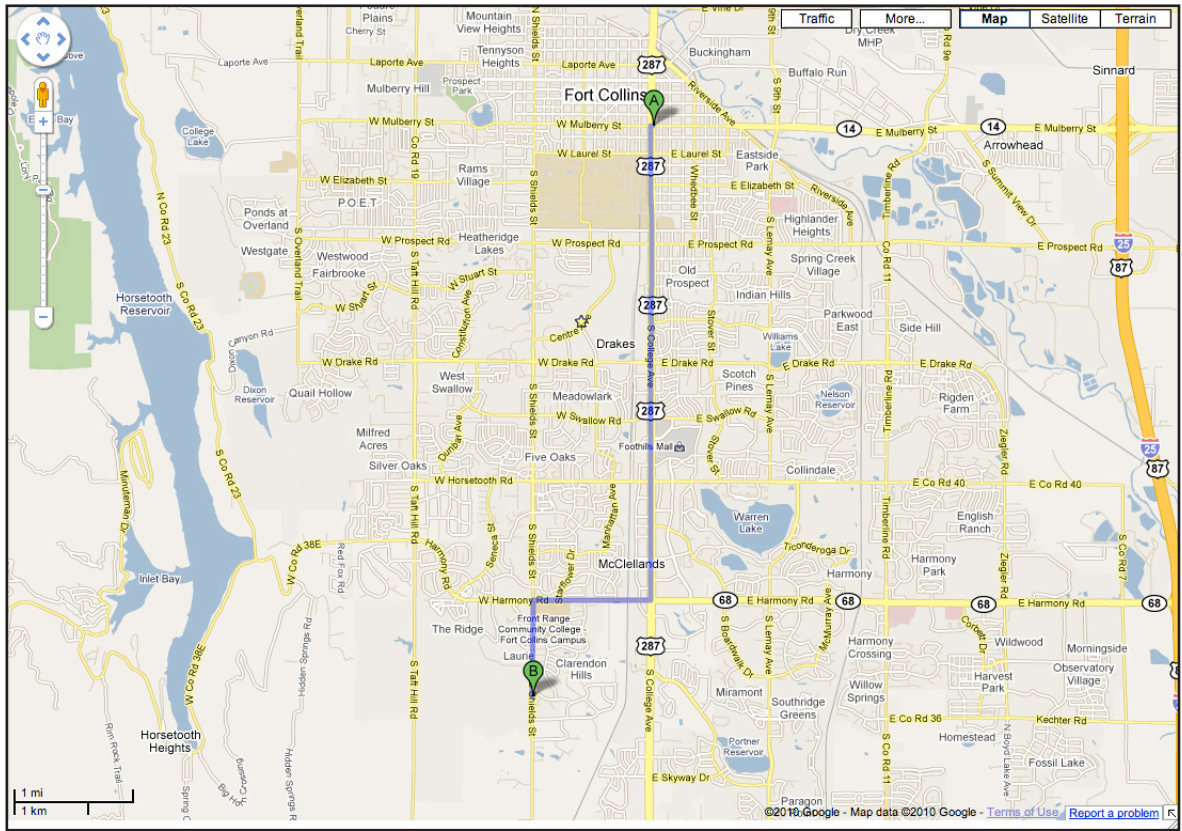




## Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area

5.8 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: No
- Restrooms: Yes



- Head south on S College Ave 4.0 mi
- Turn right on W Co Rd 38/W Harmony Rd 1.0 mi
- Turn left at Co Rd 17/S Shields St 0.8 mi
- Destination will be on the right



### Tour 3 Activity: the Plains Word Search

Find the words related to the Plains stories by looking across, up, down, backward, and diagonally.



Atlatl  
Basque shepherders  
Beets  
Bison antiquus  
Cattle  
Coffins  
Colorado State University  
Coyote

Folsom Point  
Germans from Russia  
Golden Eagle  
Great West Beet Factory  
Hispanic  
Lindenmeier  
Maury Albertson  
Museo de las Tres Colonias

Peace Corps  
Pronghorn  
Sheep  
Soapstone Prairie  
Stone Johnny  
Swift fox  
Warren