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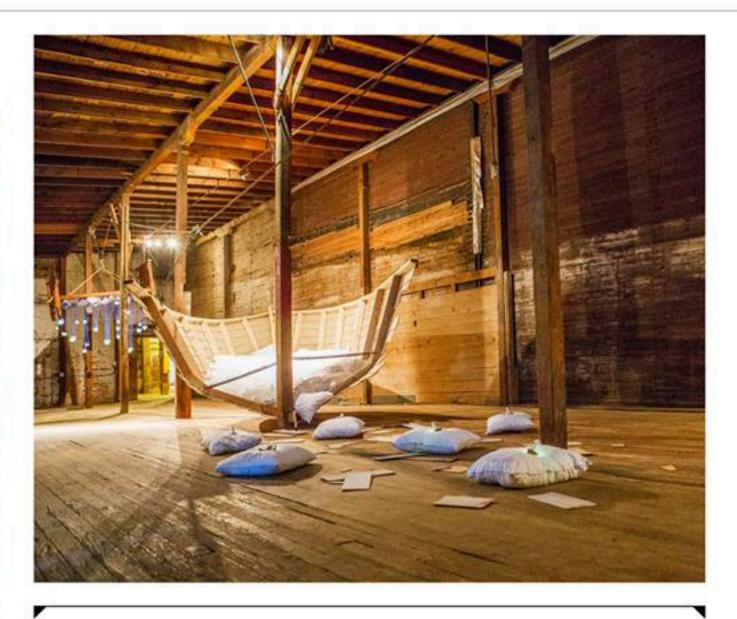












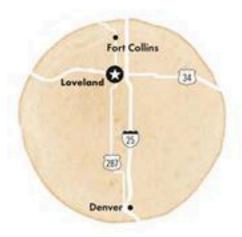
Impressionistic exhibits are reviving the 1892 Loveland Feed & Grain.



A PERFECT DAY IN

## LOVELAND, CO

A brand-new arts district, craft brewery, and cafe-gallery are putting a once-sleepy Front Range town on the cutting edge. By Nicholas DeRenzo/Photographs by Julia Vandenoever



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Loveland is 46 miles north
of Denver. Take I-25
to connect with U.S. 34
west to Loveland.

## Surprising art shows

Who says a gallery needs white walls and parquet floors? The 1892 **Loveland Feed & Grain** now houses avant-garde art installations, concerts, and theater performances in a raw, postindustrial space that still smells of wheat and barn wood. "Farmers who used to bring their grain here now get excited by all the cool art and bring their grandkids in," says artistic director Megan Tracy. In the coming year, construction will begin on Artspace Loveland, an on-site live-work campus for 30 artists. Together, with the gallery and studio spaces just across the railroad tracks at Artworks Loveland, this corridor is poised to become one of the region's most thriving creative districts. 130 W. Third St.; lovelandfeed andgrain.com.

## A vibrant downtown dining scene

When the 1919 **Rialto Theater** reopened after renovations in 1998, Loveland's heart got a jolt of new life. Now the event space hosts film screenings, comedy, ballet, and music. The spirit of reinvention continues in the ground-floor restaurant, **Next Door Food & Drink**, which is artfully cobbled together from reclaimed scraps: Boxcar flooring, wine barrels, and doors have become tables and abstract sculptures. The menu features fresh takes on comfort food, such as waffle-encrusted confit chicken drumettes with maple-chili hot sauce. And everything from the beef to the brews is as local as possible—"We offer about 100 beers made within six blocks of us," says owner Jim Edwards. *Rialto:* 228 E. Fourth St.; <u>cityofloveland.org</u>. Next Door: \$\$; 222 E. Fourth; nextdoorloveland.com.

## Bold local beers that spice things up The team behind Verboten Brewing may not look

