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National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
325 Broadway, Boulder, CO USA 80305-3328

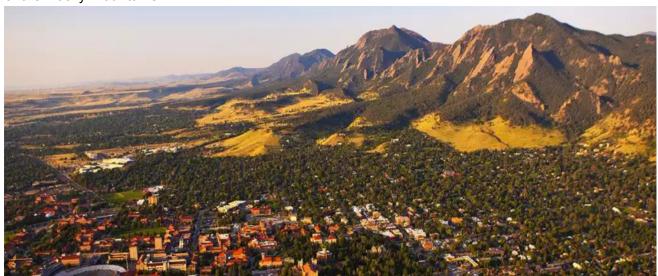
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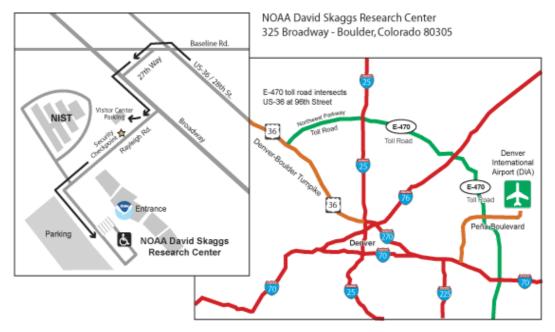
The 2019 joint meetings will be hosted by NOAA's <u>National Centers for Environmental</u> <u>Information</u> located in Boulder, Colorado, a mountain town near the city of Denver, at the base of the Rocky Mountains.



How to get to Boulder:

The nearest airport is Denver International (DIA), approximately 43 mi/70 km from Boulder. Getting to Boulder will take about 45 minutes to an hour with any form of transportation:

Rental Car. If you're planning to rent a car, the drive is straightforward and mainly on highways but may require tolls (if taking the fastest route, E-470). See map below.



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Bus: There is a very reliable bus service from the airport to Boulder which costs \$9 cash per one way trip. Take the bus (Route AB/AB1/AB2) westbound from the Denver Airport Station. To get to Denver Airport Station from the terminal, follow signs to the Transit Center and proceed to the south exit on level 5 (look for the large American flag), exit the terminal through the sliding glass doors and take the escalator located in the centre of the plaza down to level 1. The bus has stops throughout Boulder, near NOAA and downtown near most accommodations. You can use this map to find your stop.

Taxi: Leaving baggage claim, one can either hire a taxi or arrange for an Uber or Lyft. This can easily cost \$50-100 USD.

Shuttle: You can also arrange to be picked up by <u>SuperShuttle</u>. Prices vary from depending on the number of customers. Please check the website for a quote.

Where to stay:

Most hotels have bus transportation (<u>map</u>) available nearby and getting to NOAA via bus is very straightforward: https://bouldercolorado.gov/goboulder/bus

Best Western – Trivago online rate = \$129. Close to our office, recently remodelled. Close to some restaurants. Will honour government per diem if rooms are available.

Residence Inn/Marriott – Trivago online rate = \$118. Not close to office, near 1 restaurant – Boulder Brewery. A number of our visitors like this facility. Will honour government per diem if rooms are available.

Basecamp Boulder – Trivago online rate = \$125. Not close to office, but hip and in a great location for walking. Doesn't seem to offer government rates.

Boulderado – Trivago online rate = \$160. More expensive, but will honour government per diem if rooms are available. Beautiful, historic building, not close to office. Located next to Pearl Street Mall with many shops and restaurants.

Hyatt Place – Trivago online rate = \$125. This hotel is new and I'm unfamiliar with many details. Not close to office. Located near the shopping mall and a Whole Foods Market

<u>Hilton Garden Inn</u> – Trivago online rate = \$128. Not too close to office. This hotel is new and I'm unfamiliar with many details. Located near 29th Street Mall with many shops and restaurants.

Residence Inn -- Doesn't show in Trivago, but looks like you can book now. Boulder downtown. This hotel will open in January.

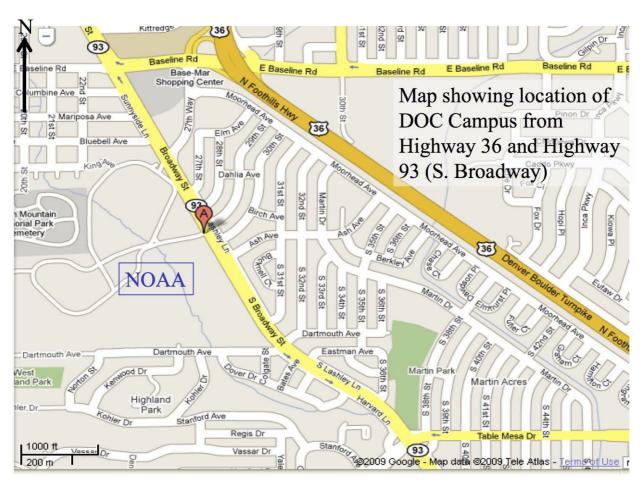
Boulder Marriott – Trivago online rate = \$169. Not close to office. Located across the street from the 29th Street Mall with access to many shops and restaurants.

<u>Courtyard by Marriott</u> – Trivago online rate = \$103. Not close to office, not close to restaurants or shopping. Will honour government per diem if rooms are available.

<u>Homewood Suites</u> – Trivago online rate = \$118. Not close to office, near grocery store with few restaurants.

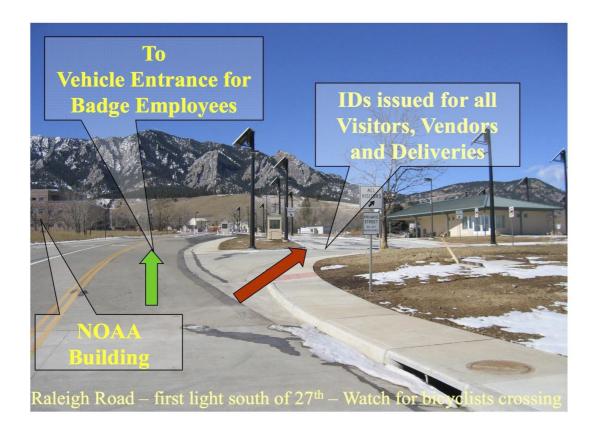
Getting to NOAA:

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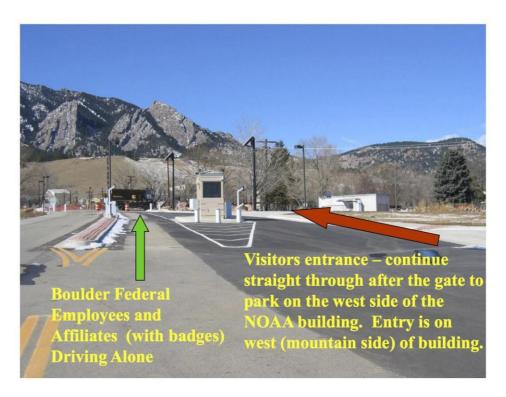


Please remember to arrive at least 15 minutes early so that you have ample time to get through the security checkpoint. If you **do not have a NOAA-specific CAC card**, you'll need to stop at the Visitors' Center (small green roofed building) at the front entrance to get a visitor badge. US Citizens, please bring a government ID or a state license (some state licenses are not valid; please see this <u>link</u> for additional information to ensure you do not also need to bring a passport). International visitors will need to present their passport.

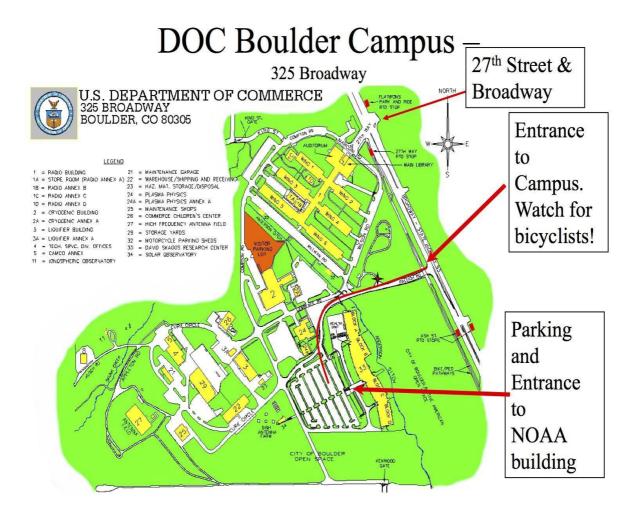
Directions and advice for entry to the NOAA site: http://www.boulder.noaa.gov/visitors



If you have a vehicle, it will also have to be inspected outside the Visitors' Center before you can proceed through the Vehicle Entrance. After your vehicle has been inspected, the guards will provide you a pass to take to the Visitors' Entrance gate. On the first day you will have to go inside the Visitors' Center to get your visitor badge and go through security. Once you have your visitor badge you will not have to go inside the following days, but your car will still have to be inspected each day so please pull into the visitor driveway (the red arrow above) when you arrive each morning.



Once, on campus come to the NOAA building (David Skaggs Research Center) main entrance, marked by two large flagpoles, where someone will help direct visitors to the meeting.



Other resources:

Power Supply:

Standard North American 120V, 60hz. Plug type A&B (see below).



Weather:

June in Boulder will be warm during the day 70-80 degrees F (20-25 C) with overnight lows in the 60's (15-18 C). While typically dry, there can be short rain showers in the middle of the day so a light rain jacket is useful.

Activities:

NOAA is nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains (called the Flatirons) and is part of the Boulder Mountain Park system which has numerous hiking and running trails directly from the building. These trails can be found on the Boulder Parks interactive map. Because of the elevation (~5400 ft; 1600 m) and sunny days, sunscreen and ample water are recommended for all outdoor activities.

The centre of downtown Boulder is known as the <u>Pearl Street Mall</u>. Pearl is a walking street lined with restaurants, shops, street performers and is a great place for people watching.

Currency:









