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Experience bliss on the Colorado Plains at Jackson Lake State Park, where anglers, campers, boaters, and hikers find their haven of recreation.



THE FUN RISES IN THE EAST

HORACE GREELEY FAMOUSLY advised everybody to head west. From the look of I-70, that's just what they did. But sometimes it feels better to run away from the crowds, especially if you want to relax and enjoy yourself. So why not try a weekend in Morgan County, Colorado? It's just eighty miles east of Denver on I-76, out where the sky is big and the opportunities are even bigger. **The South Platte River** runs through here (p. 2), which is why the bison roamed nearby, and the

Arapahoe, Kiowa, Sioux, and Pawnee people called it a homeland. The **great cattle drives** stampeded through here (p. 3), and it's a migratory stopover for **birds of all feathers** (p. 5). The fish seem to like our rivers and lakes too, if you can believe the **anglers** who cast their lines here (p. 3). The great plains have their own chill and charm, with the majestic **Pawnee Buttes** rising among the wildflowers (p. 9), and the **Dark Sky preserve at Jackson Lake State Park** (p. 2) gives you

a view of a thousand points of light. But that isn't our only form of nightlife, with a **locavore restaurant movement** taking root in our fertile fields, and a **local winery** where you can sip and sample Morgan County vintages (p. 7). Head for the sunrise, and see what else is up in Morgan County.

Visitors Centers

Brush: (970) 842.2666
Fort Morgan: (970) 867.6702
Morgan County Tourism: (970) 542.3508

TOP 10 ATTRACTIONS OF MORGAN COUNTY

Scan here, to turn your phone into a Morgan County tour guide.



JAMES A. MICHENER SET HIS EPIC NOVEL *CENTENNIAL ON THESE PLAINS*, because this is where Colorado's story really begins. Morgan County will launch tales on your Instagram account as well. Here are ten picks likely to click with your family and friends.



1.

Jackson Lake State Park | Welcome to our waters, kayakers, and pleasure-craft captains! And when the sun goes down, settle in our campgrounds for s'mores, and for the stars that spangle our Dark Sky preserve.

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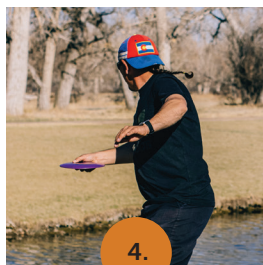


Pawnee Grasslands Birding Tour | Bobwhite, quail, pheasants, lark buntings, waterfowl, and wild turkeys inhabit game preserves in Brush, Weldon Valley, and at the Jean K. Tool State Wildlife Area.



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The Bobstock Music Festival | Every July, Fort Morgan's Glenn Miller Park features national headliners on three stages. Free admission. Tie-dye optional.



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Disc Golf/Pickleball Heaven | Optimist Disc Golf Course, Pessimist Disc Golf Course, and Watrous Park offer 54 holes to flip a disc. Or, hit the pickleball courts in Optimist Park, in Fort Morgan.



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I-76 Speedway | During the summer racing season (April to October), Fort Morgan's high-banked quarter-mile motorsport track lives by the slogan "Dirt Is Beautiful."

Rainbow Bridge and Riverside Park | Stroll across the South Platte on an historic span, then set up your picnic at Riverside Park.

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Brush Rodeo (4th of July) and the Bucking Bull Battle (August) | Cowboys once roamed this range, and their skills are still celebrated in Brush every summer. Riders and bulls stampede in from all over the west to join the competition. You come too, and let loose your best "yeehaws."

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Longmeadow Game Resort, Clays Club & Event Center | Hunting for a sporting destination? Longmeadow has it all, from sporting clays to upland bird, waterfowl, and animal hunts. Hotel rooms, RV sites, camping, and event space, as well.

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Living History The Glenn Miller Tour | keeps time with the great bandleader's early life, while the Philip K. Dick Festival celebrates the Blade Runner author's sci-fi legacy. The Barn Quilts Tour provides a patchwork history of the area.

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The People of Morgan County | A warm greeting is the best amenity. Settle in. We'll show you a good time today at our quaint merchant shops and hometown eateries, and welcome you back for a weekend or a lifetime.

Water drives the west. Dip into this precious resource on the South Platte.



A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US

THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER STARTS HIGH in the Rocky Mountains and rolls 380 miles east across Colorado, nourishing the state's farm fields, providing drinking water, and offering wet-and-wild recreation. The river is the lifeblood of Morgan County, touching all of the major towns and cities, from Orchard in the west, to Fort Morgan and Brush in the center, and to Hillrose out east. Settlers followed the South Platte seeking better lives, and you can make your own history along the river banks, tracing frontier heritage, seeing the wildlife, and exploring the waterways by boat, bicycle, or footpath. Make your splash on *this* stretch of the river and nearby waterways.

NATURE'S WATER PARK

Jackson Lake State Park will slake your thirst for watery fun. The 2,500-acre reservoir and state park were originally a draw for hunters, but popular activities now include boating, off-road cycling and ATVs, birdwatching, camping, and swimming from its sandy beaches.

SEEING STARS

Jackson Lake State Park is a certified **Dark-Sky Park**, with limited artificial lighting that encourages astral tourism. Visit on any cloudless night and enjoy the star show.

NO BOAT? NO PROBLEM!

Shoreline Marina, on the west side of Jackson Lake, offers fishing gear and local insight on where they're biting. Call them at (970) 645-BOAT.

WALK ACROSS THE WATER

The 11-arch **Rainbow Bridge** spanned the South Platte in the 1920s. It's the gateway to Fort Morgan and the starting point of the Pawnee Pioneer Trails Historic & Scenic Byway. When a wider road bridge was installed next to it in the 1960s, the span was rededicated for pedestrians, who also enjoy Riverside Park on its south side and Twamore Trails on its north side. Your river stroll starts here.



Wanna go for a walk? Bring Fido (and your partner) to the footpaths of Morgan County!

A SHORE THING ON THE SOUTH PLATTE

A At the foot of the Rainbow Bridge and on the banks of the South Platte, **Riverside Park** is just the place to spread out a picnic and teach the kids how to skip a stone. Follow the park's walking path for more river views or stroll down the scenic paths on the north side of the river for additional glimpses of the water and wildlife.



Yes, the antelope really do play on our great plains.

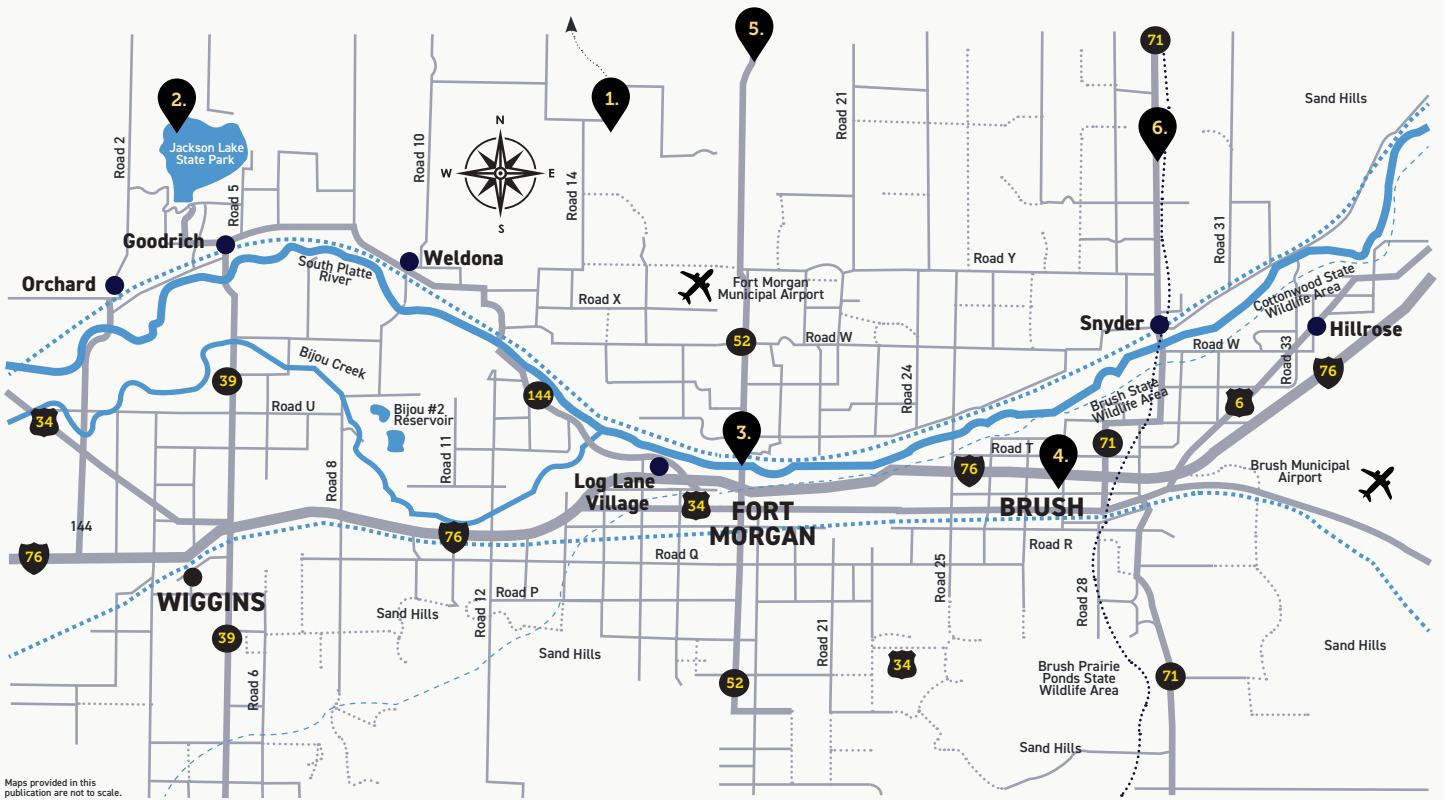
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE, IN MORGAN COUNTY

Where a river flows, wildlife is sure to follow, which is why Morgan County is home to a bounty of birds, wildflowers, and animals. The Andrick Ponds State Wildlife Area, on the west side of Jackson State Park, is a major stop on the Colorado Birding Trail, and there are deer, bobwhite quail, pheasants, waterfowl, and turkeys in preserves in Brush, Weldon Valley, and at the Jean K. Tool State Wildlife Area. Both Twamore and Riverside Parks adjacent to the South Platte River are additional sites for wildlife viewing.



→ Scan this QR code for a complete list of Morgan County's bird and animal residents.

Somewhere, over the Rainbow Bridge in Fort Morgan, bluebirds actually do fly.



Maps provided in this publication are not to scale.

- 1.** Pawnee Buttes: Where eagles fly and flowers bloom
- 2.** Jackson Lake State Park: Where fish (and you) swim

- 3.** Fort Morgan: Walk the Rainbow Bridge and adjacent nature trails. Stay for dinner.
- 4.** Brush: Rodeo Days, July 4th weekend. Saddle up!

- 5.** Pawnee Pioneer Trail: Hitch up your RV and explore
- 6.** Texas-Montana Cattle Trail: History on the hoof



Scan the QR code for web access to all of Morgan County's great outdoors.

PLUS



Make a Little History, Yourself

—> When the gold rush hit Colorado in the 1850s, the South Platte was thought of as the pathway to riches. It still is, with access to the Pawnee Pioneer Trails State Historic and Scenic Byways, the Overland Trail to Denver, and the Texas-Montana cattle trail.

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Sharpen your aim, and pursue your game, at Longmeadow Game Resort in Wiggins.



SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

MORGAN COUNTY IS HOME to 29,000 people, but its surface area is 1,294 square miles. So you can have a stretch of it all to yourself, to hit your golf ball on an uncrowded fairway, fling your disc into a chain basket, catch dinner at Jackson Lake, ace your pickleball opponents, or add the Ferruginous Hawk to your life list. Pack your clubs, boats, racquets, bike, bins, walking shoes, and sense of adventure, and come out and play with us.

TRACK YOUR TROPHY

A Longmeadow Game Resort, Clays Club & Event Center offers small game and upland bird hunting and touts one of the top sporting clays clubs in Colorado. It's also a premiere event venue with RV and hotel accommodations. 8604 Co Rd 6, in Wiggins, (970) 483-8368. Scan the QR code for a **Morgan County Hunting Map**.



REEL ONE IN

Jackson Lake State Park, in Orchard, is stocked with wipers, walleye, catfish, rainbow trout, and crappie. Find out what's biting, where, at **BAM Bait and Tackle**, 23574 Co Rd 23, Fort Morgan, or call (970) 768-2098.

FIND THE FAIRWAY

B Tour the nine holes at **Petteys Park** (2301 West Mill St in Brush), or hit 18 fairways at **Quail Dunes Golf Course** (17586 County Road T5, Fort Morgan).



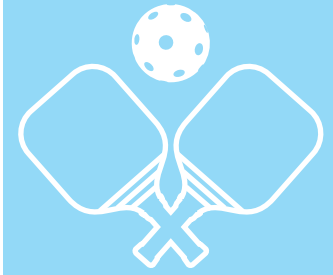
Yes, you should pack your golf clubs. Links in Brush and Fort Morgan.

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Spot flying saucers at The Optimist (27 holes) and Pessimist (18 holes) Disc Golf courses.



HAVE A (PICKLE) BALL WITH US

Pickleball was invented as a children's game in the 1960s, but why let kids have all the fun? Now it's one of the fastest growing sports in the country, and **Optimist Park**—1000 Vickie St, Fort Morgan—is in on the craze, with two courts. Bring your racquet, pickleball, and spirit of competition then bash away.

Round up your foursome and hit the Pickle Ball courts in Fort Morgan.



Looking for more Morgan County fun? Scan the QR code for outdoor options.



HIKE, BIKE, & ATV

C Looking for a great day hike? Hit the **Pawnee Buttes Trailhead** an hour north of Fort Morgan, in Grover, Colorado. Road and gravel bikers will enjoy flat terrain, miles of open road, and sweeping views in Morgan County. Watch ATV and motocross riders roar through **Sweney Cycle Park**, 31250 Co Rd G, in Brush. (Off-road racers can compete, as well.)



C Take a road trip, and a hike, to the national grasslands and Pawnee Buttes.

DISC GOLF PARADISE

D Care to flip a disc? The **Optimist Disc Golf Course**, at Riverside Park in Fort Morgan, has 27 rolling holes with water hazards. The **Pessimist Disc Golf Course**, 18 holes at 1511 Barlow Rd in Fort Morgan, runs along the South Platte River. **Watrous Park**, at 2810 Mill St in Brush, sports nine holes for disc golf.

FLOCK ON OVER

You're not the only eager visitor to eastern Colorado. Every year, the region is on the migratory flyway for a wide variety of birds, and they attract binocular-toting species as well. The first circuit on our birding tour begins in Briggsdale, Colorado, less than an hour northwest of Fort Morgan. Find **Pawnee Grasslands Birding Tour** on your smartphone, and follow the two-hour route to spot Ferruginous Hawks, Lark Buntings, Burrowing Owls, and maybe a majestic Golden Eagle. The **Brush Prairie Ponds**, in Brush, flood in early summer, which attracts a flutter of migratory shorebirds, Lapland Longspurs, and in winter, Horned Larks. Another high-flying highlight is the **Prairie Oases Trail**, linking wetlands from Jackson Lake State Park, just north of Orchard, up to North Sterling State Park. Come on out, and make some fine-feathered friends. The incredible Great Blue Heron can be seen from the nature trails in Fort Morgan's Riverview Park along the South Platte River.

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Is your mouth watering, yet? Morgan County is good for what ails you.



FUN, FESTIVALS, SHOPPING, AND FOOD!

THE ANDREWS SISTERS, with an assist from Fort Morgan’s own Glenn Miller, put the country “In the Mood” in the early 50s. That feeling still resonates with Morgan County’s home-grown **adventures, festivals, shopping, and food**. You’re invited to dinner, to share the fun of music, beer, and car fests, and even to jump (safely) out of an airplane. March your big band out to Colorado’s great plains, and we’ll put you all in the mood, in double time!

ADVENTURES

A Looking for a fast start to your vacation? Head over to the I-76 Speedway, in Fort Morgan, where dirt-track racing is fast and furious from April to October. Or watch the mud fly

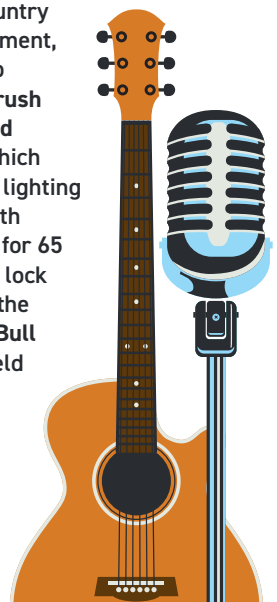
at Sweney Cycle Park in Brush, where ATV and motocross competitors roar around a dirt track. Or you can actually fly—like a bird—at Skydive Orange Skies, on Highway 52 in Fort Morgan. As Eddie Van Halen so memorably sang, “Just Jump!” They’ll provide safe instruction, the plane, and a parachute!



Parachute into a thrilling view of Morgan County, with Skydive Orange Skies in Fort Morgan.

FESTIVALS

B Morgan County is all about home-made fun. July features two events unique to Morgan County. The Bobstock Music Festival, in Fort Morgan’s Glenn Miller Park, has free admission and features national headliners on three stages. For more traditional cattle-country entertainment, saddle up for the Brush Rodeo and Dance, which has been lighting up July 4th weekend for 65 years. Or lock horns at the Bucking Bull Battle, held every August in Brush.



If you prefer your horsepower under the hood, rather than on the hoof, motor over to Fort Morgan's Fall Harvest Car Show. Also in September: Brush Oktoberfest. Break out your lederhosen and dirndls, and help them roll out the barrel!

SHOPPING

Find out what's in store in Fort Morgan. The Dainty Co., The Dressing Room, Repeat Boutique, and Las Vaqueritas bring fashion happy hours to Main Street. And the craft store Rebel Girl Collectables, and the stitchery center Double R Embroidery, offer fashion and fun, as well. To get your fill of hand-dipped chocolates and fancy gift baskets, head over to All About U, also on Main Street. For a whole food and clean living market offering pantry foods and body products, visit Sagebrush Market. At the nearby The Flower Petaler, business is blooming! Shop for small and local unique gifts at La Tierra Luna Mercantile. Unique home furnishings and furniture can be found at Furniture Mart, Just Rustic, and the Better Sleep Store. Bibliophiles can check out a range of used books and area crafts at Books on Main. Bicycle Adventure is a great spot to tune up your bike and purchase biking accessories for a ride around the county.

FOOD

Morgan County has enough roadside joints, Mexican fiestas, gastropubs, and fine dining to make you Yelp(.com) for joy. Come for a day of adventure, stay for an ice-cream cone, a sizzling meal, and maybe even a great breakfast.

C The Mav Kitchen & Tap House
Draft beers and western chow.

1409 Barlow Road, Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 542-9482

Victor's Sushi
Fresh fish. That's how they roll.

207 Clayton St., Brush, CO
(970) 842-7740



Scan here for a second helping of dining options.

The Flame Steakhouse
When only a BIG steak will do.

14424 US Hwy 34, Fort Morgan, CO
(exit 75 on I-76)
(970) 370-2696

The Course at Petteys Park
Dinner and drinks for après-golf.

2301 Mill St., Brush, CO
(970) 842-5470

D Zazzy Cafe
Sandwiches, soups, and sociality.

119 W Beaver Ave, Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 370-2800

Cables Pub & Grill
Famous for thick-cut spaghetti.

431 Main St., Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 867-6144

El Jacal Mexican Grill
Latino platters, stellar margaritas.

903 Main St., Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 867-1115

Rosita's Bakery
South-of-the-border, hot from the oven.

211 Main St., Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 867-5550

Alcapulco Bay Family Restaurant
Latin flavors and sea foods, including fresh-water oysters and crab legs by the bucket.

204 Main St., Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 542-6400

E Mosqueda Delicacies Ice Cream
Frozen treats, with a Spanish accent.



216 Main St., Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 370-2828

All About the Smoke BBQ
Take-out BBQ and desserts. Your picnic just got a major upgrade.

617 Main St, Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 768-5117

Country Roads Vines and Wines
Stop for a sip, bring home a bottle.

16985 County Road 21, Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 768-1450

Slavinka Food—Bakery & More
From their ovens to your heart.

208 Clayton Street, Brush, CO
(970) 467-6776

Las Americas 6 Tortilleria
Stop in Saturdays for the carnitas special!

120 E Burlington Ave, Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 867-0888

Magick Bean
Coffee shop located inside The Block

19592 E. 8th Ave, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Located inside The Block
(720) 227-6751

High Plains Culinary
Restaurant, Catering, and

Cooking Classes

19592 E. 8th Ave, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Located inside The Block
(970) 510-0974

Bun Appetit
Sandwiches, salads, rice bowls, smoothies

801 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
(970) 380-0789

Home Plate 1
Mexican and American food, breakfast all day

19719 US Hwy 34, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
(970) 867-4416

Home Plate 2
Mexican and American food, breakfast all day

306 Edmunds St., Brush, CO 80723
(970) 842-2124

The Club Tap
Cocktails, Live Entertainment, Bar Games

212 Main St, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
(970) 867-5423

Glassi Restaurant & Bar
Authentic Indian and American food

1204 Colorado Ave, Brush, CO 80723
(970) 842-7722

Drovers Culinary Cafe
Classic diner food and atmosphere

28601 US-34, Brush, CO 80723
(970) 842-4218

After Hours Cocktail Bar
Signature cocktails and curated spirits

19592 E. 8th Ave, Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Located inside the Block
(970) 370-8825

ROAD TRIPS! WALKING TOURS! TIME MACHINES!

IN MORGAN COUNTY THE PLAINS really *are* great. The views sweep clear to the Rockies, and our history extends as far as the imagination can see. This is where the buffalo roamed, the Native Americans lived, the conestoga wagons rolled, and cowboys drove their cattle. Folks here appreciate that heritage, and they have preserved it so you can enjoy it, too. Plug into the Morgan County time machine, and see this special place as it was back then, and as it is cherished right now.

TIME TRAVEL

The past is still present in our museums and along our byways. Come on out, and go way back.

Glenn Miller Tour of Fort Morgan
Cue up a Spotify playlist, download the brochure from morgancountytourism.com, and swing through Miller's time.

Brush Area Museum
The old schoolhouse, the cattle drives, and yes, even the horse racing. Bet you'll enjoy it.
314 S. Clayton Street in Brush.
(970) 842-0382

Fort Morgan Museum
More Glenn Miller, plus an old-timey soda fountain and a WW2 plane. March through the decades at 414 Main Street in Fort Morgan. (970) 542-4010

Barn Quilts Tour
Morgan County barns are enormous canvases for dozens of stunning quilt paintings. Scan the QR code to patch together colorful routes through Fort Morgan, Brush, Weldona, Hillrose, and Wiggins.

Downtown Historic Building Walking Tour
Fort Morgan has more than 27 designated historic local landmarks, including several with state and national designations. Grab your map at the Fort Morgan Museum to discover the rich area's history.

(PLUS)

Center for Arts and Community Enrichment

—> This lively arts campus, at Morgan Community College (morgancc.edu), is home to a fine arts gallery, a jazz ensemble, and guest speakers and performers. Time your visit to enjoy the monthly third Thursday Art Walk.

Conestoga wagons once rolled through Morgan County. Go west, young vacationer!





Start your weekend beautifully with the Third Thursday Art Walk.

STAY WITH US

What's your hurry? Spend the night, not a fortune, in Morgan County.

HOTELS

Best Western Plus Overland Inn
1410 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 370-2322

Hampton Inn
1152 Main Street
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 542-2484

Comfort Inn
1417 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 441-9103

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
1290 Cottonwood Parkway
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 441-6200

Boarders Inn & Suites by Cobblestone Hotels
975 N Colorado Ave
Brush, CO
(970) 842-4241

Longmeadow Game Resort
8604 County Rd. 6
Wiggins, CO
(970) 483-8368

Rodeway Inn
1409 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 645-6269

Amber waves of beauty!
We're celebrating thirty years of Scenic Byways.



Scan for a full listing of Morgan County hotels, resorts, and campsites.



Terrace Park Inn
725 Main Street
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 427-5001

Baymont Inn
14378 US Hwy 34
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 370-9929

Rodeway Inn
1208 Colorado Ave
Brush, CO 80723
(970) 842-5146

CAMPING

Silver Spur Campground
1509 Barlow Road,
Fort Morgan, CO
(970) 380-7607

Brush Memorial Park & Campground
500 S. Clayton Street
Brush, CO
(970) 842-5001

Jackson Lake State Park
26363 County Rd. 3
Orchard, CO
(970) 645-2551



Play here, stay here, at our hotels, campgrounds, and RV parks.



Pawnee National Grasslands: Where the plains are at their greatest.

A ROAD TRIP TO PAWNEE BUTTES

Pack a picnic and drive an hour north to



the Pawnee National Grasslands, named for the First Nation people who inhabited this land long before the settlers arrived. The **Pawnee Buttes trail** will lead you out among the hawks and wildflowers, until you spot the two striking stone towers that rise 300 feet above the prairie. Scan the QR code for more details.

→ Provision your Picnic at the Edwards Right Price Market (Fort Morgan's fine-foods market, at 1201 E Platte Ave) or the Fort Morgan Mini Halal Market (specialty foods, including Somali cuisine, at 410 E Railroad Ave). Complement it with a bottle of wine from the Country Road Vines & Wines winery located on the outskirts of Fort Morgan (970) 768-1450.



DISCOVER THE TRANSFORMATION OF FORT MORGAN, COLORADO

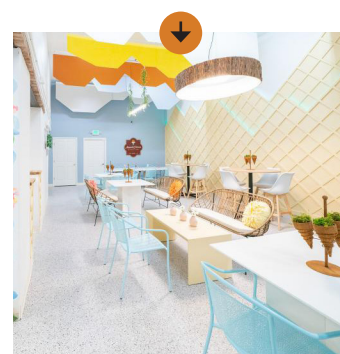
IN THE WAKE OF THE SUCCESS OF HGTV'S SEASON 1 OF HOME TOWN TAKEOVER in Wetumpka, Alabama, the dynamic duo Erin and Ben Napier from Home Town, joined forces with Dave and Jenny Marris of Fixer to Fabulous, setting their sights on the next small town in need of a makeover – Fort Morgan, Colorado. In Season 2, these couples teamed up to help restore the Colorado destination's natural small-town charm.

The Vision
With a mission to instill town pride, the Marris and the Napiers undertook a monumental task – completing 18 projects in a mere four months. Dave and Jenny focused on renovating six houses for community leaders and six businesses, while Erin and Ben took on six community projects. Notably, Main Street underwent a stunning makeover, with the help of Jonathan Knight and muralist Randolph Torres.

Main Street Resurgence
“Our goal is to bring back traffic to Main Street,” Erin emphasized. “We want people to see what’s special about where they are – you can really bloom where you’re planted if you look around and see what good soil you’re in.” Erin and Ben breathed new life into the facades of small businesses, and Ty Pennington from Rock the Block played a vital role in moving the Main Street renovations forward.

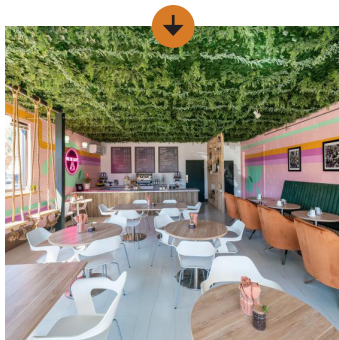
Community Gems Unveiled

Mosqueda Delicacies
The family-owned ice cream shop received a vibrant makeover, with local artist Socorro Hart adorning the walls with hand-painted Mexican sunflowers. The addition of epoxy flooring and an LED-backlit waffle cone-inspired statement wall transformed the space.



Zazzy Cafe

Fort Morgan's beloved coffee shop, Zazzy Cafe, underwent a whimsical remodel, featuring chic banquet seating, neon pink signage, and a eclectic faux greenery ceiling to create a vibrant atmosphere.



Gold Crown Lanes

The town's bowling alley, now Gold Crown Lanes, boasts a modern patio with retro flair, creating a beer garden concept with a sliding window connecting outdoor seating directly to the bar.



The Dainty Co.

The clothing store recently changed hands and offers trendy fashions and accessories through The Dainty Co.

Queen Lounge

A popular bar in Fort Morgan, Queen Lounge, transformed its adjacent event space with an elegant-yet-rustic vibe. A sliding barn door, private event bar, ample seating, and a stage for entertainment now grace the venue.



THE BEAVER STREET REVITALIZATION

Erin and Ben's most ambitious community project was the Beaver Street Revitalization. Their vision was to create a large-scale space for residents to mingle. By convincing the town to permanently close off Beaver Street, they crafted an area featuring picnic tables, space for food trucks, and more. Staying true to Fort Morgan's agricultural roots, Erin and Ben ingeniously repurposed miniature grain bins into pop-up shop spaces as part of the Beaver Street Revitalization.

Explore the transformed Fort Morgan, where the spirit of community, creativity, and renewal converge to create a town that celebrates its past while embracing a vibrant future. Your journey of discovery begins in Fort Morgan, Colorado – where every corner tells a story of resilience and revival.



JUST RUSTIC

Fort Morgan local Jason LaBonte, owner of Just Rustic, a custom woodworking company specializing in rustic furniture and decor, was tapped by the HGTV crew to create a new sign for the north end of Rainbow Bridge. The vibrant design of the sign incorporates the colors of the sky, clouds, and the sandy soil, reflecting the unique landscape of Fort Morgan. Explore Just Rustic's ready-to-buy pieces online or visit their showroom.

224 Main St, Fort Morgan, CO 80701, (303) 324-4342

JustRusticCo.com



EXPLORE THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF BRUSH, CO

NESTLED SNUGLY IN THE CORNER OF NORTHEASTERN COLORADO, Brush might appear like your run-of-the-mill small town, but hold your horses! Buried beneath its unassuming facade is a trove of delightful surprises waiting to be discovered. From quirky museums to lip-smacking local eats to serene nature spots to funky hangouts, Brush promises an adventure that will leave you grinning from ear to ear.



DID YOU KNOW?

Travelers with electric vehicles can recharge conveniently at the Brush Travel Center, just off Highway 71/Heartland Expressway at the 8 stall Tesla supercharging stations.



Brush Museum:
A Tapestry of History
Embark on an epic time-traveling adventure at the Brush Area Museum & Cultural Center. This beacon of cultural preservation takes you through the town's rich history, with pioneers, Wild West spirit, and a whirlwind of artifacts, photographs, and exhibits.

Doty Fishing Pond:
Tranquil Nature Haven
Swap hustle for serenity at Doty Fishing Pond in Prairie Trails Park. Reel in excitement with bass, crappies, catfish, trout, and sunfish. Winding trails offer a picturesque escape into nature's embrace.

Victor's Sushi:
Fusion of Flavors and Cultures
Indulge in a culinary adventure at Victor's Sushi, where Japanese flavors meet local touches, offering a delectable array of sushi and authentic dishes.

A Willow Coffee:
Cozy Coffee Refuge
Start your day at Willow Coffee for artisanal coffee blends and freshly baked goods, soaking in the town's inviting atmosphere.

Treacherous Waters:
Gaming Adventure
Immerse in fantasy at

Treacherous Waters gaming store, offering a diverse collection of board games and collectibles for gamers of all ages.

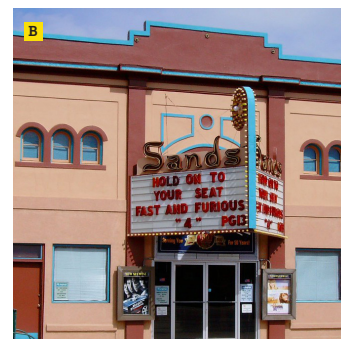
Glassi: **Exquisite Indian Cuisine**
Savor vibrant flavors at Glassi, a culinary gem bringing the essence of traditional Indian cuisine to Brush.

Sands Theater:
Historic Facelift
Experience movie magic at Sands Theater, a 100-year-old establishment showcasing the latest blockbusters in comfy seats with the tastiest popcorn.

Brush Rodeo: **Wild West Spirit**
Every 4th of July, embrace the spirit of the Wild West at the renowned Brush Rodeo, a celebration of tradition, courage, and cowboy culture.

Brush Oktoberfest Extravaganza:
Community Celebration
Every fall, Brush comes alive with Oktoberfest, celebrating community camaraderie with music, dance, German delicacies, and locally brewed beers.

Fun Fact! In 1978, Brush, Colorado formally registered the exclamation mark as part of its name, emphasizing a "can-do attitude" that embodies the town's resilient spirit and vibrant community.



SEASONAL DELIGHTS IN MORGAN COUNTY

Spring Thrills: A Symphony of Strikes and Bikes

D As winter's frost surrenders to the warmth of spring, Morgan County transforms into a captivating haven of vibrant experiences. Venture to **Gold Crown Lanes** for a bowling extravaganza accompanied by the irresistible Western Burger and fries. Don't miss **Cosmic Bowling** on Saturday nights from 9pm to 11pm. Test your skateboard and bike skills on grind rails, ramps, and other obstacles at **Brenda Joy Skate Park**. Discover tranquility amidst Morgan County's open prairies, nature trails, and lakes. Stretching over 6 miles, **Riverside Park** offers pavilions, picnic areas, a skate park, and various courts. Head to the **Cover Theatre** to catch a new release on the big screen with a bag of "Cover Corn," gourmet popcorn made in house.

Enjoy the Sounds of Summer

From May to October, Morgan County bursts into a symphony of summer sounds. Don't miss the main event at the annual **E Bobstock Music Festival**, a weekend of free live music featuring national headliners at Glenn Miller Park in downtown Fort Morgan, held the second weekend in July. Dive into Colorado tradition at the **Brush Rodeo**, held every 4th of July, with cowboy action, BBQ, Little Princess rides, a parade, and fireworks. Race to the **I-76 Speedway** on 1st and 3rd Saturday nights for the roaring summer racing season. Camp by the lake, enjoy wildlife sounds, gentle breezes, and stunning sunsets at **Jackson Lake State Park**. Beat the summer heat at **Mosqueda Delicacies** with a scoop of ice cream – the perfect

ending to a hot July day. On Wednesdays (July-August), head to the **Brush People's Market** for local farm produce and crafts. On Thursdays (June-July), head to **Thursday Night Live** in Glenn Miller Park for free music concerts, various entertainment acts, and food truck offerings.

A Festive Fall Adventure

Embrace the autumn magic of Morgan County! Explore **E Pope Farms Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze** every weekend in October. Transform your space with sunflowers, straw, pumpkins, and more. Experience spine-tingling **Zombie Paintball and Haunting** on Friday and Saturday nights. The **Fall Harvest Car Show**, held in September, features classic and vintage cars. **Brush Oktoberfest**, held in September, offers German treats, a classic car show, and a beer garden with live music. **Pawnee Pioneer Trails**, **Riverside Park**, and **Twamore Trails** offer stunning fall foliage and serene escapes. Embrace late-autumn camping at **Jackson Lake State Park**. For sports enthusiasts, try disc golf at the **Optimist, Pessimist, or Watrous Courses**. Fort Morgan's cafes offer a perfect retreat with pumpkin spice lattes and hot cocoa. Explore the charming downtown and unwind in inviting corners.

Escape to Winter Bliss

With 300 days of sunshine, small Hallmark towns, and friendly locals, Morgan County promises a warm and unique holiday getaway. Explore winter birding spots, sip locally produced wines at **G County Road Vines and Wines**, and discover holiday gifts in **H local shops**. Experience exhilarating ice



fishing at Jackson Lake or soar above the plains with **Skydive Orange Skies**. Immerse in festive events like the annual **Christmas Parade**, **Rotary Club's Chili Cook Off**, or **Elevating Life Church's Live Nativity**. There's a reason Fort Morgan is called the **Christmas Capital of the Plains!** Dive into the rich history at

local museums like **Fort Morgan Museum** and explore the hidden gems of **Brush**.

WELCOME TO MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, WHERE...

The deer, the antelope, and you play.

Where the Rainbow Bridge stretches across a river that led settlers west.

Where the cowboys still roam...

And the motocross mud flies...

...And so do the disc-golf saucers.

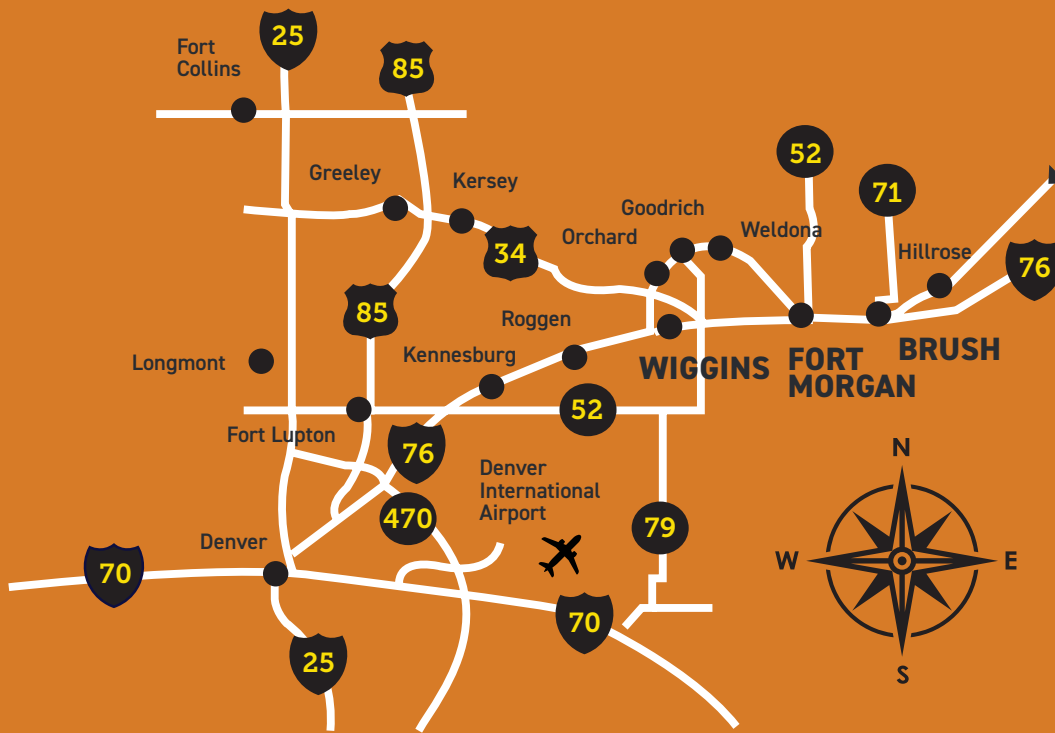
Where Glenn Miller first blew his horn, and James A. Michener met the Centennial prairie.

Where the stars shine, and it's dark enough to see them.

Where the birds flock, and it's quiet enough to hear them.

Where the Pawnee Buttes soar toward prairie skies...

And your smiles match those of the people you'll meet. Go east, traveler, to Morgan County, Colorado.



DRIVING DISTANCES TO MORGAN COUNTY

- Denver 79 mi.
- DIA 74 mi.
- Greeley 52 mi.
- Fort Collins 82 mi.
- Sterling 46 mi.
- Mount Rushmore 318 mi.
- North Platte, NE 183 mi.
- Pawnee National Grassland 38 mi.
- Colorado Springs 142 mi.

