

Art Admiration Day

When people think about Steamboat, they usually think about skiing, and rodeos and rugged outdoor activities. These are what Steamboat is known for after all, but what many don't realize about is Steamboat our culture of artists. With eight galleries and museums, Steamboat is just as much an art town as it is a Ski town, so if you've just arrived, the following are the must-see places for Steamboat's Art.

Before you begin your tour of Steamboat's art, it might be worth bringing a bike as the galleries featured are fairly far apart. If you weren't able to bring your own, don't worry, Steamboat has a multitude of affordable bike rental shops. If you brought a date with you, we recommend a tandem bike for the two of you to share.

10am to 11am



Red West Contemporary is an art gallery devoted to modern art. The various works on display include sculptures made from metal, clay, ceramics and recycled materials. Paintings are another major part of their exhibit, some are thought-provokingly abstract while others are so realistic and finely detailed they could be mistaken for photographs.

11am to 12pm

Gallery 89 is similar to Red West in the sense that it also emphasizes contemporary art. What separates the two is Gallery 89's incorporation of more traditional art styles in conjunction with with the modern ones. The result is a seamless fusion of the two styles, made unique by the local artists, creating a collection of compelling and provocative art.



12pm to 1pm

Lunch. After Gallery 89, you might be ready for lunch. You'll be right next to Brooklyn's Pizza, which offers some of the best pizza in town for a good price. Dude and Dan's is also right across the street with burgers, wings and other bar food. If chinese food is what you're after, Sambi Canton in on the way to the next gallery.

1pm to 2pm



The Steamboat Center for Visual Arts is the next stop on the tour. This non-profit gallery is devoted to the local artists of Steamboat. The pieces the local artists display are of various styles, depict various scenes and represent different things. Some of the works are abstract and their meaning is determined by the viewer. Some pieces are finely detailed paintings of wildlife, like river fish, moose and elk.

2pm to 3pm

Jace Romick Gallery is located right next to the Steamboat Center for visual arts. The Gallery owner Jace Romick is a Steamboat native whose gallery focuses on western and Steamboat themed photography. The photographs featured depict rodeos, cowboys, skiing, wildlife and landscape shots of the Rockies. Some of the photos are vintage and provide a peek into the days of the wild west. To top it all off, Jace makes handmade wooden frames for his photos giving them a rustic and personal touch.



3pm to 4pm



The Steamboat Art Museum is the final stop on the tour. Located in Steamboat's historic former bank building, the Steamboat Art Museum has an emphasis on fine art depicting the culture and heritage of Northwest Colorado. The paintings usually display cowboys, native americans, the frontier and various other parts of western life.

