

- 5 88¢ Variety Store (1950s) and Ethel's Beauty Salon (1960s)** (3043 W. Alameda Ave.)
Built in 1948, this building was first used as a laundry/cleaners. During the 1950s it became a five-and-dime store, which is exhibited in the front room. Finally, it became a beauty parlor/barbershop operated by Gil and Ethel Gomez during the 1960s. Ethel's Beauty Salon, with many of the original fixtures, is featured in the back room.

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- 6 Valentine Diner (1948, 9842 E. Colfax Ave.)**
The White Way Grill, named for the bright lights of the nearby Fox Theatre in Aurora, seats eight customers and served people who moved to Lakewood or traveled Colfax to visit the mountains after World War II.

- 7 Gas Station (built 1940s or 1950s, Denver)**
After World War II, people increasingly traveled using gas-powered vehicles, making stations an important part of commercial Lakewood. Stations like this fell out of use after the construction of I-70, which diverted traffic from Colfax, forever changing the nature of the once-booming thoroughway. Restoration and interpretation of this building are currently being planned.

THE FARM CENTER (1910s–1930s)

- 8 Country School (built 1860s, 1920s interpretation, Indiana St. and 68th Ave.)**
Although first built as a Methodist Episcopal Church in Arvada, this building served for many years as a one-room school for students of various grades taught by only one teacher. In 1919 an additional classroom was added to accommodate the area's growing population.

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- 9 Glen Creighton Pump House (1919) and Matthews Water Tower (1932) W. 19th Ave. and Glen Ayr Dr.; Wadsworth Blvd. and Belleview Ave.**
During the early 1900s it was important to acquire and store water for home and farm use during a time when local water companies didn't exist.

- 10 1930s Farmhouse and Turkey Coop (built 1880s, 1930s interpretation, Pierce Ave. and Alameda St.)**
This structure and the coop behind it demonstrate a Depression-era family home for turkey farmers.

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- 11 Streer-Peterson House (built 1880s, 1920s interpretation, Hole #1 in Meadows at Fox Hollow Golf Course)** Morris and Sophia Streer, a young Jewish immigrant family from Russia, lived in the house from 1918 to 1921. The Cason Howell Windmill (1922) cycled water from a well.

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- 12 Red Barn**
Built by the City of Lakewood in the 1990s, this barn is used to store vintage tractors.



THE BELMAR CENTER (1910s–1930s)

- 13 Auction House (circa 1930s)**
Original to the hobby farm and mansion estate of May Bonfils, daughter of the Denver Post co-founder Frederick Bonfils, the Auction House was used as an office when May Bonfils and her husband, Charles Stanton, sold sheep and cattle.
- 14 Tractor Sheds (circa 1930s or earlier)**
These two white pole buildings contain vintage vehicles and are original buildings from the Bonfils Estate.
- 15 Calving Barn (circa 1930s or earlier)**
This barn is another building original to the Bonfils' hobby farm. It was originally painted white to match the outbuildings that were once here.
- 16 Caretaker's Cottage (circa 1910)**
Although it was a farmhouse prior to the Bonfils's era, this cottage was used to house the caretaker of May Bonfils's farm.
- 17 Belmar Gates and Mansion (1937)**
Although the Irongate Offices now sit where May Bonfils's mansion, Belmar, once stood, the gates to the estate remain visible on the landscape.
- 18 Kountze Lake**
This long-lasting lake that was enlarged for May Bonfils's boats, and now the paths around it are a popular place for dog-walkers and birdwatchers alike.

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Interested in learning more and stepping inside several of the historic buildings? Take a 60-minute guided tour with a knowledgeable guide. Visit Lakewood.org/Tours or call 303-987-7850 for details.

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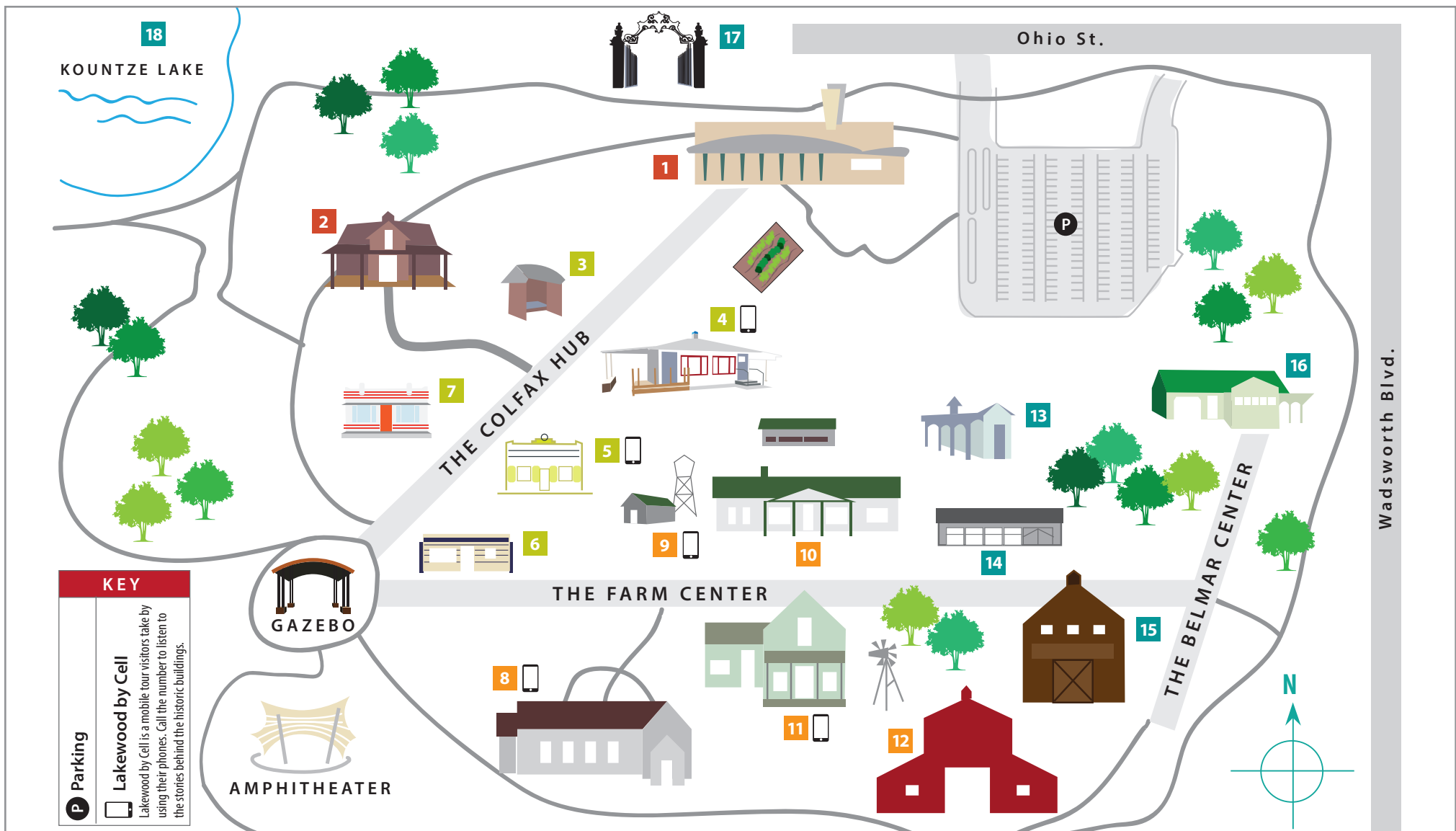
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MUSEUM BUILDINGS

- 1 Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park Visitor Center**
The visitor center houses the permanent exhibition Lakewood: A 20th Century Journey, which explores Lakewood's history and displays preserved artifacts, as well as rotating exhibitions. The visitor center also provides restrooms, drinking fountains, the museum store and the Orchard Room, a rentable meeting space.
- 2 Conservation and Preservation Building**
This non-historic building stores the museum's permanent collections and is not open to the public.

THE COLFAX HUB (1940s–1960s)

- 3 Wide Acres Interurban Stop** (built in early 1900s, used until 1950) Previously located on the interurban rail line running from Denver through Lakewood to Golden, this shelter is representative of the numerous stops along the line.
- 4 Estes Motel** (built 1949, 9780 W. Colfax Ave. near Kipling St.) Many motels opened along Colfax after World War II for people traveling to the mountains before construction of I-70. This building was part of a larger motel complex operated by the Estes family during the 1950s.
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