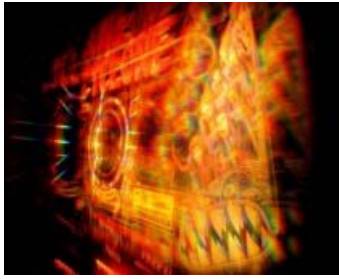


Lyons Classic Pinball - Lyons, Colorado

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Pinball Cyclone
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About an hour northwest of Denver at the edge of the mountains is a curious find. On Main Street in Lyons is a pinball parlor to rival anything a would-be wizard could find in the city. [Lyons Classic Pinball](#) (LCP) offers a smoke-free environment filled with a glorious collection of 37 pinball and 11 video games (all kept in top-working condition). The colorful, clanging games date from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's, as well as classic video games from the 80's buzzing and beeping in the background.

Indulge your fantasies via the many themes. You can be a rock star, a spy, or a pro basketball player with games themes ranging from "Kiss" to "007" to "Shaq Attack". One aspect of the place that is sure to please the novice and the collector alike is the information card on each machine that provides tips on how to play and historical details on each game.

The earliest machine currently being played is "Kismet", the 1961 electro-mechanical pinball game made by Williams. The cost per play on "Kismet" is 25 cents for 5 balls. The newest machine is the 1999 dot matrix display game, "Revenge from Mars", also made by Williams. It is 75 cents for 3 balls (3 games for \$2). The range in between these two is a fascinating mixture of games; some obscure and others you will likely remember from your days in smoke filled pool halls and darkened lounges.

If your tastes run to 80's arcade style video games you can blast alien bugs in Galaga and save the universe or out guess the ape in Donkey Kong.

If you'd like to compete against your fellow wizards LCP offers a variety of tournaments through out the year. These competitions not only offer you a chance at bragging rights but also cash prizes.

There is no food or alcohol served in LCP. However, [Oskar Blues](#), Lyons oldest brewpub (hop heads rejoice) is just a few steps away. There you can get "homemade liquids and solids" and hear live music. Oskar Blues serves some of the state's best craft brewed beer with memorable names like "Mama's Little Yella Pils" and "Gubna". Their menu is Southern-style comfort food. Appetizers include: beer steamed mussels and crab cakes and fried green tomatoes. You'll also find burgers and pizza and a vegetarian sandwich named "There's a Hippie in My House."

Would you like to have one of these pieces of art for your own? LPC occasionally offers some of the games for sale. If they don't have what you are looking for they can often guide you to another source.

Are you planning a party? LCP would be a novel location for an offbeat birthday, an office party, or one of those corporate team-building boondoggles we all love.

If You Go Details:

Lyons Classic Pinball is located at 39-A Main Street, Lyons, Colorado 303-823-6100 You can check there current list of games on the floor by going to their [website](#).

Hot Tip:
First time visitors can print out a coupon from the web site good for free games.

Monday & Tuesday	CLOSED (They need a weekend, too--these games don't fix themselves!)
Wednesday & Thursday	5:00 to 10:00pm
Friday & Saturday	3:00 to 11:00pm
Sunday	3:00 to 9:00pm

