

Hiking, Walking, and Exploring

A Few of Our Favorite Eating Places

The following is a list of just a few of our favorite restaurants where we've eaten after a hike or perhaps on one of our longer week trips. Obviously, there are many restaurants that are in each area to which we've never been. We suggest that if you decide to try one of them then you call ahead to verify the hours of operation or visit their website where hours are also posted or if they are even open. Most websites will additionally give their menus.

Idaho—

Arco:

Golden West, (208) 681-5952. Good American fare menu. If you can hit it on Indian taco day, they are a good choice.

Pickles, (208) 527-9944. Also, a favorite of many. Burgers, steaks, breakfast, shakes.

Ashton:

511 Main Fountain Old Fashioned Fountain, (208) 652-0511. Pizza, sandwiches, ice cream, soup.

Trails Inn, (208) 652-9918. Steak, sandwiches, a great breakfast (so we've heard), chicken fried steak, fried chicken.

Blackfoot:

Teton House, (208) 681-5952. Reservations are recommended. Under the original ownership as the one in Teton (which is under new ownership). Steak house & fresh seafood with a varied menu including wagyu beef tips.

Tommy Vaughn's Grill, (208) 785-6400.

Heise:

Heise Pizza Parlor (address is Ririe) 5117 East Heise Road, Ririe, Idaho, Order To-Go: (208) 538-7312, Ext. 2, Open Monday-Thursday: 12:00-9:00 p.m. & Friday-Sunday from 12:00-10:00 p.m. — The name says it all, and they advertise that some people drive from Idaho Falls to Heise just for the pizza. They also serve sandwiches, salads, ice cream and bottomless fountain drinks.

Island Park:

Henry's Fork, (208) 558-7953, listed as one in "1,000 Places to See Before You Die" (USA & Canada) by Patricia Schultz. When dining is available, HW&E have been able to go there twice after hikes in the area. The dining experience is supreme. **Must have reservations.**

Lakeside Lodge, (208) 558-9770. Panoramic views of the Island Park Reservoir featuring high country cuisine for breakfast (a breakfast buffet in the winter), lunch (11-5) & dinner (5-9) every day. No reservations—first come, first serve. Dining room, tavern or wrap around patio seating

available. Daily specials and great American standards like Local Idaho steaks, seafood, “Miller Ranch Burgers”, seasonal salads, appetizers and a daily Chef’s fresh baked desserts.

Pond’s Lodge, (208) 558-7221. Everything is good, but some of our favorites: meat loaf, fish tacos, pizza.

Last Chance Bar & Grill at Trout Hunter’s Lodge, (208) 558-8006. Good selection, they have a winter & summer menu. Tomato bisque soup is very tasty. Winter is listed here: Sandwiches: Bison Burger, Last Chance Burger, Jalapeno Chicken, Jalapeño Chicken Sandwich, Portabella Mushroom sandwich (in summer), French Dip, 208 Steak Sandwich (grilled wagyu beef!); Bison meatloaf, Beef Stroganoff.

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Enaville (near Kingston):

Snake Pit, (208) 682-3453. During trips to Coeur d’Alene to bike the trail, we ate here. Rustic atmosphere. Comfort food and one place where you can find Rocky Mountain oysters on the menu.

Kellogg:

Casa DeOro, (208) 784-1360. “Bringing the best of Mexico’s recipes.”

Radio Brewing Company, (208) 786-6633. Snacks, flatbreads, Korean rice bowl, tacos, burgers & sandwiches, soups and salad. Tap list changes daily as they continually brew to keep fresh & seasonal.

Noah’s Canteen at Silver Mountain Resort, (208) 783-2440. Lunch and dinner serving steaks, wraps, salads, gourmet flatbreads and much more. Full-service bar with microbrews on tap.

Kingston:

The Hilltop Bar & Grill (208) 682-3390. Good food, good reviews, and friendly staff/servers.

Leadore:

Silver Dollar Bar & Grill, (208) 768-2688. Burgers are good. Leadore is limited in its restaurants, but this one fits the bill after hiking along the Continental Divide.

Moscow:

The Breakfast Club (208) 882-6481. They are a busy place, but it’s worth the wait.

Menan:

The Teton House, (208) 270-5102. Reservations are recommended, under new ownership since we last were there. See Blackfoot location.

Murray:

Sprag Pole Inn (Saloon) and Museum, (208) 682-2009. Very good burgers, sandwiches, and other meals to be sure. After enjoying your meal, wander over into the Sprag Pole Museum which has very well-organized collections highlighting the golden age of mining in Murray in the 1800s. The museum boasts of 12 special exhibits which include: an acclaimed mining exhibit, blacksmith and barber shop, old fashioned school room, furnished parlor, doctor's office, 1900 kitchen, post office, the Cataldo Mission – native Indians, logging/forestry/firefighting, expansive rock and mineral display and Molly B'Damn's bedroom. Note the hand-carved wood link chain that is hanging from the ceiling, 120' (?) long and took 20 years to carve (from 1960 to 1980).

Roberts:

B.J.'s Bayou, (208) 228-2331, Fine Louisiana cuisine

Saint Anthony:

El Jaliciense II, (208) 624-1124; 119 S. Bridge St.; Mexican, local business. Friendly and helpful staff. The food is good. A good place to eat if the Island Park restaurants are closed.

Shelley:

Mick's Home Cooking. (208) 357-9903. Breakfast, lunch, supper. On Thursday, homemade pies are included in the hamburger special!

Spencer:

Spencer Grill, (208) 374-5111. Pizza, burgers & melts, breakfast.

Swan Valley:

Snake River Roadhouse Bar & Grill, (208) 483-2000. Open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Handcrafted burgers, gourmet pizza, NY strip steak, pan-seared salmon, fish & chips fish tacos.

South Fork Lodge, (208) 483-2112. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner overlooking a dramatic bend of the world-famous South Fork of the Snake River. Home of the Machete Bar.

Victor:

Knotty Pine Supper Club, (208) 787-2866. Kansas City style BBQ, steaks, fresh seafood, vegetables from their garden. Great home cooking

Big Hole BBQ, (208) 270-9919. Great BBQ.

Victor Emporium, (208) 787-2221. Established in 1950, malts & shakes (try their chuckleberry—part chocolate/huckleberry). And a great gift & souvenir shop.

West Side Yard, (208) 787-5000. Bison sirloin, prime rib, chicken, burgers, mushroom pasta, sandwiches, salad, house beers

Wallace:

The Fainting Goat Wine Bar and Restaurant, (208) 512-9010. Tasty starters, pizza, sandwiches, salads, pasta, mac & cheese, good wine choices.

City Limits Brew Pub, (208) 556-1885. Extensive menu which includes vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free options.

1313 Bar and Grill, (208) 752-9391. American traditional. Best known for burgers & sandwiches but snacks, soups and appetizers are good too.

Red Light Garage, (208) 556-0575. Serves a great breakfast, burgers, and be sure to try their huckleberry shakes!

Colorado—

Estes Park:

Bird and Jim, (970) 586-9832. Serves lunch and dinner. Closing fluctuates seasonally. Fine dining.

Ed's Cantina and Grill, (970) 586-2919. Mexican food, burgers, and sandwiches

Whiskey Bar in the Cascades Restaurant & Lounge in the Stanley Hotel, (970) 577-4000. Other than appetizers, we haven't eaten a meal there, but it's fun to visit this historic place. You can sign up for the Stanley Hotel Historic Day Tour, which is a unique way to experience the hotel's history, architecture, folklore, and pop culture.

Wild Rose Restaurant, (970) 586-2806. "Wide array of traditional cuisine such as soups and salads, seafood, pasta, steak, and much more." Special menus for lunch and dinner. Their motto, "Why wait! Life is too short to eat boring food."

Dunraven Inn, (970) 586-6409. Serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Beef, fish, pasta.

Montana—

Butte:

Metals Sports Bar & Grill, (406) 782-5534. Soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, wraps, steaks, fish, chops, pasta, pizza, homemade bread pudding.

Deer Lodge:

4B's Restaurant (406) 846-2620. Serves Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Dillon:

Sparky's Garage, (also in Butte) (406) 683-2828. Starters, salads, chili, ribs, brisket, pulled pork, Cuban sandwich, po-boys, burgers. One of their specialties is jambalaya—a bit spicy and delicious.

Grant:

Horse Prairie Stage Stop, (406) 681-3144. Proudly veteran-owned, a historic, rustic Montana hunting lodge in the heart of the Southwest featuring old-time hospitality and locally dry-aged steaks raved about throughout the state.

West Yellowstone:

Slippery Otter Pub, (406) 646-7050. Pizza, burgers (including variety of game), ribs, salads, soup, micro drafts, lunch specials.

3-Bear Lodge & Restaurant, (800) 646-7353. Breakfast & dinner. Meat loaf (elk, bison, & beef), beef entrees, pasta,

Wisdom:

The Crossing, (406) 689-3260. Steaks, sandwiches, burgers, homemade pies.

South Dakota—

Custer:

Buglin' Bull Restaurant & Sports Bar, (605) 673-4477. Appetizers, salads. Sandwiches (including their version of wagyu beef), sparkling chicken, gourmet mac & cheese, marsala sirloin tips, Tatanka (buffalo) meatloaf.

Purple Pie Place, (605) 673-4070. The name says it all. A variety of pies. A little pricey but they are a real treat.

Custer continued:

Mt. Rushmore Brewing Company, (605) 673-4200. Fine dining in "The Pounding Fathers" (upstairs) and lighter fare in "The Tap Room" (downstairs).

State Game Lodge Dining, (605) 255-4541. Fine dining experience in Custer State Park. You will need a state park pass.

Blue Bell Lodge, (605) 255-4531. Bison, beef, chicken, and fish. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and libations. You will need a state park pass.

Deadwood:

Mustang Sally's, (605) 578-2025. Deadwood's best sport bar. Burgers, combos, appetizers, ice cream shakes.

Edgemont:

Hat Creek Grill, (605) 662-5888. Hat Creek Grill has always been known as a place for great food and good times! Located in legendary Edgemont, South Dakota! We aim to bring you Wild West fare, known Americana and a bit of BBQ attitude.

Hot Springs:

Southern Hills Diner, (605) 745-7203. They specialize in family-run farm to table restaurant. All their food is made from scratch daily. They also have a seasonal farmer's market stand and bakery. They sell their homemade fruit jams and pickles. This is one restaurant that the FFL group has not gone to, but from personal experience, the "editor" thought it worth mentioning.

Jalapenos Grill (605) 745-4105. 1648 U.S. Highway 18. Specializes in Mexican food. This is a new restaurant as of 11/29/23, but we have it on good authority from friends who live in the area that the food is delicious.

Daily Bread Bakery and Café (605) 745-4144. Open for breakfast and lunch.

Utah—

Beaver:

El Bambi Café, (435) 438-2983. Your typical café but it's a good stopping place on the way to or from somewhere else. The staff is friendly, it's popular with the locals and the food is good.

Moab:

Moab has many good restaurants. These are just a few.

Cowboy Grill, located in the Red Cliffs Lodge in Moab. Here is their website:
<https://www.redcliffslodge.com/>

Giliberto's 3, 396 South Main Street, (435) 259-1678. Breakfast, lunch, & dinner, Monday-Sunday, 6 am to 2 am. Mexican dishes includes steak ranchero, ceviche tostada, shredded beef tacos.

Sunset Grill, (435) 259-7146. Interesting history of this restaurant: The Charlie Steen Story—The Sunset Grill is in the former home of Uranium King Charlie Steen. The food and ambience are to be experienced. Reservations are best as there is limited parking.

Moab Coffee Roasters, (435) 259-2725. Good coffee and even better gelato. Try the lemon!

The Blu Pig BBQ & Blues Joint, (435) 259-3333. Popular BBQ place in Moab with live music, good BBQ, and a store.

Moab Brewery, (435) 259-6333. Steaks, chicken dishes (try the IPA beer can chicken), sandwiches & wraps, jalapeno beer fries, beer cheese soup, chili, and a gear store.

Moab Diner and Ice Cream Shoppe, (435) 259-4006. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Blue Bunny ice cream is tasty too. BBQ, chicken, dessert, fish, hamburgers, ribs, salads, sandwiches, steak.

Monticello:

Doug's BBQ, (435) 210-4441. Serves BBQ, chicken, dessert, fish, hamburgers, ribs, salads, sandwiches, steak.

St. George:

Utah Rib & Chop House, (435) 674-1900. Premium steaks, black angus burgers, chicken, ribs, salads, appetizers, desserts. **Note:** The Rib & Chop House opened their first location in Livingston, MT and now have several locations including right here in Idaho Falls. Menus vary.

Torrey:

Wild Rabbit Café, (435) 425-3074. Breakfast all day, pastries, lunch, coffee house. Very good food and a nice little library where you can add a book or pick up a book.

Wyoming—

Casper:

Sherrie's Place, (307) 235-3513. Amazing small and colorful restaurant the locals love and so did we. Huge homemade rolls, homemade desserts & pies. It may look like a "hole in the wall," but the food is good, and the staff is friendly with great service. They even took the time to call us by name.

Silver Fox Steakhouse, (307) 235-3000. Has been in business since 1980 and has received great reviews. The writer has not actually eaten there but has it on good authority that it's phenomenal.

DuBois:

Cowboy Café, (307) 455-2595. Delicious food. Quick and friendly service. Large variety of tasty and interesting pies.

2Z's BBQ, (307) 455-4221

Jackson:

Merry Piglets Mexican Grill, (307) 733-2966. Good Mexican food. Frequently busy & HWE frequently visits.

Bunnery Bakery & Restaurant, (307) 733-5474. Excellent bakery. Casual dining. Serves breakfast, brunch & lunch & dinner in the summer.

Bubba's BBQ, (307) 733-2288. Serves breakfast and a good BBQ.

Big Hole BBQ, (307) 264-1996. Great BBQ

Sidewinders, (307) 734-5766. Serves lunch and supper. Steaks (including local ribeye), carne asada, burgers, chicken pot pie, salmon, pizza, pasta, salads.

Snake River Brewing, (307) 739-2337. Burgers, pizza, salads, IPA beer.

Pearl Street Bagels, (307) 739-1218. Downtown Jackson. Good bagels and coffee. An additional location is also in Wilson.

Pinedale:

Heart & Soul Café, (307) 367-4415. Sandwiches, pizza, homemade chicken pot pie

Rock Springs:

Remedies Grill, (307) 362-6691. Serves lunch 11-3 p.m. Soda fountain (50s themed café) serves ice cream. Very nice gift shop and home decorating items as well.

Teton Village:

Alpenhof Lodge Restaurant, (307) 733-3242. Alps inspired food.

Wilson:

Nora's Fish Creek Inn, (307) 733-7662. As a group we've only eaten here once or twice but the food was very good. They tend to be busy. Serves breakfast (all day on Saturdays & Sundays) and lunch.

Pearl Street Bagels, (307) 739-1261. Great coffee and bagels. An additional location is also in Jackson.

Some favorites of one of the compilers--

Idaho—

Boise:

Casablanca Cuban Grill, (208) 331-2370

Das Alpenhaus Deli, (208) 426-0773. German deli and market

Andrades Restaurante Mexicano, (208) 344-1234

Arizona—

Cameron:

Cameron Trading Post, (800) 338-7385. Historic trading post. Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, dinner. The Indian taco is very good...and large!

Gilbert:

Joe's Real BBQ, (480) 503-3805. "At Joe's Real BBQ, we obsess over BBQ, smoking our flavorful meats for hours using only Arizona pecan wood and no gas, electricity or shortcuts. There's no other way to get the depth of flavor and tenderness. To honor this roster of mouthwatering meats, we make 12 side dishes from scratch."

Green Valley:

Grill at Quail Creek, (520) 393-5806

Phoenix:

Patio Café at the Desert Botanical Garden. (480) 941-1225 (DBG #)

San Tan Valley:

Biscuit's Café (480) 987-5217. Serves breakfast and lunch. Locations in Oregon, Washington & Oregon.

Kansas—

Wichita:

Abuelos, (316) 634-2230. Mexican cuisine

The Copper Oven Café & Bakery, (316) 945-7549. Serves breakfast, lunch & dinner

Meddy's, Several locations in Wichita. "Meddys offers authentic, healthy Mediterranean fare at reasonable prices. Our award-winning hummus, shawarmas, and salads are made to order and served to you in our casual and vibrant atmosphere. Stop by with friends and loved ones to enjoy a tasty meal, sip on hand-crafted cocktails, and find out why customers return to Meddys again and again."

Home Grown, (316) 440-4700. We're thoughtful about food. Home Grown is a breakfast, brunch & lunch eatery featuring locally sourced dishes. We serve cage-free eggs, homemade pastries, fresh-squeezed Orange Juice, Mimosas, Bloody Marys and more.

Tanya's Soup Kitchen, (316) 267-7687. A local, soul-warming favorite for vegans, vegetarians, and carnivores alike, TSK is a versatile food hot spot, known for sourcing ingredients locally and rotating the menu seasonally for optimum freshness.

Old Mill Tasty Shop, (316) 264-6500. American cuisine. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. When available, the bread pudding is very "tasty."

Minnesota—

Rochester:

Chester's Kitchen and Bar, (507) 424-1211. Classic American food. Diner's choice in 2023. Serves brunch, lunch, supper.

Vitoria's Ristorante and Wine Bar, (507) 280-6232. Italian food.

Canadian Honker Restaurant, (507) 282-6572. Since 1984, they have been preparing the freshest, made from scratch recipes to create memorable meals. The walleye is great! Fresh from the garden produce when in season.

Hollandberry Pannekoeken Restaurant, (507) 322-6600. Hollandberry has been in downtown Rochester since 1986, bringing you the Pannekoeken – an oven baked souffled pancake from Dutch ancestry served with many different varieties. Dutch cooking serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Besides pannekoeken, they serve omelets, burgers, skilletts, entrees, desserts, salads, sandwiches.

Kahler Grand Hotel Restaurant, (507) 280-6200. Fresh corned beef hash was a favorite.

Twigs, (507) 288-0206. Walleye, old English fish and chips (GF), hot rock tavern steak,

South Dakota—

Sioux Falls:

Krav’N, (606) 274-3338

Blarney Stone Pub, (605) 274-0103. Enjoy an authentic Irish atmosphere, food with an Irish twist, and 36 draft beer selections.

Wyoming—

Buffalo:

Busy Bee Café, (307) 684-0451. Breakfast and lunch are served in a bright refreshing dining room which overlooks the tranquil waters of Clear Creek. Serves breakfast lunch 7-2. Bragging rights include being part of “Longmire Country.” They’ll even sell you a Busy Bee Longmire coffee mug.