



## Breckenridge Restaurants Eligible for Stars as Acclaimed MICHELIN Guide Launches in Colorado

**BRECKENRIDGE, Colo.** - Feb. 12, 2026 - Breckenridge restaurants now have an opportunity to gain global recognition as the MICHELIN Guide expands its Colorado Edition to include destinations across the state in 2026.

Well known as a world-class mountain town, Breckenridge has long drawn visitors for its legendary ski resort, endless outdoor recreation and stunning alpine scenery. In recent years, its culinary scene has emerged as a defining feature of the Breck experience - shaped by innovative chefs sourcing regional ingredients and emulsifying Breckenridge's history and nature through recipes and plates. As with all MICHELIN Guide Selections, inspectors are anonymous and already exploring restaurants in hopes of mining gold-standard dishes.

"We are absolutely thrilled that for the first time, Breckenridge restaurants have the opportunity to be considered for the MICHELIN Guide, thanks to the incredible talent and creativity of our local chefs," said Lucy Kay, CEO of the Breckenridge Tourism Office. "While Breckenridge has long been known as a premier destination for both winter and summer travel, our arts and culinary offerings have been a bit of a hidden gem. We've already earned national recognition for culinary excellence, and inclusion in the MICHELIN Guide would further elevate Breckenridge as a must-visit mountain destination for food lovers."

The 2026 MICHELIN Guide Colorado will evaluate restaurants with the potential to include MICHELIN Stars, Bib Gourmands, and Recommended Restaurants along with special awards recognizing outstanding restaurant progressions and Green Stars for mindful gastronomy. The Town of Breckenridge recently implemented sustainability guidelines in 2024, focusing on long-use materials rather than single-use plastic and encouraging restaurant food composting through a free program.

The 2026 MICHELIN Guide Colorado selection will be presented later this year.

**History and Methodology:** The upcoming restaurant selections will follow Michelin's historical methodology, based on five universal criteria, to ensure each destination's selection equity:

1. Quality of products
2. Harmony of flavors
3. Mastery of cooking techniques
4. Voice and personality of the chef as reflected in the cuisine
5. Consistency between each visit and throughout the menu (each restaurant is visited for inspection several times a year)

The MICHELIN Guide is a highly-accredited resource for any traveler seeking a delicious meal. The Guide was first published in France at the turn of the 20th century to encourage tire sales

by giving practical advice to French motorists. Michelin's Inspectors still use the same criteria and selection process, used by Inspectors from the very beginning, now applied in destinations around the world.

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**About Breckenridge:** In the 1800s, gold was discovered in what was soon to be Breckenridge, Colorado, and prospectors flocked to the mining town to find their fortunes. Today, travelers continue to be drawn to Breckenridge's historic yet timeless spirit, laid-back charm, and authentic character. Surrounded by inspiring mountain peaks that seem to stir a sense of adventure for all residents and guests, the town of Breckenridge is a year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Breckenridge's rich colorful heritage and convenient, world-class amenities unite with more than 200 shops and restaurants mingling among Colorado's largest historic district. As one of the nation's premier year-round destinations, Breckenridge visitors feel welcome and, when here, feel local.