



## **Breckenridge Celebrates Summer With First-Ever “Wildflower Week,” New Culinary Experiences, Dark Sky Offerings and Mild Temperatures for Mountain Adventures**

**Breckenridge, Colo. – March 31, 2026** – Summer in Breckenridge is an open invitation to explore the town's surrounding mountains, natural beauty, historic streets, delicious culinary offerings and warm, welcoming spaces - set beneath some of the [darkest skies](#) in Colorado. At 9,600 feet, mild temperatures and low humidity, Breckenridge is also the perfect place to [beat the summer heat](#).

With five peaks, an award-winning [dining scene](#), a deep commitment to sustainability inviting visitors to [“B Like Breckenridge,”](#) and a community that celebrates both its rich history and outdoor recreation, Breckenridge offers adventures for every style of traveler. This season brings several milestone anniversaries, exciting and interactive culinary debuts, new ways to connect with nature by day with its new [Wildflower Week](#) and by night as the first resort town in Colorado to be designated as a Dark Sky Community and more.

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story:** Breckenridge is protecting one of its most valuable natural resources - the night sky. Through tactical overhauls of lighting protocols, the community has effectively reduced light pollution and preserved its night skies for wildlife and visitors alike. The result: an immersive dark sky experience through guided stargazing hikes, astronomy tours, space-themed concerts, guided meditations and full moon yoga.*

**NEW and Enhanced Mountain Celebrations** - Summer in Breckenridge is defined by festivals, live music, wildflowers and community traditions set against a backdrop of towering peaks. The 2026 event lineup introduces exciting new offerings, including:

- New [Breckenridge Wildflower Week, July 2 - 12, 2026](#): Breckenridge will debut its first-ever Wildflower Week, an 11-day celebration of peak wildflower season. The festival ties together [guided wildflower hikes](#) hosted by Breckenridge Open Space and Trails, concerts from the [National Repertory Orchestra](#) and [Breck Create's](#) wildflower-inspired arts classes taking place in wildflower meadows and featuring watercolor painting, sewing-crafts and paint and sip courses. Wildflower cocktail and mocktail experiences will be offered at the World's Highest Distillery, where [Breckenridge Distillery](#) turns ethically foraged blooms into beautiful libations. The celebration will also include voluntourism opportunities to give back to the land and help protect the destination's wildflowers for all to enjoy.
- [“Other Worlds” Exhibition Debuts June 2026](#): Beginning in June 2026, Breck Create and Mountain Top Explorium will transform the historic Old Masonic Hall into a year-long immersive exhibition, [“Other Worlds.”](#) Here, visitors will wander through Breckenridge's yarn-wrapped monster realm and an enchanted forest designed for tactile play and discovery for all ages.
- [Breckenridge International Festival of the Arts Returns with New Format, Aug. 20 - 23, 2026](#): [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) returns this summer as a high-impact long-weekend focused on interactive live music and a new opportunity for VIP experiences. BIFA will transform downtown Breckenridge into a surreal playground of illuminated domes, towering inflatable creatures, supersonic river sound installations, a bike-powered music stage and more.
- [Breckenridge Oktoberfest Celebrates 30 Years, Sept. 25 - 27, 2026](#): One of Colorado's largest Oktoberfest celebrations returns for its 30th year, drawing visitors to historic Main Street for German beer, live music and an expanded offering of diverse festival food options and non-alcoholic beverages.

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story:** Wildflower Watch Returns! The [Wildflower Watch](#) launches its second season in June 2026 with expanded guided hikes, additional bloom zones and a new trail-specific*

*bloom-tracking map developed by the Open Space and Trails Department. The program encourages visitors to explore responsibly and use Leave No Trace principles while protecting fragile alpine ecosystems*

**Alpine Eats and Craft Libations at 9,600 Feet** - Breckenridge's dining scene continues to evolve with a wave of chef-driven experiences and inventive new concepts. With a planned opening this spring, [Forage Breckenridge](#) introduces a 12-course tasting experience rooted in Colorado-sourced ingredients with each dish incorporating a Breckenridge-specific theme. Open for its first summer season, [Threefold Bakery](#) from James Beard Award-winning chef Matt Vawter and MICHELIN award-winning chefs Sean and Melissa McGaughey of Healdsburg, CA, is drawing crowds for artisan pastries, house-made sourdough and craft sandwiches. [The Chalet](#), which is already driving social media buzz with its sultry interior, is an intimate new speakeasy lounge, featuring alpine fondue service, craft cocktails, a mysterious entrance and eclectic bathrooms. At the new [Helix Coffee Company](#), coffee lovers can go behind the scenes at monthly roastery tours exploring how altitude shapes the craft of coffee roasting at 9,600 feet. [El Perro Negro](#)'s downstairs presence on Main Street provides a vibrant new concept with bold, Mexico City-inspired flavors and a lively agave program. [Mythology Distillery](#), which began in Denver, introduces a new Breckenridge tasting room experience. Leaning into the rise of "dry tourism," the [Breckenridge Distillery](#) dips into non-alcoholic offerings with its Mock One zero-proof cocktail crafted with the same attention and complexity as its award-winning spirits.

The town's food culture extends outdoors and into the community as the sustainably sourced [Breckenridge Thursday Farmers Market](#), chef Matt Vawter's brainchild, returns for its second year, June 18 - Sept. 24. The market offers locally grown produce and artisan goods paired with [live local music](#) down the block. New this summer, Town of Breckenridge Naturalists will offer "[Tea Time](#)" courses that include a sampling of wild teas made from foraged local plants, and education about the medicinal uses of local plants and responsible foraging in Breckenridge.

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story:** Local Breckenridge restaurants are furthering their sustainability efforts by adopting new composting programs that turn food waste and scraps into soil, which is then turned into mulch and used at the golf course, in local gardens, and for landscaping, creating a closed-loop composting story.*

**Beat the Summer Heat and Humidity and Get Out to Play** - The air at 9,600 feet is crisp, clean and refreshingly cool. Breckenridge continues to offer a comfortable climate, with daytime temps in the 70s and an expanding lineup of outdoor recreation. Colorado Adventure Guides' [Peak Ascents](#) guided 14er hikes and backcountry experiences safely take guests to new heights, while hundreds of miles of Breckenridge trails give riders of all abilities the chance to experience stunning scenery. [Breckenridge Ski Resort's](#) Epic Discovery provides family-friendly summer experiences on the mountain with major discounts (50% off!) for shopping at Vail Resorts retail locations on Main Street. For a touch of the unexpected, [summer dog sledding](#), [horseback riding](#) and [fly fishing](#) offer a fresh spin on outdoor recreation. Visitors can also join the [Friends of Breckenridge Trails](#) for a voluntourism outing and assist with trail work.

**Mountain Sustainability from Sunrise to Starry Skies** - The Town of Breckenridge will unveil eight new e-bike stations for the [Breck E-Bike](#) program, expanding its fleet to connect local workforce and visitors from mountain neighborhoods into town. The [Quandary Peak Shuttle](#) enters its 5th year of operation, affordably transporting 14er-brave hikers from Breckenridge to the trailhead. This program has been one of the most successful additions to destination management to preserve a sensitive and special place just 15 minutes away from downtown Breckenridge. Breckenridge celebrates its new [Dark Sky certification](#) with astrotours, space-inspired concerts and free guided hikes aligning with major celestial events from June through September. Breckenridge is also launching a voluntary reusable cup program to help reduce single-use waste. Starting in the spring of 2026, visitors can borrow a reusable cup for hot or cold drinks through the [Colorado Cup](#) initiative. Customers can borrow a cup with a fully refundable

deposit and return it to any participating location in Breckenridge, creating a simple, convenient borrow-and-return system.

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story - Protecting Pollinators - The [Audubon-Certified Breckenridge Golf Course](#) is expanding pollinator habitats, installing public-facing bee hives and creating wildlife corridors for migrating birds as part of a broader environmental stewardship initiative.***

**Where the Old West Meets Modern Art, Film and Music** - As the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th year of statehood, Breckenridge History celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2026. [Moments That Made US](#) is an exhibit that runs through the summer and tells the story of Breckenridge's gold rush and arrival of the railroad to pivotal elections and the individuals who left a lasting mark on the community. Breckenridge History also debuts ***The Spirit of '76***. The exhibit tells the story of a community celebrating its past while negotiating rapid growth, preservation, and what kind of place Breckenridge should become. Both exhibits will be on display this summer in the Breckenridge Welcome Center. [Breck Film](#) expands its screenings with special appearances around a 250/150 series spotlighting films connected to Colorado and the American West. [Breck Create](#) continues to fuel the rise of "skillcations" with [immersive workshops](#) in stained glass, weaving and sustainable design, with its [Precious Plastics](#) initiative that transforms plastic waste into art at the center. [Highside Brewing](#) celebrates Colorado's birthday in the most Colorado way: a specially brewed beer to honor the state's 150th. Just down the road, western culture comes to life at [Antler and Crown](#), where visitors can create their own western hats with locally sourced mountain materials. Live music remains a cornerstone of the summer experience, with performances from the [National Repertory Orchestra](#), outdoor concerts and new art installations.

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story: In early 2026, Breck Create's [Precious Plastics](#) reached a milestone of successfully diverting 10,000 pounds of plastic from the Summit County landfill to create art instead. Repurposed materials have been used in exhibits by artists in residence, and visitors can take classes and workshops to learn how to create new objects from plastic waste.***

**Inclusive Travel** - The [Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center](#) (BOEC) celebrates 50 years of adaptive outdoor recreation, marking a major milestone for one of the nation's leading organizations dedicated to making the mountains accessible for people of all abilities. Explore Breckenridge's three [wheelchair accessible trails](#), all with 48-inch-wide smooth, compacted crushed stone surfaces, free of roots, rocks and obstacles. Take a mountain bike clinic with [VNTRbirds](#) focusing on outdoor education and experiences for women-identifying and non-binary individuals who are comfortable in femme-centered spaces. The Breckenridge Welcome Center offers interpretation services for the Blind/Low Vision and Deaf communities, [Aira and Aira ASL](#).

***Breckenridge Sustainability Story: Go car-free! When arriving in Breckenridge from Denver, choose a shuttle service over a rental car. Once in town, the Main Street Trolley, BreckConnect Gondola, Breck FreeRide bus system and hotel shuttles are free and easy transit options... or a walk or bike ride in the fresh mountain air doesn't sound bad, does it?***

## **2026 SUMMER EVENTS LINEUP:**

- [Breck Pride](#) - June 11-13
- [Breckenridge Agave Festival](#) - June 27-2
- [Breckenridge Wildflower Week](#) - July 2-12
- [Independence Day Celebration](#) - July 4
- [43rd Annual Breckenridge July Art Festival](#) - July 2-4
- [Breckenridge Beer Festival at Beaver Run](#) - July 11
- [Breckenridge Food & Wine Festival](#) - July 24-26
- [24th Annual August Art Festival](#) - Aug 6-8

- [Breck Epic](#) - Aug 9-14
- [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) - Aug 20-23
- [Breckenridge Wine Classic](#) - Aug 20-22
- [Breckenridge Hogfest: Bacon & Bourbon](#) - Aug 28-30
- [Great Divide Arts Festival](#) - Sept 5-7
- [Breckenridge Bluegrass and Beer](#) - Sep 11-13
- [Breckenridge Film Festival](#) - Sept 17-20
- [Oktoberfest](#) - Sept 25-27

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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. Whether you crave a sun-soaked patio, captivating culture or endless adventure, you'll feel right at home in Breckenridge.