



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, [Threifold 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 26-28
- [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.

Summer 2026 News Pitching Sheet:

- **Mountain Coolcations: Why Colorado's High Elevation is the Best Summer Escape:** While much of the country swelters, Colorado's mountain towns like [Breckenridge](#) (elev. 9,600 ft) offer crisp air, alpine lakes, virtually no humidity and summer highs rarely above 75. It's a natural form of air conditioning—no ocean required.
- **Culinary:**
 - **Forage Breckenridge** will open this spring, offering a 12-course tasting journey from award-winning chefs, blending Colorado-sourced ingredients with storytelling inspired by local art, history and nature.
 - **Bakeries are Hot Right Now:** James Beard Award-winning chef Matt Vawter of [Rootstalk](#) and [Radicato](#) in Breckenridge opened [Threefold](#) bakery and cafe in December 2025. Threefold offers artisan pastries, house-made sourdough breads, expertly crafted sandwiches, a curated espresso program, and more.
 - Thursday Farmer's Market: Breckenridge's Thursday farmers market returns June 18 - September 24th at the Exchange Lot. It's a locally harvested, community-rooted celebration of fresh produce, perfect paired with live music at the AirStage just a block away.
 - [The Chalet](#) debuts a hidden speakeasy-style lounge blending European alpine fondue service, craft cocktails, and eccentric design - complete with over-the-top bathrooms already creating social buzz and a mysterious entrance guests must find to experience Breck's next evolution of après.
 - At 9,600 feet in Breckenridge, **Helix Coffee Company** is inviting coffee lovers behind the scenes with new monthly roastery tours and guided tastings, offering a rare look at how altitude transforms the art and science of sourcing, roasting, and brewing coffee in the high alpine.
- **Mountain Adventures:**
 - **Dark Skies:** In late 2025, Breckenridge was officially designated a Certified Dark Sky Community by DarkSky International, making it the first resort town in Colorado to receive this prestigious recognition. This milestone opens new opportunities for guided stargazing hikes from Open Space and Trails, astro tours, full moon yoga, and unforgettable summer experiences under the stars.
 - Residence Inn is preparing to launch an astronomy-activity with two telescopes and regular guide to host frequent constellations on its pool deck. It will also host summer pop up "dark sky pool parties" wil moon-themed cocktails: The Silver Crescent, Dark Side of the Moon & Harvest Moon, and will offer mocktail versions for N/A drinkers and kids.
 - The Wildflower Watch launches its second year in June, 2026, with expanded guided wildflower hikes from naturalists, expanded hike zones, and a new trail-specific bloom tracking map provided by Open Space and Trails.
- **New and Improved Events:**
 - Global Fire, No Man's Land and Breckenridge Restaurant Week are the premier culinary events that are new to Breckenridge this season, elevating the charming town's recently expanded foodie scene. Global Fire features world-class chefs cooking over open-fire on the grounds of our historic Country Boy Mine on October 9th. A community table welcomes residents to Ridge Street for a dinner together spanning several blocks on October 10th ahead of a concert produced by Breck Create the same evening. The Restaurant Association kicks off its first-ever Breckenridge Restaurant Week October 11 - 18th.
 - Breckenridge "Wildflower Week" pops up for the first time in the town's history! It's 10-days dedicated to appreciating peak wildflower blooms in the high country, from July 3 - 12. Expect guided wildflower hikes, plein air painting courses, concerts from the national repertory orchestra in the Alpine Botanic Garden, and courses on native gardening hosted by the Summit County

- Garden Club.
- Wander through Breckenridge’s yarn-wrapped monster realm and an enchanted forest designed for tactile play and discovery for all ages in “[Other Worlds](#),” opening this summer as Breck Create and Mountain Top Explorium transform the historic Old Masonic Hall into a [year-long immersive exhibition](#) beginning in June 2026. Condensing a 10-day legacy festival into a high-impact long-weekend experience, the [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) (Aug. 20–23) will transform downtown into a surreal playground of illuminated domes, towering inflatable creatures, supersonic river sound installations, a bike-powered music stage, and more.
- As we mark two milestones this year, the nation’s 250th anniversary and Colorado’s 150th year of statehood, we’re preparing two exhibits connected to these big anniversary celebrations. This spring, ***Moments That Made US***, developed by [History Colorado](#) in collaboration with other state partners, pairs major historical milestones from our nation’s history with defining chapters from Breckenridge’s own story – from the gold rush and arrival of the railroad to pivotal elections and the individuals who left a lasting mark on the community. Breckenridge History will also debut ***The Spirit of ’76***, a look back at the Bicentennial and the transformative 1970s. 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 open at the [Breckenridge Welcome Center Museum](#) this spring.
- **Inclusivity:** In 2026, the [Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center \(BOEC\)](#) celebrates 50 years of inclusive recreation for people with disabilities.
- Breckenridge’s cultural heartbeat continues to thrive in 2026, blending rich history with cutting-edge creativity. [Breckenridge History](#) marks its 20th anniversary with milestone exhibits, which coincides with Colorado’s 150th and the nation’s 250th.
- **Crafting Craze/Skillcations:** [Breck Create](#) expands programming into wellness and movement with offerings like Alchemy Flow and Sound Journeys, alongside hands-on workshops in stained glass, weaving and sustainable design. At the heart of this is Breck Create’s [Precious Plastics initiative](#), which transforms local plastic waste into art, gear and keepsakes. In the “Remakers Learning Lab,” visitors can craft ornaments, carabiners, décor, abstract art—and even custom shotskis—while artists push the program forward with 3D pen sculpture, large-scale installations and new explorations of sustainability through art.
- **Dry Tourism and N/A Cocktails:** The award-winning Breckenridge Distillery adds to its inventive lineup with the debut of [Mock One](#), a signature zero-proof cocktail
- **Heritage Crafts:** Breck Create, Foraging
- **Sustainability:**
 - The Audubon-Certified Mountain Golf Course is Protecting Pollinators, Wildlife
 - Breckenridge’s Gold Course is creating habitats for migrating birds and expanding public-facing bee hives as part of a border pollinator initiative.
 - The Closed-Loop Compost Story
 - Several certified “Green Businesses” are opting in to expanded composting in town. They’re turning food waste into compost that nourishes golf courses, gardens, and public landscapes - creating a visible circular system.
 - Quandary Peak Shuttle enters its 5th year - milestone year & a great example of destination management to preserve a sensitive and special place in Breck.
- **Hands-on culinary travel and traveling for food:**
- In 2026, celebrate [Colorado’s 150th birthday and America’s 250th birthday](#). Activations and appreciation of Breckenridge’s history will be woven throughout the year.
- In 2026, [Breckenridge Oktoberfest](#) celebrates its 30th anniversary. Drawing tens of thousands of visitors over three days, the event is known as the perfect way to *Prost* to the end of summer and the beginning of fall.
- **150/250:** 2026 will mark the 20th anniversary of [Breckenridge History](#), the nonprofit dedicated to interpreting and preserving the town’s history as a mining town, as well as the eras that preceded and followed.
- **Cowboy and Western Culture:** Breckenridge is leaning into its Wild West roots this summer - with horseback rides through wildflower meadows and towering peaks, custom hat making at Midsommer

Mercantile, sip whiskey at the historic Gold Pan Saloon, explore mining-era stories at Country Boy Mine, catch a Western-style concert at Beaver Run Resort, and hike up to Horseshoe Bowl — where Breckenridge's frontier spirit still echoes in the mountains.

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In a town of just 5,000 residents, Breckenridge, Colo. is home to more than 200 miles of hiking and biking trails, towering peaks above 13,000 feet of elevation, and unique natural preserve lands home to moose, beavers, birds and more. Breckenridge is Yet this outdoors-loving community embraces a much wider identity with its rich history preserved in mining relics, Victorian homes, and free museums; its bustling [Breck Create arts district](#) with workshops, exhibitions, and events; and its growing prominence as a culinary hub, now home to a [James Beard Awarded chef](#) and restaurants dedicated to top quality, locally sourced ingredients. All the while, Breckenridge remains committed to [sustainability](#) for its residents and guests through the [B Like Breckenridge™](#) stewardship movement, helping to drive education and understanding of our impact on the environment around us.

Beat the Heat and Get Out and Play - As one of Colorado's highest mountain towns, Breckenridge is an ideal place to get outside, play and beat the summer heat and humidity with average daytime temperatures in the 70s. Play isn't just for kids—it's a travel trend reshaping the way everyone can embrace adventure and connection in an all-too-serious world. In Breckenridge, that means racing down the mountain coaster at [Breckenridge Ski Resort](#), taking a **plunge in an alpine lake**, or **chasing waterfalls** cascading down the mountainside. Take to two wheels with a scenic **e-bike ride along the Blue River** or challenge yourself on Breckenridge's **extensive mountain biking network**. Explore **more than 65 miles of Town-managed open space**, set out on a **naturalist-guided wildflower walk**, or use the **NEW Leaf Brief** tool on [gobreck.com](#) to time your perfect fall hike through golden aspens. Step up to a guided **peak ascent** of one of Breckenridge's 13ers (the equally challenging cousin of the notorious 14ers) with [Colorado Adventure Guides](#). Watch as your ball soars farther than ever before at [Breckenridge's Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course](#) or the **NEW Kingdom Park** softball fields. For a touch of the unexpected, [summer dog sledding](#), [horseback riding](#) and [fly fishing](#) offer a fresh spin on outdoor recreation.

B Like Breckenridge Tip: Download the [B Like Breckenridge app](#) as the in-town guide to the trails, transit and town. With every helpful piece of information is a sustainability tip to help maintain Breckenridge for generations to come.

Arts in the Alpine - NEW this year, **Breckenridge will be the first location in North America** to showcase **SPARK**, an experiential art installation by [Studio Roosegaard](#). Inspired by fireflies and the desire to reinvent traditional fireworks, SPARK is a poetic display of thousands of biodegradable light sparks floating through the air. SPARK will be featured for three days during the [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) (BIFA), August 15-24, 2025. SPARK will serve as an artistic reflection for the community as it works towards becoming a **Dark Skies International Certified Community**, one of just 55 in the world. During BIFA, **NEW** installations and performances will explore the interconnectedness of humans and nature, such as the **all-Black troupe Minty Fresh Circus's**

storytelling on resilience, an [interactive on-trail marble run](#) by Swiss-Italian artist Joe Scolari, and [Anna Tsouhlarakis's](#) works **elevating Native American stories**. Guests can embrace their own creative inspiration with a workshop like glassblowing, ceramics or metalwork in the [Breck Create arts district](#), or by crafting with artisans like tie-dye at [Mary B Go Round](#), ceramic painting at [Ready Paint Fire](#) or hat-making at [Lace & Lariat](#). The [Breckenridge Backstage Theatre](#) will offer inspiring and family-friendly performances throughout the summer. Music can be enjoyed outdoors at the [Airstage](#) or in the Riverwalk Center for the [National Repertory Orchestra's](#) seasonal residency.

B Like Breckenridge Tip: Appreciate the starry nights. If SPARK inspires interest in the cosmos, visitors can learn about astronomy during **NEW exclusive stargazing tours** at the [Lodge at Breckenridge](#) in partnership with [Astro Tours](#). With its secluded location on Bald Mountain, the Lodge has a deck that offers sweeping views of Breckenridge during the day and stunning starry skies at night.

Feel Worlds Away From Home, Steps Away from the Mountains and Main Street - Perfectly positioned between the Peak 9 mountain base area and Main Street is the **NEW [Hotel Alpenrock Breckenridge](#)**™, Curio Collection by Hilton™. The 205-room hotel brings modern elegance and alpine charm with three distinct dining experiences, gear valet, concierge and more. Hotel Alpenrock welcomes the whole family, including pets, with amenities such as a summer dog-washing station and the “Magical Moose Hotline” for kids. Whether it’s s’mores by the outdoor fire pits, curated art tours, or summertime yoga, Hotel Alpenrock offers daily activities to elevate guests’ experience. Solo travelers can find connection in community-oriented digs like the [Bivvi Hostel](#) and [Gravity Haus](#). Adventurers can hike into the wilderness for a backcountry hut stay at [Francie’s Cabin](#). Meanwhile, foodies can’t miss a night in the restaurant-with-rooms, [The Carlin](#), with its four bespoke suites and two unique dining experiences. Families will love the in-town location, newly renovated bar, and pool-with-a-view at the [Residence Inn](#), or the secluded cabins and family-focused amenities at [Tiger Run Resort](#).

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Top-Tier Dining at the Top of the World – In Breckenridge, long standing restaurants and newcomers alike are committed to sourcing the highest quality, regionally grown ingredients. **NEW** this summer, visitors can enjoy the same produce straight from the source at the **Farmer’s Market**. Spearheaded by [Rootstalk's James Beard award-winning Chef Matt Vawter](#), this curated market will serve both restaurants and visitors with Colorado-grown produce. Don’t miss the cozy **NEW** bar and restaurant within the Hotel Alpenrock, [The Carter](#), to wind down after a day of adventures, and [Edwin](#), the signature dining space with woodfired “Breck” oven pizza. **NEW** in town is **Breckenridge’s only speakeasy, Canary**, serving up bespoke cocktails behind hidden doors in Hotel Alpenrock. For coffee connoisseurs, Breckenridge embraces global influence alongside local roasting. **NEW [Baretto 1931](#)** is an Italian-inspired espresso bar offering the perfect shot of java on the go. The French-owned and operated [La Francaise Bakery](#) is just across the street baking fresh croissants, bread and pastries. In the evening, its sister business [La Francaise Bistrot](#) serves up authentic fare from French Michelin restaurant-trained Chef Yvan Héraud. Coffee culture is embedded into the community thanks to [Breckenridge Coffee Roasters](#), which locally roasts coffee from sustainable farms around the world, and ensures the lowest possible waste in its distribution to Breckenridge businesses. **NEW** for beer lovers is the [Highside Brewery](#) and companion [COBBQ](#), serving up local brews and slow-smoked flavors. Sample classic brews at [Broken Compass](#), or taste the perfect blends of award-winning [Breckenridge Distillery](#) whisky. Gather alongside some of Breckenridge’s longest-tenured residents and enjoy a space doused in local history at [Fatty’s Pizzeria](#), which celebrates its **50th anniversary**

this summer.

B Like Breckenridge Tip: Reduce your food miles. By choosing locally sourced ingredients, restaurants minimize carbon emissions from transit and support healthy agriculture.

Travel Through History - 2025 marks the 150th anniversary of the [Edwin Carter Museum](#). Opened in 1875, the museum still operates in the cabin Edwin Carter called home. Carter was the foremost naturalist of the time, created a lasting impact on conservation in Colorado, and led to the founding exhibit of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. In the [Barney Ford Museum](#), free, daily guided tours invite visitors to learn about the legendary businessman who was born into slavery, escaped and built his fortune in Breckenridge during the mining era. A visit to the [Lomax Gulch historic mine](#) or the [Country Boy Mine](#) invites visitors to engage in the history of mining, pan for gold or even explore 1,000 feet below the earth in a real gold mine. In the [Welcome Center Museum](#), the **Seasons of the Nuche** exhibit tells the story of Breckenridge before the mining era, when the indigenous Ute people roamed the region as their hunting grounds. Come fall, "[Hike the Golden Horseshoe](#)" with a historian to see mining relics in a once gold-rich, and now golden aspen-rich, area.

B Like Breckenridge Tip: Engage in the legacy of conservation. Following a visit to the Edwin Carter Museum, explore the [Cucumber Gulch Preserve](#) on a free, naturalist-guided hike to learn about native wildlife in this rare fen wetland ecosystem.

Sustainability Strides - **NEW**, the Town of Breckenridge, State of Colorado, and **Mountain Towns 2030** will host the [2025 Climate Solutions Summit](#) in Breckenridge, October 7-8, 2025. The two-day Summit will drive forward emissions-reducing solutions for mountain communities. As a destination, Breckenridge leads the way in its investments in sustainability—from its growing **fleet of e-buses** and its **summertime e-bike program**, to the **NEW e-delivery program** that has kept more than 465 delivery trucks from idling downtown since its inception and town-wide **bans on single-use plastic** bottles, bags, and to-go serviceware. The Town of Breckenridge Open Space & Trails team is **seeking a Leave No Trace Gold Standard designation** in the fall of 2025.

B Like Breckenridge Tip: Be a steward of Breckenridge trails. The Town of Breckenridge Open Space and Trails (OST) team is launching a **NEW** website to **crowd-source trail maintenance** needs. Whether it's a downed tree or trail erosion, the real-time log invites nature lovers to alert the OST team and ensure quick action. To take it a step further, join the [Friends of Breckenridge Trails](#) for a voluntourism outing and assist with trail work!

Come Together: Events & Inclusivity - This year, **Fourth of July in Breckenridge** includes three **NEW** activations, along with its longstanding parade and **Firecracker 50** mountain bike race: a gravity-defying, cycling-inspired, live performance by [Cirque Mechanics](#), a **bicycle decorating competition** and an **Artists Market**. [Breck Pride](#) (formerly known as 10 Mile Pride) will kick off the summer season June 13-15 with drag performances, community education and activations around town. Standing as a beacon of Breckenridge's gay community is the [Bunk House Lodge](#), which has served gay men and now the greater LGBTQ+ community since the 1970s. **NEW** at the Breckenridge Welcome Center are interpretation services for the Blind/Low Vision and Deaf communities, [Aira and Aira ASL](#). Celebrate and engage in the outdoors in a fully adaptive environment with the [Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center](#), or alongside women, trans, and femme folks with [VNTRBirds](#).

B Like Breckenridge Tip: During the Fourth of July and all summer long, let Breckenridge's love of bikes inspire you to choose two wheels instead of four. Every corner of town is accessible by bicycle, and it's guaranteed to be more fun than driving!

2025 Summer Events Lineup:

- [Breck Pride](#) - June 13-15
- [Breckenridge Agave Festival](#) - June 27-29
- [Independence Day Celebration](#) - July 4
- [42nd Annual Breckenridge July Art Festival](#) - July 3-5
- [Breckenridge Beer Festival at Beaver Run](#) - July 19
- [Breckenridge Food & Wine Festival](#) - July 25-27
- [24th Annual August Art Festival](#) - Aug 7-9
- [Breck Epic](#) - Aug 10-15
- [Breckenridge International Festival of Arts](#) - Aug 15-24
- [10th Annual Breckenridge Wine Classic](#) - Aug 21-23
- [Breckenridge Hogfest: Bacon & Bourbon](#) - Aug 22-24
- [Labor Day Weekend, Great Divide Arts Festival, and Great Rubber Duck Race](#) - Aug 30-Sep 2
- [Oktoberfest](#) - Sept 12-14
- [Breckenridge Film Festival](#) - Sept., TBD
- [Breckenridge Bluegrass and Beer](#) - Sep 26-28

Look Ahead: 2026 Anniversaries & Story Ideas:

- In 2026, celebrate [Colorado's 150th birthday and America's 250th birthday](#). Activations and appreciation of Breckenridge's history will be woven throughout the year.
- 2026 will mark the **20th anniversary of [Breckenridge History](#)**, the nonprofit dedicated to interpreting and preserving the town's history as a mining town, as well as the eras that preceded and followed. **NEW**, the organization just announced that it was selected to exhibit the Smithsonian's [Americans](#) exhibit from January 17 through March 15, 2026, a coveted opportunity and testament to the work of Breckenridge History.
- In 2026, the [Breckenridge International Snow Sculpture Championships](#) celebrates **35 years** as one of the most popular celebrations of snow art in the world. Renowned for its remarkable snow quality and unmatched hospitality, this event gathers teams of the world's best snow sculptors to create marvelous, massive masterpieces in the snow.
- In 2026, the [Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center \(BOEC\)](#) marks its **50th anniversary** of service to people with disabilities. Founded by Gene Dayton, who also built and runs the Breckenridge Nordic Center, the BOEC provides adaptive, year-round recreation for people with disabilities, from vision and hearing impairments to physical and mental disabilities.
- In 2026, [Breckenridge Oktoberfest](#) celebrates its **30th anniversary**. Drawing tens of thousands of visitors over three days, the event is known as the perfect way to *Prost* to the end of summer and beginning of fall.

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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.