

Aspen

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DINING OUT

FOOD & DRINK IN THE ROARING FORK VALLEY

B BREAKFAST
BR BRUNCH
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\$ \$10 AND UNDER

\$\$ \$11–\$20

\$\$\$ \$21–\$30

\$\$\$\$ \$30+

based on the average price of an entree

 **RESERVATIONS**


 **PATIO**

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ASPEN


Acquolina Trattoria & Pizzeria

ITALIAN

A vast menu of Roman-inspired dishes in a family-friendly, upscale-yet-informal atmosphere: antipasti, house-made meatballs, and wood-fired pizza, with a stellar wine list and cocktail selection. 415 E Main St, 970-925-8222, acquolinaaspen.com **D, \$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Ajax Tavern


NEW AMERICAN

The double cheeseburger and truffle fries get all the glory, but other French bistro fare (mussels, onion soup, salads) is a hit at this see-and-be-seen eatery with a primo patio by the Silver Queen Gondola. Pair with some 3,000 wines from The Little Nell cellar. 685 E Durant Ave, 970-920-6334, thelittlenell.com **L, D, \$\$–\$\$\$\$** 


Almresi Aspen

GERMAN

Authentic German, Austrian, and Swiss specialties by way of Vail in a charming setting with imported European furniture and tableware.

Feast on charcuterie with soft pretzels, schnitzel, bratwurst, fondue, rosti, tarte flambée, and apfelstrudel; end with a digestif of herbal schnapps. 219 E Durant Ave (in the Dancing Bear Mountainside Building), 970-429-6599, almresi-aspen.com **L, D, \$\$\$\$** 

Aspen Country AMERICAN/TO GO

Chill at this casual outdoor sanctuary by retailer Harper + Hudson and nosh on ski-town favorites: burritos and guac toast, soups, sandwiches, and a bevy of burgers (like The Dirty Aspen: a beef patty smothered in chili on a challah bun), plus coffee and boozy beverages. 409 S Hunter St, 970-429-8369, harpandhudco.com/menu **B, L, D, \$\$** 

Aspen Public House AMERICAN


Modern pub fare in the historic Wheeler Opera House by Basalt's popular Capitol Creek Brewery, paired with beer, wine, cider and creative cocktails. 328 E Hyman Ave, 970-710-2905, publichouseaspen.com **B, L, D, \$\$–\$\$\$** 

Aspen Tap GASTROPUB

Sourdough pizza, pork green chile, a quinoa bowl, and simple pub snacks go down easy with Aspen Brewing Company beer on tap, plus wine and cocktails. See listing in Nightclubs & Tasting Rooms. 121 S Galena St, 970-710-2461, aspenbrewingco.com/aspen-tap **L, D, \$–\$\$** 

Bangkok Happy Bowl ASIAN

Classic and signature Thai dishes by chef Paula Rungsawang in this little eatery with a courtyard

that's popular with locals for lunch. 300 Puppy Smith St, 970-925-2527, aspenthai.net **L, D, \$–\$\$** 

Betula PAN-AMERICAN

The sister restaurant of Bonito Saint Barth serves beautifully plated dishes from land and sea that reflect French and South American influences, in a breezy, contemporary setting with music by a house DJ. 525 E Cooper Ave (upstairs), 970-922-8103, betulaaspen.com **D, \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

The Big Wrap TO GO

Gourmet wraps, burritos, smoothies, salads, and homemade soups feed a good portion of Aspen's workforce come lunchtime. Cash only. 520 E Durant Ave, 970-544-1700 **L, \$**

Bosq NEW WORLD

2023 James Beard Award-nominated chef C. Barclay Dodge's eclectic, globally influenced tasting menus reveal close relationships with local farmers and ingredients he forages himself. 312 S Mill St, 970-710-7299, bosqaspen.com **L, D, \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Brunelleschi's ITALIAN

This busy spot is a family go-to, specializing in crisp, thin-crust pie, calzones, trattoria entrees like veal piccata, and sports on TV. 205 S Mill St, 970-544-4644, zgpizza.com **L, D, \$\$–\$\$\$** 

The Butcher's Block DELI/MARKET

Jack "the Butcher" Frey has presided over this local deli and grocery since 1973. Find aged steaks, meats, seafood, custom deli sandwiches, salads, and soups to go, along with an

array of specialty foods. 424 S Spring St, 970-925-7554, butchersblockaspen.com **L, \$–\$\$** 

Cache Cache FRENCH/ITALIAN

This beautifully appointed fine-dining restaurant (by general manager/partner Jodi Lerner and executive chef/owner Chris Lanter) is going strong after 30+ years. Refined dishes meld classic French and Italian technique with local produce, meat, and foraged ingredients, paired with a stellar wine list and lively bar scene. 205 S Mill St, 970-925-3835, cache-cache.com **D, \$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Campo de Fiori ITALIAN


A bustling trattoria responsible for Aspen's espresso martini obsession and a hotspot serving classics like marinated grilled seafood salad, antipasti, spinach gnocchi, chicken under a brick and grilled, spice-rubbed filet mignon. 205 S Mill St, 970-920-7717, campodefiori.net **D, \$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Casa D'Angelo Ristorante ITALIAN

Celebrity chef and longtime Snowmass resident Angelo Elia brings flavors from his native Sicily to this mountain outpost of his classy Boca Raton restaurant. An extensive menu of handmade pasta, salads, steak, chops, and fish pair with an impressive wine list. 105 S Mill St, 970-920-2021, casa-d-angelo.com/aspen **D, \$\$\$\$** 

Casa Tua ITALIAN

This Italian landmark since 2010, which includes private-member club dining upstairs, serves sophisticated on white tablecloths: antipasti, salad, fresh pasta,

Colorado trout, veal Milanese, steak, and coveted pistachio gelato. 403 S Galena St, 970-920-7277, casatualifestyle.com/aspen **L, D, \$\$\$\$** 

Castle Creek Cafe AMERICAN

This above-average cafeteria's rotating daily soups (50+ a month; vegan options), salads, entrees, and smoothies draw locals for lunch and early dinner. In Aspen Valley Hospital, 401 Castle Creek Rd, 970-544-1156, aspenhospital.org/visitors/castle-creek-cafe **B, L, D, \$** 


Catch Steak AMERICAN

Aspen's New York-based steak and seafood emporium boasts "true" A5 Kobe beef, the highly marbled Japanese Wagyu, flown direct from Hyogo Prefecture; American cuts; and signature sushi rolls, plus a patio with Aspen Mountain views. 515 E Hopkins Ave, 970-452-8080, catchrestaurants.com **BR, D, \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Chica LATIN

Celebrity chef Lorena Garcia's slopeside restaurant with a sunny patio features the bold flavors of Latin America: ceviche, quesabirria empanadas, grilled meats and seafood, and showstopper desserts. 501 E Dean St, 970-900-6780, chicarestaurant.com/aspen **BR, L, D, \$\$\$\$** 

Clark's Aspen SEAFOOD

This light, bright mountain outpost of the popular Austin-based seafood spot offers oysters, crudo, fresh fish, lobster rolls, pan-roasted Black Angus burgers with shoestring fries, and an impressive array of caviar and roe. Half-off burgers and martinis daily 3–5 p.m. 517 E Hyman Ave, 970-710-2546, clarksaspen.com **L, D, \$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

CP Burger FAST CASUAL

This counter-service eatery serves hand-formed burgers—beef, falafel, ahi tuna—as well as hot dogs, a legendary kale salad, spiked shakes, beer, and wine. 433 E Durant Ave, 970-925-3056, cpburger.com **L, D, \$–\$\$** 

The Crêpe Shack TO GO

Chef Mawa McQueen's authentic French crêpes (sweet and savory) are hearty enough for a handheld meal. 401 E Cooper Ave, thecrepeshack.com **L, D, \$\$** 

Duemani ITALIAN

Opened by the team behind Acquolina, this sleek eatery has expanded from Italian coastal cuisine (seafood crudo, grilled octopus) to include Mediterranean-spiced steaks, chops, and fish. Cool private dining in the wine room downstairs. 216 S Monarch St, 970-920-2555, duemaniaaspen.com **D, \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Element 47 NEW AMERICAN

If the Wine Spectator-awarded, 20,000-bottle wine cellar doesn't lure you in (private tours by request), perhaps house-made charcuterie, seasonal pastas, or cuts of Colorado Wagyu beef will. Outrageous desserts, too. In The Little Nell, 675 E Durant Ave, 970-920-6330, thelittlenell.com **B, BR, L, D, \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$** 

Ellina ITALIAN

Contemporary northern Italian fare (steaks, chops, fish, pasta, and the standout artichoke bruschetta) since 2009, plus a bar menu of overstuffed Mexican tacos. 430 E Hyman Ave

(downstairs), 970-925-2976, ellinaaspen.com
D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞ ☼

Felix Roasting Co
COFFEE

This Ken Fulk-designed cafe is a feast for the eyes and the palate, serving espresso drinks and spiced tonics with house-made nut milk and Hotel Jerome pastries. 103 S Mill St, felixroasting-co.com **B, \$\$-\$\$\$**

Francesca's Pasta Market & Empanadas
ITALIAN

In this tucked-away takeout joint, owner Martin Meineri packs a punch with hand-made pasta and sauce plus savory South American turnovers. 300A Airport Business Center, 970-274-9011 **B, L, D, \$-\$\$**

French Alpine Bistro – Crêperie du Village
FRENCH

Passersby follow the scent of melted cheese into this bistro styled as a European ski chalet (locally regarded as Aspen's "most romantic restaurant") and featuring fondue, French onion soup, escargots, baked gnocchi, a schnitzel Caesar, steak, crêpes, and wine for any budget. 400 E Hopkins Ave, 970-925-1566, frenchalpinebistro.com
L, D, \$\$\$ ☞ ☼

French Pastry Cafe
BAKERY/TO GO

This petit eatery turns out delectable baked goods as well as sandwiches, salads, panini, breakfast burritos, and phenomenal chicken tortilla soup. 111G Airport Business Center, 970-925-3569 **B, L, \$ ☼**

Gorsuch Ski Cafe
COFFEE

Sink into a fleecy lounge chair and savor espresso and pastries at this caffeine outpost within the famed ski shop. 555 E Durant Ave, 970-429-0104, gorsuchski-cafe.com **B, \$ ☼**

Grateful Deli
TO GO

A classic ski-town hole-in-the-wall deli with sandwiches, subs, panini, and salads. 233 E Main St, 970-925-6647, gratefuldelico.com **L, \$**

Hickory House Ribs
BARBECUE

For 40-plus years, the "Hick House" has been Aspen's go-to spot for big, affordable breakfasts and BBQ with all the fixings. 730 W Main St, 970-925-2313, hickoryhouseribs.com **B, BR, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☼**

Highlands Alehouse
AMERICAN

Featured on Guy Fieri's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, this ski-in hub feeds cravings for carnitas nachos, poutine, homemade mozzarella sticks, stacked burgers, sandwiches, salads, and pizza pies, no matter the season. 133 Prospector Rd, 970-920-3747, highlandsalehouse.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☼**

Home Team BBQ
BARBECUE

Onsite barbecue pits smoke everything from pork butt and racks of ribs to half chickens and wings; modern yet classic Southern comfort food (and frosty Gamechanger cocktails) fits every mood. In the Inn at Aspen, 38750 Hwy 82, 970-236-2040, hometeambbq.com
B, L, D, \$\$\$ ☼

Ink! Coffee
COFFEE/TO GO

Aspen's homegrown roaster also offers blended drinks, bagels, and breakfast burritos. 520 E Durant Ave, 970-544-0588, inkcoffee.com **B, \$ ☼**

J-Bar
AMERICAN

A Main Street staple since 1889, the Hotel Jerome's Wild West watering hole boasts the original Chinoiserie back bar—and one of the most loaded burgers in town. 330 E Main St, 970-429-7674, hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$**

Jing Aspen
ASIAN

Shanghai-born chef Frank Lu's gilded restaurant serves lovingly prepared Chinese dim sum and signature dishes including crackly Peking duck (roasted daily for several hours; must reserve in

advance). Full sushi bar and happy hour specials. 413 E Main St, 970-920-9988, jingrestaurant.com/aspen **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Jour de Fête
FRENCH/DELI

Locals frequent this family-owned French cafe for its bagel sandwiches and egg breakfasts, a hot bar, sandwiches and salads—all ideal picnic fare. 710 E Durant Ave, 970-925-5055, jourdefeteaspen.com **B, L, \$-\$\$ ☼**

Jüs Aspen
JUICE BAR/TO GO

Healthy pick-me-ups including fresh-pressed and organic juices, smoothies, wraps, and salads. In the Ute City Banque building, 501 E Hyman Ave, 970-710-7063, jusaspen.com **B, L, \$-\$\$**

Kenichi Aspen
ASIAN

A happening sushi bar and swank, atmospheric restaurant attract high-rollers and regular locals for specialties like tempura-fried Dynamite Shrimp, stone-seared appetizers, and Wagyu New York strip. 533 E Hopkins Ave, 970-920-2212, kenichiaspen.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞**

Las Montañas
MEXICAN

This bright cantina in the storied space formerly occupied by Jimmy's serves the best fajitas around, plus Tex-Mex tacos, tostadas, salads, and happy hour specials with Jimmy's famous margarita. 205 S Mill St, 970-429-5255, lasmontanasaspen.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Limelight Lounge
NEW AMERICAN

Aspen's "longest happy hour" haunt debuted a 2022 renovation (by New York City's Stonehill Taylor) serving wood-fired pizza, simple and rustic dishes, live music, cocktail flights from the Williams & Graham bar, and drink specials. In the Limelight Hotel, 355 S Monarch St, 970-925-3025, limelighthotel.com **D, \$\$-\$\$\$**

Little Ollie's
ASIAN

Jing chef-owner Frank Lu's menu covers all the classics: dim sum (Shang-

hai-style soup dumplings) to Szechuan dishes (kung pao chicken; mapo tofu) and a must-order Chinese hot pot simmered with flank steak, prawns, or pork belly (24-hour advance reservation required). 308 S Hunter St, 970-544-9888, littelliesaspen.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☼**

Living Room
NEW AMERICAN

Flaunting psychedelic style and a DJ booth shaped like a moon rock, the W Aspen's flagship lounge serves hearty comfort food with worldly flavors and happy hour specials. 709 E Durant Ave, 970-431-0800, waspenhotel.com **B, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☼**

The Living Room
NEW AMERICAN

Aspen's coziest spot for a toddy or a quiet repast by the fireplace is known for its comfortable couches, Old West relics, and a menu of cocktails and snacks served until 10 p.m. In the Hotel Jerome, 330 E Main St, 855-331-7213 ext 2, aubergeresorts.com/hoteljerome **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$**

Louis Swiss Bakery
BAKERY/TO GO

Ultra-flaky croissants, authentic sourdough breads, bagels, pastries, cookies, and cakes, plus breakfast burritos, empanadas, deli sandwiches and coffee, now operated by MML Hospitality (of Clark's Aspen, Las Montañas). 400 Airport Business Center, 970-925-8592, louisswiss.com **B, L, \$ ☼**

Madame Ushi
ASIAN

Ballers at this trendy Japanese steak house/sushi bar in a luxe setting (next to Gala nightclub) order the "She's Expensive" Chrome Hearts roll: A5 Wagyu, caviar, 24-karat gold leaf, and souvenir Chrome Hearts chopsticks. 415 E Hyman Ave, 970-516-7908, madameushiaspen.com **D, \$\$\$\$ ☞**

Matsuhisa Aspen
ASIAN

A guide star in sushi maestro Nobu Matsuhisa's restaurant galaxy since 1998 and housed in an old Victorian,

"Matsu" offers a casual upstairs lounge, with sushi bar and bar menu; downstairs, a decadence-fueled dining room with showpiece sushi bar and first-come bar seating. 303 E Main St, 970-544-6628, matsuhisarestaurants.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Mawa's Kitchen
AMERICAN/NEW WORLD

2022 James Beard Award-nominated chef (and Côte d'Ivoire native) Mawa McQueen cooks seasonal fare with French and global influences (and great gluten-free baked goods) and hosts visiting guest chefs. 305 Airport Business Center, 970-710-7096, mawaskitchen.com **B, BR, L, D, \$-\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Meat & Cheese Restaurant and Farm Shop
AMERICAN/MARKET

This hot spot showcases local charcuterie, cheese, seasonal produce, and gourmet dry goods, with lunch and dinner menus specializing in "boards" of rotisserie chicken, steak, or pork and tacos of the day. 301 E Hopkins Ave, 970-710-7120, meatcheese.avalancheaspen.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☼**

Mezzaluna Aspen
ITALIAN

Since 1987, Mezzaluna's wood-fired oven has kept the town sated with seafood, meats, pasta, and artisan pizza (including gluten-free versions). Savoring a glass of wine on the patio is a local rite of passage. 624 E Cooper Ave, 970-925-5882, mezzalunaaspen.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Mi Chola
MEXICAN

This bustling Mexican joint with edgy modern decor slings frothy margs and a wide menu of street food—soft tacos, chile rellenos, tamales, salads—gussied up with modern ingredients. 411 E Main St, 970-710-7076, mi-chola.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

The Monarch
AMERICAN

Styled after a London gents club, this steak house serves sophisticated cocktails, caviar, raw-bar favorites, a tableside Caesar, and,

of course, prime meats from bison and lamb to a tomahawk rib eye. 411 S Monarch St, 970-925-2838, monarchaspen.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Mountain Social
AMERICAN

Claiming to have birthed the Bloody Mary, the St. Regis signature version is the Downhill Snapper (amped up with house-infused dill and basil vodka), as well as craft cocktails and eats in this lobby lounge. In the St. Regis Aspen Resort, 315 E Dean St, 970-920-3300, stregisaspen.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☼**

New York Pizza
ITALIAN

Aspen's only late-night outlet for Big Apple-style slices with beer on tap, plus wings, a meatball sub, and salads, stays open until 2 a.m. Credit cards now accepted! 409 E Hyman Ave, 970-920-3088, nyp.pizza/aspen **L, D, \$-\$\$**

Oakberry
AÇAÍ/SMOOTHIES

Brazil's first US outpost specializes in açai bowls and smoothies with fresh fruit and nuts. Don't miss the peanut butter "crumbs" and extra-crunchy gluten-free granola. 616 E Hyman Ave, 720-331-8878, oakberry.com **B, L, \$**

Paradise Bakery
COFFEE/TO GO

Afternoons and evenings mean a line for ice cream and gelato; at other times, it's all about cookies, gooey brownies, muffins, and breakfast burritos. 320 S Galena St, 970-925-7585, paradisebakeryaspen.com **B, L, \$ ☼**

PARC Aspen
NEW AMERICAN

This new farmhouse restaurant (former home of L'Hostaria) has an upscale dining room, lively bar with separate menu, and full bakery. Executive Chef Mark Connell (The French Laundry) debuts signature Colorado striped bass, pot pies with homemade puff pastry, pierogis, refreshing salads, a stellar burger, and crispy potatoes-Anna-dupe "layered fries." Brunch monthly. 620 E Hyman Ave, 970-710-7448, parcaspen.com **BR, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$ ☞ ☼**

Pepperjack's Cafe

NEW AMERICAN

The winner of Soupskö! 2023 (tomato-basil soup + grilled cheese) presents charcuterie boards, sandwiches, salads (kale-quinoa, Caesar), flatbread pizza, and snacks like fried pickles, coconut shrimp, and Kobe beef sliders, plus full breakfast and Colorado craft beer, wine, and spirits. *In The Gant, 610 S West End St, 970-920-6046, gantaspen.com/pepperjacks-cafe* **B, L, \$\$\$** ☀️

Pine Creek Cookhouse

AMERICAN

Located past the Ashcroft ghost town, this Old West log cabin destination features alpine cuisine using local ingredients and mountain panoramas—it's a bucket list experience. Family-owned for 38 years, the dining room features a prix-fixe menu of wild game and Colorado produce; sit at the bar to order à la carte. *12500 Castle Creek Rd, 970-925-1044, pinecreek-cookhouse.com* **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☀️

Pintxos

WINE BAR

The former Bear Den is now a fancy wine bar serving pintxos (a Basque term for finger food, including calamari, clams, mussels and sea urchin bucatini) and planchas (grilled dishes including steak au poivre and seared lamb chops) paired with many selections (by the bottle and glass) of reds and whites from France, Italy, and of course, Spain. *301 E Hopkins Ave, 970-922-9218, pintxosaspen.com* **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☀️

Plato's Restaurant

NEW AMERICAN

Chef Rachel Saxton's beautifully composed plates of seasonal fare, floor-to-ceiling windows with views of three ski areas, sunset deck, and onsite garden make this one of Aspen's most beguiling restaurants. *In the Aspen Meadows Resort, 845 Meadows Rd, 970-544-7824, platosaspen.com* **B, L, D, \$\$\$\$** ☀️

Poppycock's

AMERICAN

Open since 1971, this family diner serves hearty breakfast all day (popular oatmeal-buttermilk pancakes, crêpes, French toast, eggs), plus sandwiches and salads. *665 E Cooper Ave, 970-925-1245, poppycocksaspen.com* **B, L, \$\$\$** ☀️

Prospect

NEW AMERICAN

Executive Chef Ross Kilkenny revamps the Hotel Jerome's flagship menu with hearty, sophisticated fare featuring seasonal ingredients, savored in the handsome dining room or shaded poolside courtyard. *In the Hotel Jerome, 330 E Main St, 970-429-7674, aubergeresorts.com/hoteljerome* **B, L, D, \$\$\$\$** ☀️

Pussyfoot Steeps

AMERICAN

From wings and pork green chile to burgers and street tacos, this affordable, sporty hideaway in AABC earns props from locals (and pilots cooling their jets). *316 Airport Business Center, Ste B, 970-429-4837, steepsaspen.com* **L, D, \$\$\$** ☀️

Red Fox Frozen Yogurt

DESSERT/TO GO

Build-your-own-sundae bar with three flavors of fro-yo and a daily sorbet. *401 E Hyman Ave, redfoxfrozenyogurt.com* **L, D, \$**

Red Mountain Grill

AMERICAN

This casual eatery perched on the Aspen Golf Course serves hearty comfort fare done right: burgers with sweet potato fries, seafood tacos, sandwiches, and daily specials. *1000 Truscott Pl, 970-544-6336, aspengolf.com/grill* **B, L, D, \$\$\$** ☀️

Rooftop Café

NEW AMERICAN

Enjoy a straight-ahead view of Aspen Mountain at this sanctuary atop the Shigeru Ban-designed Aspen Art Museum. The Farmer and Chef's revolving menu showcases local produce, plus espresso, tea, cocktails, wine, and craft beer. *637 E Hyman Ave, 970-925-8050, aspenartmuseum.org* **B, L, \$\$\$** ☀️

Roxy's Market & Cafe

DELI/MARKET

Workers flock to this grocery store cafe for deli sandwiches, soups, salads, and pizza. *119 Airport Business Center, 970-920-7699, roxysmarket.com* **L, \$\$\$** ☀️

Sant Ambroeus Coffee Bar Aspen

COFFEE

Plying Aspenites with Milanes coffee, pastries, and aperitivo in the mountains since spring 2023. *520 E Hyman Ave, santambroeus.com* **L, D, \$\$\$**

Silverpeak Grill

FAST CASUAL

Formerly known as 520 Grill, the dispensary-branded eatery still offers house-made bison, beef, and turkey burgers, tacos, and salads that make it a local favorite. *520 E Cooper Ave, 970-544-0035, silverpeakgrillcatering.com* **L, D, \$\$\$** ☀️

Spring Cafe

VEGETARIAN

Aspen's only 100 percent organic, vegetarian restaurant serves breakfast bowls, nutrient-packed salads, nourishing Mexi-Cali entrees, espresso drinks, fresh juices, and smoothies. *119 S Spring St, 970-429-8406, springcafe.org* **B, L, \$\$\$** ☀️

Steakhouse No. 316

AMERICAN

A historic mining cabin redone with a rich, romantic vibe, this standout since 2011 offers a bar menu with great wine, plus classics like a wedge salad, seafood plateau, and prime steaks. Save room for the colossal bread pudding! *316 E Hopkins Ave, 970-920-1893, steakhouse316.com* **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☀️

The Summer Lodge

ITALIAN

Seasonal Italian cuisine, caviar service, inventive cocktails, DJs, and live music from the team behind The Surf Lodge in Montauk, N.Y. (Called The Snow Lodge in winter.) See listing in Nightclubs & Tasting Rooms. *In the St. Regis Aspen Resort, 315 E Dean St, 970-429-9581, thesnowlodge.com* **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☀️

NIGHTCLUBS & TASTING ROOMS

Here's where to mix and mingle, whether it's sipping an artisan cocktail, catching a show, or throwing down on the dance floor.

ASPEN TAP

Aspen Brewing Company's friendly, no-frills tasting room pours the entire beer portfolio, plus barrel-aged, seasonal, and year-round specials, wine, and cocktails alongside a simple pub menu featuring thin-crust, sourdough pizza. *121 S Galena St, 970-710-2461, aspenbrewingco.com/aspen-tap*

BAD HARRIET

Imbibe in the former historic *Aspen Times* office-turned-sultry, subterranean speakeasy designed by Rowland + Broughton: signature cocktails and tasting flights, guest pop-ups, and an intimate private event space. *330 E Main St, 970-920-1000, aubergeresorts.com/hoteljerome*

BELLY UP ASPEN

Skidom's most epic music venue lives up to the hype: 450 GA and reserved spots, without a bad seat in the house. Updated lights and sound draw acts from rising stars to legends making rare club appearances (Snoop Dogg, Melissa Etheridge, Buddy Guy, Moby). *450 S Galena St, 970-544-9800, bellyupaspen.com*

CARIBOU CLUB

Aspen's legendary private restaurant and nightclub caters to the glitterati (and wannabes), with decor that's a mashup of English hunt club with antler chandeliers and Southwestern accents. Score an invite from a member, and glimpse the high life. *411 E Hopkins Ave (downstairs), 970-925-2929, caribouclub.com*

ESCOBAR

Fall down the rabbit hole into this neon-lit, airplane-fuselage bar when seeking morning-after regrets. House DJs, dance poles, bottle service, and lethal cocktails including those made with signature

Escobar vodka. *426 E Hyman Ave (downstairs), 970-414-0524, escobaraspen.com*

GALA ASPEN

Named for Salvador Dalí's wife-muse, sister to Gala Miami, and with a soundtrack curated by partner DJ Cedric Gervais, Aspen's newest ultra lounge boasts bottle service and a sound system four times more powerful than the next best setup in town. *415 E Hyman Ave (downstairs), 970-516-7908, galaaspen.com*

HERE HOUSE

The "radically local" membership club and workspace offers benefits including espresso beverages from locally roasted beans, wine, beer, cocktails, and seasonal, chef-curated dishes, with reciprocity at similar venues around the world. *614 E Cooper Ave, 970-710-7855, herehouse.club*

HOOCH

Follow the sound of hip hop to this low-lit lair with exposed brick, barnwood, couches, and chandeliers galore, then sip expertly poured cocktails blending house-infused spirits. Beer, wine, and draft shots of Fernet Branca, too. *301 E Hopkins Ave (downstairs), 970-710-7275, hoochaspen.com*

MARBLE DISTILLING CO

Small-batch spirits made using Colorado grains and Crystal River water, filtered through marble from a nearby quarry and served in the distillery inn's bustling tasting room. Try new watermelon- or rose-infused vodka/gin specialty cocktails and Colorado craft beer and wine. *150 Main St, Carbondale, 970-963-7008, marbledistilling.com*

SILVER CITY MOUNTAIN SALOON

A true local's watering hole in the 1891 Elks Lodge basement with subtle country flair, a stage for live music, flatscreen TVs, whiskey and tequila cocktails, and a pool table in the back. *220 S Galena Ave (downstairs), 970-233-0030, silvercityaspen.com*

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

Sidele up to a functional, A-frame chalet sculpture (by Los Angeles artist Adam Stamp, who also created napkins, matchbooks, and bartender uniforms) atop the Aspen Art Museum's Rooftop Café. *637 E Hyman Ave (upstairs), 970-925-8050, aspenartmuseum.org*

THE SUMMER LODGE

Sister to The Surf Lodge of Montauk, N.Y., and dubbed The Snow Lodge in winter, this Insta-famous restaurant and lounge showcases modern Italian fare plus a stream of buzzy DJs and live musicians. *315 E Dean St, 970-429-9581, thesnowlodge.com*

WOODY CREEK DISTILLERS

Based in Basalt, this family distillery makes its award-winning vodka from organic potatoes grown in nearby Woody Creek and produces Colorado grain-sourced whiskey and gin. Try them all in excellent seasonal cocktails. *60 Sunset Dr, Basalt, 970-279-5110, woodycreekdistillers.com*

THE STERLING

The fourth iteration of Bootsy Bellows in a fresh location. The ultra lounge and private event venue has ample velvet banquettes and couches, bottle service, DJs and live music on the reg. *301 E Hopkins Ave (downstairs), 970-813-0977, thesterlingaspen.com*

Tiki Mana Big Bowl Noodles

ASIAN
Escape to Hawaii at this low-key spot serving tiki apps, poke rice bowls, hearty ramen soups, and tropical drinks. 300 Puppy Smith St, 970-710-2381, tikimanarestaurants.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Unravel Coffee + Bar

COFFEE
Sustainably sourced and house-roasted coffee; organic, farm-fresh fare and baked goods; and “artisan pocket snacks” for the trail. Coming soon: a membership-based coworking space, club, and adjacent restaurant. 315 E Hyman Ave, 970-425-0644, unravel.coffee **B, L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Velvet Buck

AMERICAN
Renovated in spring 2023, the St. Regis flagship restaurant has a new chef and menu of mountain fare, and 30+ kinds of whiskey. In the St. Regis Aspen Resort, 315 E Dean St, 970-429-9644, stregisaspen.com **B, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

White House Tavern

NEW AMERICAN
At this always-packed eatery in the historic A.G. Sheppard House, order the ever-popular crispy chicken sandwich, French dip, or kale salad with peanut dressing. 302 E Hopkins Ave, 970-925-1007, aspenwhitehouse.com **L, D, \$-\$\$** ☼

The Wild Fig

MEDITERRANEAN
Not gone, now next door: The 20-year-old favorite gets a larger location, revamped in chic CP Restaurant Group style (opening summer 2023). Find the same beloved European dishes (whole grilled fish, steak frites, nightly risotto), plus a fab wine list and familiar faces stoking the Wild Fig vibe. 305 S Mill St, 970-925-5160, thewildfig.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Willow Creek Bistro

AMERICAN
An upscale yet family-friendly hotel dining room at the base of Aspen Highlands features gourmet comfort fare. In the Ritz-Carlton Club, Aspen Highlands, 970-429-2327, ritzcrltonclub.com **B, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Woody Creek Tavern

AMERICAN/MEXICAN
The former hangout of the late Hunter S. Thompson, updated by CP Restaurant Group (Steakhouse No. 316, The Monarch, CP Burger). Must-have menu items: Cast-iron

skillet nachos, burgers, enchiladas, chicken *estofado*, and daily specials, plus oysters and Spanish marinated seafood. 2858 Upper River Rd, 970-923-4585, woodycreekavern.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Zane’s Tavern

AMERICAN
One of Aspen’s few remaining dive bars, with delish cheap eats: burgers, wings, tater tots, cheesesteaks, authentic tacos and flautas, sandwiches, salads, and happy hour drink specials. The Cheesesteak Eggrolls are a local treasure. 308 S Hunter St, 970-544-9263, zanestavern.com **L, D, \$**

BASALT/ EL JEBEL

Breakfast in America

AMERICAN
A lovely hole-in-the-wall frequented by locals for horseshoe dining around the grill. Must try: house-made raspberry jam and chipotle hot sauce. 58 El Jebel Rd, 970-963-2739, breakfastinamerica.com **B, L, \$**

Brick Pony Pub

AMERICAN
A neighborhood pub in a 19th-century building with tasty, booze-friendly fare: wood-fired pizza, a juicy chicken-avocado sandwich, sweet potato fries with apple-cider syrup, and burgers made with local Crystal River Meats grass-fed beef. 202 Midland Ave, 970-279-5021, facebook.com/BrickPony **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** (*no patio this summer, road under construction)

Bull + Buck

NEW AMERICAN
Dine on elevated comfort fare in a cool dining room surrounded by taxidermy; full bar boasts 40+ bourbons and happy hour specials. 305 Gold Rivers Ct, 970-279-5174, bulldandbuckbasalt.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Butch’s Lobster Shack

SEAFOOD
New Englander Butch Darden has been slinging shellfish locally since 1979 (at Aspen’s The Tippler). Open early June–October, his outdoor outlet serves only fresh catch (oysters, shrimp, clams, soft shell crab, lobster rolls, fish and chips) all day. 144 Midland Ave, 970-279-5376, facebook.com/butchlobstershack **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$**

Café Bernard

FRENCH
This sweet, cozy nook in an historic building turns out satisfying egg dishes, sandwiches on house-baked bread, and rustic dinner like calf’s liver and trout amandine. 200 Midland Ave, 970-927-4292, facebook.com/cafebernardbasalt **B, L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Capitol Creek Brewery

GASTROPUB
The action at this industrial-chic watering hole revolves around an in-house brewery and full bar, plus guest beer, cider, seltzer, and wine. Upscale pub fare includes tacos, salads, sandwiches, hearty bison meatloaf, and ruby trout. 371 Market St, Willits Town Center, 970-279-5723, capitolcreekbrewery.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

Casa Tequila

MEXICAN
South-of-the-border classics made extra spicy, if you like, and frothy margaritas in a colorful, family-friendly cantina. 64 El Jebel Rd, 970-340-4276, mexicanrestaurantcasatequila.business.site **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

CC’s Cafe

AMERICAN
Old Basalt’s social nexus is known for its espresso, tea, breakfast egg sandwiches, burritos, an açai bowl, and steel-cut oatmeal. At lunch: melty panini, avocado toast, and ingredient-packed salads. 104 Midland Ave, 970-279-5527, facebook.com/ccscafe **B, L, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Craft Coffee House

AMERICAN
Classic coffeehouse vibes with eclectic furnishings, guitars, a strong cuppa, and house-baked goods and small bites. Closed Wednesday. 160 Midland Ave **B, L, \$-\$\$**

El Korita

MEXICAN
A popular family cantina for 20+ years specializing in seafood and margaritas, plus a large menu of homestyle Nayarit specialties. 251 Harris St, Willits Town Center, 970-277-4500, elkoritawillits.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Free Range Kitchen

NEW AMERICAN
Named “Best Restaurant Basalt,” this chic eatery features creative, locally sourced fare: stellar charcuterie boards, loaded burgers, and complex entrees like vegetable curry, chili-glazed pork, and seared trout. Fried chicken Wednesdays and regular

live music. 22864 Two Rivers Rd, 970-279-5199, freerangebasalt.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Heather’s Savory Pies & Tapas Bar

AMERICAN
Known for its handmade pot pies, this beloved eatery and live music venue also offers tempting meat, fish, and veggie entrees; salads; cakes; and sweet pies, natch. 166 Midland Ave, 970-927-0151, heatherssavorypies.com **BR, L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Hominy Southern Kitchen

AMERICAN
Michelin-trained chef/owner Jake Burkhardt drew inspiration from his hometown (of Ooltewah, Tennessee) and a globe-trotting culinary resume (studies at Johnson and Wales University included an externship at Castello di Gabbiano in the Tuscany region of Italy) when he launched this gem in November 2022. House specialties include regional classics like Southern fried chicken (with a buttermilk biscuit, gravy and pickles), cornmeal-crusted catfish and the High Country Boil (Gulf shrimp, andouille sausage, and snow crab), but also Southern-accented delicacies adapted to please a more-refined palate, like country pork pàte and raw East Coast oysters with sorghum mignonette. 60 El Jebel Rd, 970-446-6469, hominysouthernkitchen.com **BR, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

Jaffa Kitchen

MIDDLE EASTERN/DELI
Flavors from the Israeli port city of Jaffa are on the menu here: hummus, tabbouleh, pita sandwiches (chicken shawarma, falafel, lamb gyro), and baked goods. 400 E Valley Rd, Unit G, 970-340-4981, jaffakitchen.com **B, L, D, \$-\$\$**

K’Gen Asian Cuisine

ASIAN
A diverse array of affordable Asian specialties from pho and Mongolian beef to salted-fish fried rice and sushi, in a laid-back atmosphere. 231 Harris St, Willits Town Center, 970-510-5956, kgenasiancuisine1.com **L, D, \$-\$\$** ☼

Los Cazadores

MEXICAN/AMERICAN
Family-friendly taqueria with a vast menu of breakfast items, burritos, molcajete, seafood, and meats plus burgers and subs (including the Trucker of Johnny McGuire’s fame). 60 El Jebel Rd, 970-510-5683, facebook.com/Loscazadoresmex **B, L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Mezzaluna Willits

ITALIAN
See Aspen listing. 941 E Valley Rd, Willits Town Center, 970-279-5258, mezzalunawillits.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Mod’s Thai House

ASIAN
Chef Manny Diaz brought Thai Week to Jimmy’s in Aspen; his quaint eatery with wife, Mod Chansri, serves authentic larb pork, noodle bowls, fish-of-the-day in red curry, and crispy duck spring rolls. 132 Midland Ave, 970-279-5760, modsthaihouse.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

New York Pizza

ITALIAN
See Aspen listing. 400 E Valley Rd, 970-963-6088, nyp.pizza/basalt **L, D, \$-\$\$**

Open Sesame Bagel Shop

BAKERY/TO GO
Freshly baked organic bagels, sandwiches, breads, pastries, and coffee; Saturday Bagel Club delivery. 20 Sunset Dr, 970-340-8525, opensesameorganicbagels.com **B, L, \$-\$\$**

Panaderia San Miguel

SALVADOREAN/ BAKERY
This popular bakery and micro-restaurant produces authentic pupusas and tamales among many Salvadoran specialties. 60 El Jebel Rd, 970-704-1291 **B, L, D, \$**

Scottie’s

AMERICAN
Its motto (“Good food, fast”) says it all: worker-favorite breakfast sandwiches, eggs, subs, and daily lunch specials (pork birria tacos, beef lasagna) prepared with love. 45 Duroux Ln, 970-927-9432, scottiesbasalt.com **B, L, \$**

Sundae

ICE CREAM
See Snowmass listing. 499 Market St, 970-279-4590, sundaeicecream.com **L, D, \$**

Sure Thing Burger

AMERICAN
Colorado beef and regional craft brews add up to A Sure Thing—some of the best burgers around (try the herbed turkey with caramelized onions and basil mayo), plus fries, sandwiches, new fresh salads, milkshakes, beer, and wine. 729 E Valley Rd, Willits Town Center, 970-279-5418, surethingburger.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Tempranillo MEDITERRANEAN

A magical garden mainstay since 2006, offering enchanting tapas, cheese and charcuterie, and flavorful entrees by the Madrid-born chef-owner. 165 Midland Ave, 970-927-3342, tempranillorestaurant.com **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☺

Thai House Co & Sushi ASIAN

A happening eatery with authentic Thai dishes including family-recipe Momma Sang's curry, crispy rice, lettuce wraps, inventive sashimi, and specialty sushi rolls—get thee to THC! 60 El Jebel Rd, Ste 103, 970-340-4918, facebook.com/thcsushi **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☺

The Tipsy Trout AMERICAN

This casual diner with a deck along the Frying Pan River is favored by local and visiting fly-fishers. Find classic grill fare and healthy options like quinoa-kale salad, pan-seared salmon, and, of course, trout. 181 Basalt Center Circle, 970-927-9301, thetipsytrout.com **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

Two Rivers Cafe AMERICAN

Classic stick-to-your ribs weekday breakfasts like steak and eggs, omelets, and pancakes, plus burgers, sandwiches, and fish and chips in an unpretentious setting. 156 Midland Ave, 970-927-3348 **B, L, D, \$\$\$**

The Whole Empanada ARGENTINIAN/TO GO

Savory, palm-size Argentine pastries with house-made chimichurri and coffee. Stock up on frozen empanadas to take home, too. 31 Durox Ln, 970-948-4894, wholeempanada.com **B, L, \$**

Wienerstube GERMAN/AUSTRIAN

Conjuring the old Aspen favorite with much original decor, the "Stube 2.0 serves traditional Austrian and German fare like schnitzel, brats, spaetzle, and happy hour specials. 351 Market St, 970-279-5567, wienerstuberestaurant.com **BR, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☺

Zane's Tavern AMERICAN

See Aspen listing. 190 Robinson St, 970-279-2135, zanestavern.com **L, D, \$** ☺

CARBONDALE

450 Teppanyaki

ASIAN
A vast menu of Asian favorites including stir-fry, noodles, and sushi, with a hibachi bar and local-favorite lunch specials. In La Fontana, 568 Hwy 133, 970-510-5343, 450teppanyaki.business.site **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$**

Allegria

ITALIAN
Under new ownership since 2021, this Italian-French bistro continues to charm with classics: osso buco, Bolognese, schnitzel, lasagna, and filet carpaccio. Evolutions include a wasabi Caesar salad and escargots à la Bourguignonne. 335 Main St, 970-963-7316, allegriacarbondale.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

Brass Anvil

AMERICAN
Find stacked burgers, sandwiches, and salads midday; steaks, chops, and fish for dinner; and maple-glazed pork mac and cheese anytime, plus a full bar and bar menu. 348 Main St, 970-510-5794, brassanvilcarbonda.com **L, D, \$\$** ☺

Carbondale Beer Works

GASTROPUB
A downtown watering hole with house beers and guest taps since 2010. Enjoy pub snacks, sandwiches, power bowls, and plates of chicken-fried steak and chile rellenos until late. 647 Main St, 970-704-1216, carbondaalebeerworks.com **L, D, \$\$\$** ☺

Cocoa Club

CHOCOLATE/COFFEE
Opened in January 2023 by chocolatier-beekeeper Mark Burrows, this bright cafe serves Pollinator Chocolate bonbons and bars, Seattle's Broadcast coffee, and locally made pastries, biodynamic wines, and small bites. 786 Hwy 133, 970-340-4608, pollinatorchocolate.com **L, \$**

Dos Gringos Burritos

MEXICAN/AMERICAN
Since 2000, a mecca for Mexican burritos with homemade sauces and salsas, plus flautas, enchiladas, bagel sandwiches, big salads, smoothies, and coffee. 588 Hwy 133, 970-704-0788, dosgringosburritos.com **L, D, \$\$\$**

FatBelly Burgers

AMERICAN/TO GO
Owned by the Jacober family, which operates Crystal River Meats, this old-school roadside hamburger stand features local

grass-fed beef and lamb, plus a veggie burger, four salads with homemade dressing, hand-cut fries, and Boulder-based Glacier ice cream in cones and shakes. 220 Main St, 970-963-1569 **L, D, \$\$\$** ☺

The Goat

MEDITERRANEAN
From hummus and tabbouleh to pita sandwiches, lamb burgers, and blackened flatiron steak, the nourishing fare at this neighborhood eatery is fresh and local. 995 Cowen Dr, 970-963-4628, facebook.com/TheGoatKitchenBar **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$**

Granetta Panini

COFFEE/TO GO
Look for the circus wagon to grab creative pressed sandwiches on freshly baked bread, wraps, pastries, and coffee from Fiona and Sophia, Tue–Fri 8–11 a.m. 54 N 4th St, 970-230-2817, granetta.com **B, \$** ☺

Homestead Bar & Grill

AMERICAN
A 2022 Caggy Award winner for best food at a public golf course, this seasonal restaurant and bar with a stunning view of Mount Sopris serves shareable snacks, salads, hearty sandwiches and po' boys, and entrees including rib eye, Mediterranean salmon, and beer-battered fish and chips. 303 River Valley Ranch Rd, 970-963-6597, rvrgolf.com/homestead-bar-grill **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

Honey Butter

AMERICAN
Fried chicken and waffles, biscuits and gravy, Southern sandwiches and salads, breakfast all day, beer, wine, cocktails, and milkshakes galore in the revamped Red Rock Diner. 155 Hwy 133, 970-963-7260, honeybutterdiner.com **B, L, \$\$\$**

Izakaya Carbondale

ASIAN
The larger, more casual sibling of Kenichi Aspen emphasizes Japanese pub fare and homestyle cooking (hot pot, skewers, pork buns, curry, ramen) with a full sushi bar and tatami room. 225 Main St, 970-340-4225, izakaya-carbondale.business.site **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

La Fogata Restaurant

SALVADOREAN
Authentic corn pupusas, ceviche, and Central American breakfast specialties, plus tacos, burritos, and grilled meats and fish at this family-run operation since 2000. 995 Cowen Dr, 970-510-5151, la-fogata-restaurant-restaurant.business.site **B, L, D, \$\$\$**

La Raza MEXICAN

New to the former Mi Casita space on Main Street: A modern Mexican eatery by the owners of Aspen's Mi Chola and Guadalupe native chef Rigo Vasquez serving killer margs and specialties from Yucatan-style barbecued pork to exquisite mole (the recipe is the chef's grandmother's). 580 Main St, 970-963-5866 **L, D, \$\$\$**

Ming's Cafe

ASIAN
A longtime local favorite for classic Chinese, Thai, and Japanese dishes; sashimi and signature sushi rolls; and lunchtime bento boxes. 934 Hwy 133, 970-340-4941, carbondaale.mingsrestaurants.com **L, D, \$\$\$**

New York Pizza

ITALIAN
See Aspen listing. 901 Hwy 133, 970-510-5812, nyp.pizza/carbondale.com **L, D, \$\$\$**

Peppino's Pizza

ITALIAN
Since 1983, teens (and in-the-know adults) have haunted this no-frills pizzeria for affordable slices, calzones, Stromboli, salads, subs, and soft-serve ice cream. 524 Main St, 970-963-2993, peppinospizzacarbondale.com **L, D, \$\$\$**

Phat Thai

ASIAN
Originally opened by local legend chef Mark Fischer, this perennially popular, casually hip Southeast Asian restaurant and bar serves delectably untraditional fare: red duck curry, kimchi ramen, Thai fried chicken, and five-spice spare-ribs. 343 Main St, 970-963-7001, phatthai.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

Plosky's Deli

AMERICAN/BAKERY
This year-old Jewish-American deli and butcher shop specializes in freshly baked New York–style bagels with schmear, matzo ball soup, and Reubens, plus creative sandwiches, salads, and vegetarian "corned broccoli," cured root-vegetable "pastrami," and carrot "lox." Full coffee bar and bakery offering sweets and prepared foods (latkes, kugel). 1201 Main St, 970-205-9733, ploskysdeli.com **B, L, \$\$\$**

Propaganda Pie

ITALIAN
On the main drag in the hamlet of Redstone, this rock-and-roll roadside beloved by bikers serves luscious Detroit-style deep-dish pizza, salads, wings, subs, and baked pasta with beer, wine, and cocktails. 467 Redstone Blvd, Redstone, 970-963-9515, propagandapie.com **L, D, \$\$\$** ☺

Silo AMERICAN

Closed since late 2022, this farm-to-table eatery by celebrated chef/owner Lacy Hughes reopened May 1. Breakfast all day now features à la carte items (like duck eggs any style); the lunch Cubano returns, plus other sandwiches, a burger, and daily soup and salad. Don't skip the bread—it's baked in-house. 1909 Dolores Way, 970-963-1909, silocarbondale.com **B, L, \$\$\$**

Slow Groovin' BBQ

BARBECUE
Since 2013, this out-of-the-way barbecue joint (in Marble, 29 miles north of Carbondale) has been worth the jaunt for expertly smoked meats, Southern sides, salads, sandwiches, wings, and refreshing libations, plus live music every Friday evening, May 1 to October 31. 101 W 1st St, Marble, 970-963-4090, slowgroovinbbq.com **L, D, \$\$\$** ☺

Tiny Pine Bistro

AMERICAN
Charming house-turned-farm-to-table bistro with inventive fare, multiple fresh pastas, Champagne happy hour, desserts worth lingering over, and quaint backyard seating. 968 Main St, 970-340-4471, tinypinebistro.com **D, \$\$\$** ☺

Tortilleria La Roca

MEXICAN/MARKET
The most authentic hand-rolled tortillas (and corn chips) in the valley, plus tacos, bread, meat, cheese, chiles, and Mexican pastries. 780 Hwy 133, 970-963-8711 **L, D, \$**

True Nature Healing Arts Cafe

VEGETARIAN/TO GO
Produce-rich soups and salads, baked goods, smoothies, tea, and coffee in a chill setting—visit the Peace Garden and stone labyrinth path out back. 100 N 3rd St, 970-963-9900, truenaturehealingarts.com **B, L, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☺

Tuesday Foods

VEGETARIAN/TO GO
The plant-based, organic meal-delivery service's new takeaway counter sells freshly prepared vegan food, smoothies, and juices. 1150 Hwy 133, 970-279-5054, tuesdayfoods.co **B, L, \$\$\$-\$\$\$**

Valley Meats La Carniceria

MEXICAN/MARKET
Family-owned butcher shop, grocer, and taqueria since 1998, serving tacos, burritos, tortas, menudo, and more. 774 Hwy 133, 970-704-9614, facebook.com/valleymeats **L, D, \$\$\$**

Village Smithy

AMERICAN

A Carbondale institution since 1975, the Smithy showcases hearty fare ranging from indulgent (cheese blintzes, egg Bennies, homemade pie) to healthy (tofu scramble, grilled veggie salad). 26 S 3rd St, 970-963-9990, village-smithy.com **B, BR, L, \$-\$\$** ☼

White House Pizza

ITALIAN/AMERICAN

"Where pizza snobs and beer geeks rejoice" since 1997. Find an enormous menu of pizza, pasta, soup, salad, and pub grub, plus happy hour bar specials and live music Wednesday nights. 801 Main Ct, 970-704-9400, white-housepizza.com **D, \$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

SNOWMASS VILLAGE

The Artisan

NEW AMERICAN

Seasonal menus at this local-friendly brasserie showcase snacks, burgers (Monday night \$25 burger + beer), salads, and entrees (Colorado trout, elk Bolognese). Magician Doc Eason performs in the bar Thursdays (June–September). In the Stonebridge Inn, 300 Carriage Way, 970-923-2427, stonebridgeinn.com **B, D, \$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Aurum Food & Wine

NEW AMERICAN

Nosh on killer bites (nachos, Korean fried chicken, French onion burger, brussels sprouts), plus composed dishes (duck breast, scallops, steaks) and fab cocktails and mocktails at this slope-side happy hour oasis imported from Steamboat and Breckenridge. Base Village, 110 Carriage Way, 970-429-4906, aurumspensnowmass.com **L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Base Camp Bar & Grill

AMERICAN

This popular happy hour destination has deck views of Fanny Hill and casual fare for sharing: nachos and wings, salads, burgers, and sandwiches. Base Village, 73 Wood Rd, 970-923-6000, base-campsnowmass.com **L, D, \$\$** ☼

Big Hoss Grill

BARBECUE/AMERICAN

Fast, family-friendly, and with a stage for live music, this eatery serves breakfast classics, burgers, pasta, surf 'n' turf and barbecue with all the fixings. Snowmass Mall, 45 Village Sq (upstairs), 970-923-2597, bighosgrill.com **B, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

The Crêpe Shack

TO GO

Chef Mawa McQueen's authentic French crêpes (sweet and savory) are hearty enough for a handheld meal. Choose from three batters, including a gluten-free, vegan option. Base Village, 970-452-2137, thecrepeshack.com **L, D, \$\$\$** ☼

Daly Diner

AMERICAN

Classic breakfast—eggs Benedict, biscuits and gravy, cheesy grits—as well as hearty salads, sandwiches, Canadian-favorite poutine, and a \$6 happy hour menu. Snowmass Center, 16 Kearns Rd, 970-429-4037, dalydiner.com **B, L, D \$\$\$**

The Edge Restaurant & Bar

EUROPEAN

Chef Jason DeBacker showcases German, Swiss, and Austrian high-altitude fare like house-made pretzels, goulash, various wursts, fondue, and schnitzel, all to enjoy slope-side. In the Timberline Condominiums, 690 Carriage Way, 970-923-4004, theedgesnowmass.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

First Chair

COFFEE/CAFE

This independent cafe below the Viewline Resort pairs house-made pastries, sandwiches, soups, and salads with coffee and cocoa. Snowmass Mall, 100 Elbert Ln, 970-923-8200 **B, L, \$-\$\$**

Fuel Cafe

COFFEE/AMERICAN

Local-adored breakfast burritos since 2005, plus bagels, panini, wraps, tacos, smoothies, and espresso drinks. Snowmass Mall, 45 Village Run Circle, 970-923-0091 **B, L, \$-\$\$** ☼

Grub Thai

ASIAN

Noodles, soups, stir-fry, curry and fried rice prepared by Thai chefs and served in a tiny, teak-lined dining room. 11 Snowmass Mall, 970-923-9558, grubthai.xyz **L, D, \$\$\$** ☼

Il Poggio

ITALIAN

An Italian sanctuary of 20+ years, serving pizza from the stone oven, meat and fish entrees, and homemade pasta (try the sweet potato-goat cheese ravioli with sage brown butter). Snowmass Mall, 57 Elbert Ln, 970-923-4292, ilpoggiorestaurant.com **D, \$\$\$** ☼

Jūs Snowmass

JUICE BAR/DELI

See Aspen listing. In the One Snowmass building, Base Village, 45 Wood Rd, 970-429-4927, jusaspen.com **B, L, \$-\$\$**

Kenichi Snowmass

ASIAN

See Aspen listing. Base Village, 110 Carriage Way, 970-429-8242, kenichiaspen.com/snowmass-menu **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Limelight Lounge

ITALIAN

See Aspen listing. In the Limelight Hotel, Base Village, 65 Wood Rd, 877-300-1878, limelighthotel.com **D, \$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

Little Mammoth Steakhouse

AMERICAN

A family steak house with European flair, serving surf-and-turf carpaccio to schnitzel, dry-aged steaks, seafood, and Rocky Mountain trout. In the Gateway Building, Snowmass Mall, 315 Carriage Way, 970-923-8892, littlemammothsteakhouse.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Mawita

A South African-inspired eatery by African-French chef Mawa McQueen, serving burritos, tortas, tacos, quesadillas, salads, burgers, and yucca fries with cocktails to match. In The Collective, Base Village, 49 Wood Rd, 970-592-8676, mawita.com **D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

New Belgium Ranger Station

AMERICAN

This popular New Belgium Brewing Company bar at the edge of Fanny Hill serves beer flights, wine and cocktails, plus house-baked pretzel rolls, nachos, sandwiches, a chili-cheese dog, ice cream sandwiches by The Dreamery, and s'mores kits for assembling by the fire pits. Snowmass Mall, 100 Elbert Ln, 970-236-6277, rangerstation.org **L, \$-\$\$** ☼

Pastore's Taste of Philly

AMERICAN/TO GO

A hut window hawking affordable East Coast grub: Philly cheesesteaks, Italian subs, burgers, pizza, cookies. Snowmass Mall, 16 Kearns Rd, 970-923-5711 **L, D, \$** ☼

The Ranch Cafe

AMERICAN

Set among the Anderson Ranch Arts Center artist studios, this homey cafeteria serves fresh salads, sandwiches, and light, seasonal fare. 5263 Owl Creek Rd, 970-923-3181, andersonranch.org **B, L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Slice of Italy

ITALIAN

A robust selection of specialty pizzas, flatbreads, calzones, pasta, and Italian snacks served in a casual setting since 2012. Base Village, 69 Wood Run Rd (upstairs), 970-923-2743, slicesnowmass.com **L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

Snowmass Lanes & Lounge

ITALIAN/AMERICAN

This modest bowling alley turns out excellent wood-fired pizzas, plus jalapeño poppers, burgers, and Philly cheesesteaks. Snowmass Mall, below Venga Venga, 105 Daly Ln, 970-429-8839, snowmasslanesandlounge.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$**

Stark's Alpine Grill

AMERICAN

The Viewline Resort Snowmass's signature restaurant delivers an eclectic mix, from pancakes to steak house classics. Snag a spot at the Lobby Bar and its three-level mountainside deck. 100 Elbert Ln, 970-923-8200, viewlineresortsnowmass.com **B, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$** ☼

The Stew Pot

AMERICAN

Find an extensive menu of home-made soups and chili at this oldest Snowmass eatery (since 1972), plus salads, sandwiches, and wraps. Snowmass Mall, 62 Elbert Ln, 970-923-2263, stewpotsnowmass.com **L, D, \$-\$\$** ☼

Sundae

ICE CREAM

The small-batch, cold-stone creamery from Glenwood Springs scoops artisan ice cream into homemade waffle cones, sundaes, and shakes. Base Village, 60 Carriage Way, 970-315-3488, sundaeicecream.com **L, D, \$** ☼

Taster's Pizza

ITALIAN

Pizza, pasta, wings, salads, and subs satisfy those in search of a quick, hearty bite. In the Snowmass Center, 16 Kearns Rd, 970-923-5250, tasterspizza.com **L, D, \$-\$\$**

The Tavern Kitchen & Bar

AMERICAN

Gastropub and music venue opening July 1 by the owners of Aspen Country by Harper & Hudson, featuring 24 beers on tap, a full bar, and pub fare plus tableside salads, steaks, desserts, cocktails, mocktails, and delivery. Snowmass Mall (upper level), 67 Elbert Lane, 970-429-8369, harpandhudco.com/tavern **B, BR, L, D, \$\$\$** ☼

Toro

LATIN

Prolific chef-restaurateur Richard Sandoval presents pan-Latin dishes with a twist in this spacious hotel restaurant with private dining room. Find small plates, steak house entrees, veggie options, and a top-notch selection of tequila-and mezcal-infused cocktails. In the Viceroy Snowmass, 130 Wood Rd, 970-923-8000, viceroyhotelsandresorts.com **B, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$** ☼

Venga Venga

MEXICAN

Richard Sandoval's slopeside cantina is the ultimate happy hour haunt, specializing in contemporary Mexican classics and margaritas. Fiesta Brunch monthly and regular live DJ. Snowmass Mall, 970-923-7777, eatvengavenga.com **L, D, \$-\$\$\$** ☼

Zane's Tavern

AMERICAN

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