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Checklist: Jackson Hole, Wyoming

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Jackson Hole is turning 50 this winter, and is celebrating its “golden anniversary” by opening 200 acres of new terrain and a brand new high-speed quad to service it all. If you’re a skier, this much fresh land at one of America’s most storied resorts is a big deal. Jackson Hole is often considered the toughest inbound skiing in the lower 48, with jaw-dropping expert terrain like Corbet’s Couloir setting it apart from the rest. Ski media heavy hitters Teton Gravity Research call Jackson Hole their home mountain, as do a number of pro skiers and boarders.

This new terrain, which has tons of intermediate slopes, also gives us mere mortals a brand new playground. And now is the time to go. Beyond the slopes, the resort and the town of Jackson are on fire with new restaurants, new hotels, and artisans that are redefining everything from whiskey to that Swiss Army knife in your pocket.

We picked eight adventures, classic and new, to help you make the most of Jackson on and off the slopes.



4. Get French at Rendezvous Bistro

This French-American [restaurant](#) helped usher in an era of fine dining in Jackson and the surrounding valley when it opened its doors 15 years ago, and it’s still the go-to for locals and tourists looking for a white tablecloth experience. You’ll be happy sticking to French classics like cassoulet, frog legs Provençal, and yes, the obligatory escargot, but don’t be scared to order something with origins that are closer to home, like the fried chicken or the chef’s choice of local beef, which comes from farms within a stone’s throw of the restaurant.