

Born to be Wild

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Awesome mountains and an endearing cowboy culture deliver an authentic American skiing experience at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The heart of the town is classic cowboy. There's a timber boardwalk out the front of the shops, just like you'd see in a scene from a John Wayne western. The Town Square is a pretty affair, decorated with an archway of antlers and fairy lights, and across from it is the aforementioned Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. The bar is famed for its country music and has had Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Hank Williams on stage. The shopping is good, with galleries, boutiques and gift stores with a western theme. The food is even better.



"Not so long ago, we had a bunch of crappy Chinese food in town, and that's about all," says Justin Henry, the director of operations for the Fine Dining Restaurant Group, which owns and operates several of Jackson's trendiest eateries. "Then a revolution started and new restaurants started springing up everywhere. It's now a real foodie destination."

The Fine Dining Restaurant Group's Q Roadhouse and Brewing Co is a good example of the new-wave of Jackson Hole's eateries. American favourites like organic fried chicken, shrimp and white-cheddar grits, tacos, and blackened catfish come out of the southern-style kitchen like hot cakes, washed down by craft beers that are brewed in-house. Cameron Diaz was in recently and ordered the fried chicken.

Where to Eat and Drink

- Q Roadhouse & Brewing Co: gjacksonhole.com
- The Kitchen: thekitchenjacksonhole.com
- Bin 22: bin22jacksonhole.com