

## WINTER

### Day 1

**Breakfast:** The portions come big and the food is homemade at the bustling **Sunshine Café**, where the popular Blue River Special, grilled ham, onions, bell peppers and tomatoes, scrambled eggs and a heaping serving of hash browns, hits the spot.

**Glide and Slide:** Nearly 10-kilometers of trails await at the **Silverthorne Nordic Center** which is free for all users and groomed regularly. Located at the Raven at Three Peaks Golf Club, the Nordic center's two courses, north and south, offer terrain for skiers of all abilities along with spectacular views and exhilarating twists and turns.

**Lunch:** Delight your taste buds and warm your core with a home made enchilada from **Fritangas**, an authentic Mexican eatery.

**Skate:** With a warming hut, restrooms, and awe-inspiring views, the ice-skating at **North Pond Park** is a great way to get outside in winter.

**Dinner:** Featuring views and al fresco dining along the Blue River, **Sauce on the Blue** offers signature pasta dishes like penne Gorgonzola and rigatoni and sausage, New York style pizza and an extensive wine list. Opened in July 2016, this new restaurant also showcases a green-built interior that's attained Green Globe certification with reclaimed and reused material.

### Day 2

**Breakfast:** Locals congregate at their favorite tables at **Red Buffalo Coffee**, an intimate, wood-hewn café filled with used books and local art. But you'll want your burrito and coffee to go because today's a ski day and you want to beat the crowds.

**Downhill, Colorado style:** Colorado's ski slopes are world-renowned, and for good reason. With average snowfalls of more than 300 inches and high peaks boasting open bowls, superlative tree skiing, extensive intermediate and beginner terrain and award-winning facilities, the resorts around Silverthorne beckon visitors from around the globe. Choose from **Arapahoe Basin, Keystone, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge, or Vail.**

**Après:** Skip the overpriced grub at the ski resorts and beeline back to Silverthorne's **Bakers' Brewery** for impeccable happy hour deals and a bowl of the signature green chile. Bakers' is a local's favorite and a point of Silverthorne pride.

## LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION

Visitors to Silverthorne have a range of lodging options, from the newly opened **Hampton Inn** to the **Blue River Campground**. With a variety of hotels, private home and condo rentals, and nearby public lands, we have lodging options for every budget. [Click here](#) for a comprehensive list of options.

[Summit Stage](#) provides free public transportation throughout Summit County, including to most ski areas, shopping centers, medical centers, and some residential areas. Visitors may also

appreciate having their own transportation, as some trailheads and other destinations are not served by public transportation.

**Airport Shuttles** Arriving by air? There are several shuttle services and private departures to choose from. [Summit Express](#) will deliver customers from Denver International Airport to all lodging locations in Silverthorne. Advanced reservations are required. [Colorado Mountain Express](#) offers free Wi-Fi and kids-half-off pricing and also travels from DIA to Silverthorne.

## SHOPPING AND DINING

### Shopping

Anchored by the popular Outlets at Silverthorne, the shopping experience here is unrivaled. With three villages and more than 50 shops, the outlet stores promise savings of up to 70 percent. Silverthorne also has specialty recreation shops for outdoor adventures like fishing and skiing. With Target and Murdoch's, you'll find everything you need once you arrive.

### Dining

In addition to well-loved, national brand restaurants, Silverthorne is home to a burgeoning restaurant scene. From craft beers to authentic ethnic eats, the options are growing and gaining rave reviews. Whether you're a foodie with a penchant for spice, and a baked goods aficionado, there is no shortage of options in Silverthorne. Here's a sampling.

[Bakers' Brewery](#) Opened in 2015 by brewmaster Cory Forster and Stephanie Sadler, this craft brewery and bakery combo regularly unveils select brews served with house-baked bread. The delicious food goes beyond traditional pub fare.

[Bamboo Garden](#) A cornerstone in Silverthorne, Bamboo Garden offers a modern take on classic Chinese cuisine, using high-quality, fresh ingredients.

[Blue Moon Baking Company](#) Come hungry. Serving traditional breakfasts like egg sandwiches and bagels and lox and a range of soups, salads and sandwiches for lunch, the Blue Moon Bakery's savory options hit the spot. But it's the bakery's pastries and cakes that will make you a customer for life.

[Carniceria La Perla](#) Come for the Chili Rellenos, stay for all the other delicious, authentic Mexican options on the menu at this popular, affordable diner.

[Fiesta Jalisco](#) Authentic Mexican food and locally owned, Fiesta Jalisco's extensive menu features classic dishes and killer margs.

[Fritangas](#) Delight your taste buds with the authentic flavors of Mexico City for breakfast, lunch or dinner. \$5.99 grab and go breakfast burritos are a local favorite!

[JJ Chinese Cuisine](#) Family owned and operated, JJs offers the finest in Chinese, Cantonese, and Mandarin Cuisine, featuring a lunch buffet and dinner table service.

[Mint Steaks and Seafood](#) Grill your own steaks and choose your sides and salads at this popular, family-friendly establishment.

[Mountain Lyon Café](#) Abundant portions, delicious food, and low prices are trademarks at this beloved café serving breakfast and lunch.

[Murphy's Food and Spirits](#) A vibrant Irish restaurant and pub, Murphy's brings together good cheer, good beer, and great food at affordable prices.

[Nepal Restaurant](#) Summit County's premier, family-owned Himalayan Restaurant offers a range of Indian and Tibetan cuisine. Entrees are served family style and are traditionally shared.

[Nick N Willy's](#) Grab a slice of gourmet 'za at the counter, or take a pre-made pizza to cook at home.

[Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks](#) The food is as sumptuous as the views at Raven, open for lunch daily, May through October. Raven also offers breakfast and dinner on weekends.

[Red Buffalo Coffee & Tea](#) Founded in 2010 with the intention to build community around excellent coffee, tea, and food, Red Buffalo is a must-visit. Serving some of the best coffee and tea in mountain country, delectable baked goods, and sandwiches, Red Buffalo always satisfies.

[Sauce on the Blue](#) Silverthorne's newest Italian restaurant serves up traditional pasta dishes and pizza that are as nourishing as the views of the Blue River and beyond.

[Sunshine Café](#) The portions come big and the food is homemade at this bustling breakfast and lunch spot. An excellent choice for fueling up before a big day of adventure.

## WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

With its awe-inspiring scenery and vibrant, friendly atmosphere, Silverthorne is the ideal location for your mountain wedding or special event. Indoors and out, we offer beautiful amenities at affordable rates. As a destination, Silverthorne offers your guests a range of experiences, from outdoor adventures to indoor shopping sprees. Best of all, our accessibility is unmatched. Located only an hour west of Denver and directly off of Interstate 70, Silverthorne is easy to get to. Once here, it's even easier to escape into our unique mountain lifestyle.

Venues include:

**The Pavilion:** A 12,000-square-foot gathering space near the banks of the Blue River, the Pavilion has two wedding sites: Riverside and North Lawn. The intimate **Riverside** ceremony site is surrounded by aspen trees and wildflowers on the banks of the Blue River and accommodates 125 guests. Larger parties will love the **North Lawn**, a beautiful, lush outdoor site with views of surrounding peaks. Because the town of Silverthorne owns and operates the Pavilion, we are able to keep rates affordable and competitive. For more information on the Pavilion, click here. [[INSERT HYPERLINK: <https://silverthornepavilion.com/resources-guide/>]]

[Sapphire Point](#) Located on the U.S. Forest Service property managed by the Dillon Ranger District, Sapphire Point overlooks Dillon Reservoir and the Tenmile Range. Reservations are required and can be made at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or by calling 877-444-6777.

[Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks](#) Luxury and views define weddings at the Raven Golf Club, which features on-site event planning staff and well-appointed reception and ceremony areas.

## **WEATHER AND HIGH ALTITUDE TIPS**

### **Weather**

Silverthorne is located at 8,730 feet above sea level. The weather can vary spectacularly here. It might be 70 degrees and sunny one minute and then a spring snowstorm rolls in. Pack plenty of layers, including an insulating fleece and a waterproof rain jacket for summer and warm outer layers for winter. Always bring a jacket, even in mid-summer. Hats are important for shade and sun protection, and the bright sun calls for sunglasses.

For more weather information, check out the Silverthorne weather forecast [here](#).

### **Life at Elevation**

Silverthorne's high altitude climate is arid and exposed, and visitors are susceptible to altitude sickness, sunburn, and dehydration. Follow these tips to protect yourself from the elements.

**Oxygenate.** Those canisters of oxygen you see in shops are not a joke. Taking a hit of oxygen when you're feeling winded or light-headed can help your body adjust to the high altitude.

**Drink up.** Water, that is. Staying hydrated counteracts the fluid loss caused by high altitude. Avoid caffeinated and sugary drinks, as these can act as diuretics and lead to dehydration.

**Alcohol in moderation.** Alcohol can inhibit your body's ability to absorb oxygen, so go easy on the booze.

**Wear sunscreen. Reapply frequently.** The thin air exacerbates the sun's strength and increases your exposure to UV and UVA rays. Apply sunscreen first thing in the morning and throughout the day to avoid painful sunburns.

**Go slow.** We know. You didn't come here to rest. You came here to charge into the mountains and rivers and adventures we all know and love. But do yourself a favor and ease into it while you adapt.

**Listen to your body.** If you experience severe headaches, nausea, or shortness of breath that isn't alleviated with sleep, hydration, or pain relievers, head to a lower elevation or seek medical attention. Remember that it takes time to acclimate and allow yourself a day or two to adjust.

For more information, check out these [resources](#).