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Where Can You Eat for Thanksgiving Dinner?

With the changing season, it can be challenging to figure out which restaurants are open and what hours for dining out in Moab. But do not despair, many of Moab's restaurants stay open year-round, but they do adjust

DINNER on Thanksgiving:

Arches Thai Open 11am-Close serving regular menu. Please call for reservations (435) 355-0533

Bangkok House Too Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro Open regular hours, serving their Sushi & Asian menu. (435) 355-0168

Canyon Steak and Waffle House Open 8am-4pm serving Breakfast Specials until Noon and Thanksgiving Day Dinner Specials from Noon-4pm. Traditional Turkey dinner, Pork Roast, Prime Rib Roast and Honey Glazed Wild Salmon served with traditional sides. Complimentary Relish Plate. For reservations call (435) 355-0119

Denny's Open 11am-6pm and serving a special Thanksgiving Dinner along with our regular fare. For reservations call 435-259-8839

Dewey's Restaurant & Bar Open for Thanksgiving. Open for appetizers and drinks 12pm. Offering a special Thanksgiving menu starting at 2pm. Special menu offering a traditional Thanksgiving dinner or choices of other popular entrees. Special to go box offerings for take home will also be available. Reservations are accepted for large parties. Please call for more information. 435-259-2337

El Charro Loco Mexican Grill Open 11am serving our regular menu along with Thanksgiving specials (435) 355-0854

Gilberto's Open 6am-2am. (435) 259-1678

Hidden Cuisine Open 8am-2pm serving Breakfast and Lunch from their regular menu (435) 259-7711

Indo Grill Open Noon- 9pm. (435) 355-0107

Ja-Roen Thai Sushi in Monticello Open 11am-9pm serving their regular menu (435) 587-4000

Josie Wyatt's Open 11am-8pm featuring several traditional menu items. Traditional Turkey & Gravy, Honey Baked Ham with Corn Bread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roasted Brussels Sprouts and Pumpkin or Apple pie for dessert. Call for reservations 435-355-0552 or email ted@josiewyattsgrille.com

their hours to meet public demand. Each month "Moab Happenings" endeavors to call around and update the restaurant guide to reflect this seasonal metamorphosis. This month we called around and as a service to those

Moab Brewery is open for it's 23rd annual Thanksgiving dinner! Open at Noon-2pm serving light appetizers in the bar. Seating 2-7:30pm for the restaurant. Offering a special Thanksgiving menu including a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Packaging Agency will also be open at Noon. You can get Moab Brewery beer and Moab Distillery vodka & gin to go! (435) 259-6333

Paninis Plus Open 11am-7pm on Thanksgiving Day serving regular menu (435) 704-2031

Quesadilla Mobillia Open 11am on Thanksgiving Day serving regular lunch menu. (435) 260-0289

Singha Thai Open on Thanksgiving Day serving regular lunch menu 11am-3pm and dinner 5-9:30pm

Sorrel River Grill Open Noon- 8pm with a special Thanksgiving Dinner. Reservations required. Check website for menu options at sorrelriver.com (435) 259-4642

Spitfire Open 5:30pm for their regular menu and a Smoked Turkey Special. (435) 259-2654

Sultan Mediterranean Grill Open Noon-9:30pm serving their regular menu (435) 355-0700

Sunset Grill This will be the 28th year the Sunset Grill has been serving our traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Open from 2:00-9:00pm, please call for reservations. (435) 259-7146. Free Shuttle Service (435) 259-7777

The Alley Sports Pub & Grill Open at 4pm for bowling and serving regular menu (435) 259-4748

The Spoke on Center Open 11am-9pm. (435) 260-7177

Thai Bella Open at 5pm serving regular menu. (435) 355-0555

Zax Open 4-8pm serving Thanksgiving Specials, Traditional Turkey dinner, Salmon, and Steak dinner. For reservations call (435) 259-6555

who would like to treat themselves, friends & families to Thanksgiving Dinner without the fuss of cooking and cleaning up after, here's a run-down of who is serving on this special day. **For more information, see the Restaurant Guide on pages 9-12A**

OPEN Thanksgiving: Coffee & more

Café Italiano Open 8am-3pm serving brewed espresso, iced coffee, paninis, fresh squeezed juices and smoothies with fresh fruits. Fast breakfast options. Using the joe.coffee app text 474747 and have your order waiting for you.

Moab Garage Company Open 8am-Noon serving specialty coffees along with pastries, breakfast and lunch specials (435) 554-8467

The Donut Shop Will be open 7:30-Close on Thanksgiving Day (435) 220-1302

Red Rock Bakery Open 7am-11am. (435) 259-5941

Snake Oil Coffee Open 7am-2pm. Serving fine coffee elixirs for all your ailments (435) 260-9535

Wicked Brew Open 6am-2pm espresso drive-thru serving organic & fair-trade fresh coffees and teas. (435) 259-0021

OPEN Thanksgiving: Markets

City Market Open 6am-4pm (435) 259-5181

Dave's Corner Market Open 7am-Close serving espressos and coffee. Largest selection of gourmet coffees in Southeastern Utah. Pick up any last-minute items you might have forgotten here. Call (435) 259-6999

Moab Kitchen Thanksgiving Pie Orders

Home-made love-filled pies mad by Chef Christina Sunshine and Ms. Cat of the varieties: Chocolate Cream, Apple, Pumpkin and Grape! Have orders in by Sunday and pick-up on Wednesday. To place your order call (603) 341-0957

T & H Corner Store Forget something? (435) 260-1785

Village Market Open 7am-Close (435) 259-3111

November is Talkin' Turkey Time

by Damian Fagan

Turkeys are synonymous with November and the Thanksgiving holiday. Though it is unknown if the original menu the Pilgrims feasted on included wild turkeys back in 1621, perhaps the first "Thanksgiving" in the New World, they did dine on "wild fowl" as recorded by Edward Winslow, primary author of *Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth*.

Prior to President Lincoln's establishment of a national Thanksgiving holiday in 1863, some of his predecessor presidents took the liberty to declare a Thanksgiving Day celebration. But the national holiday didn't really stick until Lincoln made it a national holiday. And of course, large family gatherings lent themselves to a large meal with a central star – the turkey.

Long before Lincoln and the Pilgrims, wild turkeys existed across the New World. In the American Southwest, archaeological excavations revealed these birds were domesticated over 2,000 years ago. Needing a source of feathers for robes or blankets and prayer sticks, what easier way existed then to collect feathers from cooped up birds. Interestingly, the birds were raised initially for their feathers and not as a food source, until around 900 A.D. when the taste for turkey became more prevalent in Puebloan society. This domestication concept is thought to have passed from the Aztecs northward into the Ancestral Puebloan culture.

Once widespread, wild turkey populations crashed with European settlement and westward expansion. By the 1930s, this majestic bird which once numbered an estimated 10 million across North America had been reduced to around 30,000 free-roaming birds. Efforts to staunch state declines at first failed because farm-raised turkeys had no idea how to survive in the wild. In the mid

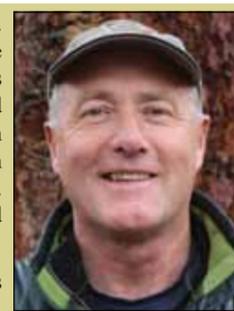


1950s, Herman "Duff" Holbrook of South Carolina, an avid outdoorsman, came up with the concept of trapping wild turkeys with a net cannon and then transferring these wild birds to new locations. Soon other states adopted his "trap and transfer" program to reestablish turkey populations.

Today, in Utah, there are two subspecies of wild turkeys which roam the state: the Merriam's and Rio Grande. Best separated by habitat, for the two subspecies are difficult to tell apart, the Merriam's is more a forest bird, roaming ponderosa pine woodlands while the Rio Grande subspecies is more a riparian inhabitant.

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Like domestic fowl, turkeys scratch the ground in search of nuts, berries, insects, and seeds. Their powerful gizzards can easily grind up Gambel's oak acorns or serviceberry fruits. The males, known as Toms or gobblers, average about 20 pounds in the wild while females, or hens, weigh around 10 pounds.



By November, flocks of turkeys include young birds that have survived their fledgling stage. Near constant calling keeps the birds alert and aware of predators. When alarmed, the birds run with surprising speed but can also fly short distances and seek safety perched on a tree limb.

These and other characteristics led Benjamin Franklin in the 1780s to pen a letter to his daughter expounding on the virtues of the wild turkey over those of the bald eagle – the national symbol of a fledgling nation. Franklin was impressed with the fortitude of the turkey over the "fish stealing" nature of the bald eagle, and that spirit lives on in the wild birds that roam the Canyon Country.

