

**BEST OF TREASURE VALLEY FOOD AND DRINK**

**BEST FRIES**

**BOISE FRY COMPANY**

111 Broadway Ave., Suite 111  
Boise, 495-3858  
www.boisefrycompany.com

Forever the Robin to the hamburger's Batman, the Scottie Pippen to its Michael Jordan, fries finally take center stage at Boise Fry Company.

For the oodles of readers who voted Boise Fry Company the best fries in the Treasure Valley, we wondered exactly which ones they were referring to.

Was it the Russet shoe-stringing fries? The purple Peruvian regular cuts? The Okinawa homestyle? Red lady curly fries? All of the above?

The options abound, and they don't stop with the fries themselves. You have nine different sauces to choose from, including curry pear catsup, blueberry catsup and sour Thai spicy fry sauce. Not to mention nine different seasonings and salts to sprinkle on top including vanilla, cinnamon and ginger, and jalapeno salt.

For the high-rollers, Boise Fry Company offers the ultimate experience: fries prepared in duck fat with truffle salt for \$8.

If you insist on a burg-

er to go with your fries ("on the side," as the restaurant says) you still have more choices to make: beef, bison or vegetarian.

You can also enjoy a beer with your fries.

Never been? Boise Fry Company is tucked inside a half-empty strip mall on Broadway Avenue near St. Luke's hospital. It's cozy, and the modern interior is well thought-out. It recently added a patio out back for warm-weather dining.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

- Five Guys Burgers & Fries, 1587 N. Milwaukee St., Boise, 658-4930, 2830 N. Eagle Road, Meridian, 288-2797, www.fiveguys.com
- McDonald's, multiple locations, www.mcdonalds.com
- Red Robin, multiple locations, www.redrobin.com
- Highlands Hollow Brewery, 2455 Harrison Hollow Lane, Boise, 343-6820, www.highlandshollow.com
- Smashburger, 8247 W. Franklin Road, Boise, 319-0090; 3223 E. Louise Drive, suite 100, Meridian, 319-0069, www.smashburger.com



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**BEST HAPPY HOUR**

**BARBACOA**

276 W. Bobwhite Court, Boise, 338-5000  
www.barbacoa-boise.com

Table-side guacamole! Yes, there are a lot of great happy hours out there with cheap drinks and eats. And yes, Barbacoa's happy hour rocks with two-for-one drinks — including its famous ice-tinis, martinis served in a glass made of ice — and great appetizers. But it's the guacamole (\$9) made to order at your table that really makes it special.

That, with a couple of ice-tinis brought one at a time right up until the end, and maybe some Kobe sliders (\$10), will definitely make you happy.

Barbacoa won this category in 2009 but was closed because of a fire that nearly leveled the building in 2010. Owner Robert Castoro reopened in January and hasn't looked

back, recreating his success as Boise's showplace dining experience.

Happy hour runs 4 to 6 p.m. daily with two-for-one drinks, and 10 p.m. to close with reduced-price drinks.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

- Pinnacle Sports Grill, 2902 N. Eagle Road, Meridian, 884-4400, www.pinnaclesportsgrill.com
- Murphy's Seafood & Steakhouse, 1555 Broadway Ave., Boise, 344-3691, www.murphysboise.com
- Cafe Ole Restaurant and Cantina, 404 S. 8th St., Boise, 344-3222; 210 N. Milwaukee St., 322-0222, Boise, www.cafeole.com
- Bonefish Grill, 855 W. Broad St., Boise, 433-1234, www.bonefishgrill.com
- Cottonwood Grille, 913 W. River St., 333-9800, Boise, www.cottonwoodgrille.com

**BEST ICE CREAM**

**DELSA'S ICE CREAM PARLOUR**

7923 W. Ustick Road, Boise, 377-3790

In the Delsa's of long ago, you could order a pecan ball — a gooey combination of sweets to tickle the tastebuds. So when the revived Delsa's opened a couple of years ago, the owners started getting requests for it. If you haven't tried one yet — a combination of ice cream, pecan and



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caramel or chocolate syrup — here's your chance.

Delsa's is a place made for memories — whether it is going for an ice cream after the game, taking that special someone to a special place to ask them to the prom, or grandparents taking their grandkids to the place they remember when they were younger.

The '50s-style decor with red and white vinyl booths and chrome-accented chairs and stools practically makes bobby sox required wearing.

But don't forget the homemade ice cream. Rocky Road and chocolate are the favorites, says Tiffany Cushing, one of the owners.

And leave room for the pecan ball.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

- Cold Stone Creamery, 1400 N. Eagle Road, Meridian, 895-8336; 664 S. Rivershore, Eagle, 939-2661; 1238 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, 467-3375, www.coldstonecreamery.com
- Goody's Soda Fountain & Candy, 1502 N. 13th St., Boise, 367-0020
- U Swirl, 8184 W. Overland Road, Boise, 376-6464; 3319 N. Eagle Road, Meridian, 514-2542, www.u-swirl.com
- Ben and Jerry's, 103 N. 10th St., Boise, 342-1992, www.benjerry.com
- TCBY, multiple locations, www.tcbby.com

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