

# The North Shore's Favorite Restaurants

Northern Wilds readers know where to satisfy their wide-ranging appetites. This year, about 500 people voted in our annual Reader's Choice Restaurant Awards. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the restaurants who promoted the contest to their customers.



## 2018 Winners

### Which restaurant has the best:

#### Appetizers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Voyageur Brewing Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cascade Lodge Restaurant & Pub

#### Steak:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harbor House Grille
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Crooked Spoon Café
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bluefin Grille

#### Burger:

- 1<sup>st</sup> My Sister's Place
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trail Center
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wunderbar Eatery

#### Fish:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angry Trout
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dockside Fish Market
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Waters Smokehaus

#### Pizza:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sven & Ole's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> My Sister's Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney's Frozen Custard

#### Soup:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cook County Whole Foods Co-op
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Crooked Spoon Café
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vanilla Bean Restaurant

#### Salad:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angry Trout
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanilla Bean Restaurant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern

#### Breakfast:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cascade Lodge Restaurant & Pub
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Water Café
- 3<sup>rd</sup> South of the Border

#### Baked Goods:

- 1<sup>st</sup> World's Best Donuts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coho Café & Bakery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rustic Inn

#### Sweets:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gunflint Mercantile
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coho Café & Bakery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> World's Best Donuts

#### Coffee:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Java Moose
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cedar Coffee Company
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fika Coffee

#### Wine:

- 1<sup>st</sup> North Shore Winery
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Crooked Spoon Café
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lutsen Resort

#### Cocktails:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Water Lounge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grandma Ray's

#### Beer Selection:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Voyageur Brewing Co.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 West Taphouse

#### Regional Craft Beer:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Voyageur Brewing Co.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Danger Brewery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern

#### Happy Hour:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cascade Lodge Restaurant & Pub
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wunderbar Eatery
- 3<sup>rd</sup> TIE: Gun Flint Tavern & Black Woods Grill & Bar

#### Music Venue:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Papa Charlie's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wunderbar Eatery

#### Fine Dining:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Crooked Spoon Café
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bluefin Grille
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lutsen Resort

#### Artistic Flair from the Chef:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Crooked Spoon Café
- 2<sup>nd</sup> New Scenic Café
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harbor House Grille

#### Use of Regional Ingredients:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Angry Trout
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Duluth Grill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Crooked Spoon Café

#### Ethnic Fare:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hughie's Taco House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> India Palace

#### Northwoods Character:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trail Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> My Sister's Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cascade Lodge Restaurant & Pub

#### View:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bluefin Grille
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Angry Trout
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney's Frozen Custard

#### Worth the Drive:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trail Center
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Naniboujou
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trestle Inn

#### Kid-Friendly Menu:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dairy Queen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> My Sister's Place
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue Water Café

#### Vegetarian-Friendly:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Duluth Grill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun Flint Tavern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> At Sara's Table Chester Creek Café

#### Server/Bartender:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sara Tate: Blue Water
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sevgi Akinci: Blue Water
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kia Pusc: Trail Center

#### Speedy Service:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hughie's Taco House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dairy Queen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> TIE: Blue Water Café & My Sister's Place

#### Take-Out:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hughie's Taco House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sven & Ole's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> My Sister's Place