

Colorado

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Fodor's

A photograph of a herd of brown horses running across a green field. The horses are in motion, with their manes and tails flowing. The background is a soft-focus landscape.

**PULLOUT
MAP INSIDE**

a rarity in low-key Winter Park. The cellar full of fine vintages is a labor of love for Deno, the powerhouse behind the restaurant. The menu he's put together is just as imaginative, with everything from double-cut pork chops to grilled trout to the best burgers in town. Everything is expertly prepared and served by friendly staffers who really know their stuff.

☎ 78911 U.S. 40 ☎ 970/726-5332 ☰ AE, D, MC, V.

\$-\$\$\$ **☒ Gasthaus Eichler.** Antler chandeliers cast a cheery glow as Strauss waltzes lilt softly in the background at this quaint little guesthouse. Here you'll find two of Winter Park's most romantic dining spots (\$\$-\$\$\$): Fondue Stube, where dinner and dessert fondues bubble, and Dezeley's, where veal and other meats are grilled to perfection. The cozy guest rooms charm you with their lace curtains, wooden armoires, and beds piled high with down comforters. ☎ 78786 U.S. 40, 80482 ☎ 970/726-5133 or 800/543-3899 🌐 www.gasthauseichler.com ↗ 15 rooms ♡ 2 restaurants, in-room hot tubs, cable TV ☰ AE, MC, V 📶 BP and MAP.

\$-\$\$ **☒ Peck House.** A 45-minute drive from Winter Park, this red-roofed inn is Colorado's oldest continually operating hostelry. The barnlike structure was built in 1860 as a boardinghouse for wealthy mine investors. The dining room (\$\$\$) is crammed with period antiques, including tinted lithographs and etched-glass shades for the gas lamps that once hung in the state capitol. Game is the house specialty: expertly prepared quail and venison (perfect with the hearty cabernet sauce) are among the standouts. A Sunday brunch is served in July and August. The charming rooms (with hot tubs) are a wash in Victorian splendor. The inn is on U.S. 40, 2 mi north of I-70. 📠 Box 428, Empire 80438 ☎ 303/569-9870 ☎ 303/569-2743 🌐 www.thepeckhouse.com ↗ 11 rooms, 10 with bath ♡ Restaurant, in-room hot tubs; no room phones, no room TVs, no smoking ☰ AE, D, DC, MC, V 📶 BP.

★ \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ **☒ Wild Horse Inn.** Tucked into the woods on the way to Devil's Thumb Ranch, this rustic retreat is a bit off the beaten path. Your reward, however, is complete relaxation. The lodge rooms, many with beamed ceilings and four-poster beds, have private balconies overlooking the forest; breakfast—perhaps peach-and-pecan pancakes or an apple, bacon, and brie frittata—is served in the handsome lodge or in bed. The secluded cabins—stylish, not rustic—have a fireplace and small kitchenette. Best of all, after an exhausting day of skiing you can book an hour with the on-site massage therapist. ☎ 1536 County Rd. 83, 80482 ☎ 970/726-0456 🌐 www.wildhorseinncolorado.com ↗ 7 rooms, 3 cabins ♡ Dining room, hot tub, massage, sauna; no kids under 13 ☰ AE, D, DC, MC, V 📶 BP.

\$\$-\$\$\$\$ **☒ Iron Horse Resort.** On the banks of the Fraser River, this was the first ski-in ski-out facility in Winter Park. From the fifth floor you can ski about three blocks right into a Winter Park lift line. Guests who return year after year keep the condominium complex among the most popular lodgings in the area. The studios are perfect for couples, and the one- and two-bedroom apartments are often booked by families. Most apartments have full kitchens and balconies with views of a grove of aspens. 📠 Iron Horse Dr., Box 1286, 80482 ☎ 970/726-8851 or 800/621-8190 ☎ 970/726-2321 🌐 www.ironhorse-resort.com ↗ 113 rooms ♡ Restaurant, kitchens, in-room data ports, pool, health club, 4 hot tubs,