



# On weekends, we brunch

The weather is finally right for outdoor dining. *Vox* compiled the ultimate brunch guide featuring popular spots to find a late breakfast.

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With summer weather fast approaching, brunch venues are opening their doors — and their patios — to the public again. As more people get the COVID-19 vaccine, many restaurants are preparing for customers to return to the dine-in society. *Vox* gathered a list of Columbia's favorite brunch spots that are safely welcoming the public back to the world of late mornings outdoors with mimosas in hand.

## Beet Box

602 Fay St.

Brunch hours: Sunday, 10 a.m., reservation only

**What to try:** Beet Box creates a new brunch menu every week to keep things fresh. A seat is \$20 per person, and each customer gets a three-course meal.

**The set-up:** The aesthetic of the restaurant is spacious and minimalistic, because they let the food do the talking.

## Broadway Diner

22 S. Fourth St.

Daily, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**What to try:** The Breakfast in Bed, a piece of French toast with an egg in the nest, topped with Broadway Diner's signature bacon jam. Even when you're

just rolling out of bed from the night before, Broadway Diner's menu offers something for everyone, and it comes at reasonable prices.

**The set-up:** Carry-out and the patio persist while the inside stays closed.

## Cafe Berlin

220 N. Tenth St.

Brunch hours: Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**What to try:** Order the iconic Starving Artist, which includes vegetarian biscuits and gravy served in a bowl with potatoes, eggs and greens. If you want to get crazy, order a Mo-mosa, the cafe's take on a mimosa. The recipe calls for more bubbly, less juice.

**The set-up:** The spaced-out patio allows customers to order and sit outside comfortably to eat. Because there is no indoor seating right now, you can place an order at the door, online or by calling ahead.

## First Watch

1301 Grindstone Parkway

Daily, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**What to try:** While other brunch places have a dinner menu along with a brunch menu, First Watch serves breakfast and



The classic eggs benedict is a favorite at First Watch. The restaurant is known for its large menu, which includes savory, sweet and healthy breakfast options.

lunch items all day. Grab the biscuits and turkey sausage gravy, served with freshly made biscuits and two eggs, any style.

**The set-up:** Patio seating is available and indoor seating options include booths, elongated tables and two-chair tables.

## Glenn's Cafe

29 S. Eighth St.

Brunch hours: Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**What to try:** A typical mimosa is always a safe choice when it comes to brunch. To switch it up, opt for cranberry or grape juice instead of orange. If you're trying to cure a hangover, try the shrimp and grits.

**The set-up:** The sleek wooden panels on the inside make the brunch experience feel all the more posh. Glenn's Cafe offers a patio with a view of both downtown and MU's campus. Dogs are welcome.

## Sophia's

3915 S. Providence Road

Brunch hours: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**What to try:** The Breakfast Monte Cristo, a French toast sandwich stuffed with eggs, bacon and brie.

**The set-up:** Sophia's patio is lined with a fence covered in vines, and umbrellas at each table make for a cute aesthetic. The patio is the perfect size to enjoy a weekend brunch paired with good food and mimosas. **V**