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A quick glance at three local eateries that you may or may not already know about. **By Jessica Torres**

THIS SUMMER, ESCAPE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN and reap delicious benefits. "There's an easy way to get away from Albuquerque this summer," says Jay Wulf, owner of Greenside Café in Cedar Crest. A big misconception, according to Wulf, is that Cedar Crest is a long trip—he says it's actually only about ten minutes away. Wulf is no stranger to the restaurant business; he's worn the chef's hat at Prairie Star in Santa Fe, The Range Café, Gecko's, and Standard Diner. He says he couldn't have created his own restaurant without his food background.

Along with having an outdoor patio, cooler weather—it's usually at least 10 degrees cooler—and a scenic drive, Greenside Café offers a casual, family atmosphere with large portions of food. Wulf is whipping up everything from Sandia Toast, a French toast with an orange and vanilla batter (\$6.50), to a Sangre De Cristo, his version of a Monte Cristo sandwich with green chile (\$8.50), and dinner entrées such as Turquoise Trail Trout (\$13.95), and Chicken Fried Steak (\$11.25). And for dessert, get a scoop of their homemade ice cream. "We have a chocolate that's so rich it almost needs a dirty name," Wulf says with a laugh.



Greenside Café
12165 North Highway 14, Cedar Crest, 286-2684,
Monday–Thursday, 11 am–8 pm; Friday, 11 am–9 pm;
Saturday, 8 am–9 pm; Sunday, 8 am–8 pm, www.gofoods.net