



## *The Best Brunch in the Northeast*

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After two weeks of voting, a winner has been chosen in our Best Brunch in the Northeast contest. With five contenders from five states and five amazing menus, it was a hard decision. However, after reviewing their options, our readers have made their thoughts known.

The results, as of the end of official voting on August 5th are:

5. Nashoba Valley Winery & Orchard, Massachusetts
4. Rizzuto's Wood-Fired Kitchen & Bar, Connecticut
3. Eagle Mountain House, New Hampshire
2. Carriage House Café, New York

1. **Damariscotta River Grill, Maine**



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As the newly crowned Best Brunch destination, we congratulate the Damariscotta River Grill on their victory. I do believe my husband and I will be making the drive to Damariscotta, Maine, one of these weekends to partake in this restaurant's fabulous offerings.

The Damariscotta River Grill serves regional, upscale comfort food, and Sunday brunch is a delightful treat. Specialty coffees, cocktails and quintessential Maine ingredients give Chef Rick Hirsch a platform for culinary creativity.

Menu highlights include Pemaquid oysters—fresh from the Damariscotta River—with a “Three-Ring Circus” of sauces (mignonette, snappy jalapeno relish and the Grill's own fresh horseradish sauce), lobster BLT, clam chowder, banana foster pancakes and stuffed French toast.

The menu is a masterpiece. Furthermore, Chef Hirsch's commitment to supporting Maine farmers, producers and fishermen means that this local treasure is supported by its community and visitors “from away.”