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### **Copper Canyon Grill in Gaithersburg Launches Barge and Patio Seating, Along with New Outdoor Menu**

Unique lakefront dining and bar experience comes to Rio

**GAITHERSBURG, Md., Sept. 10, 2024**—[Copper Canyon Grill](#) in Gaithersburg (located in [Rio](#) at 100 Boardwalk Place,) has just opened a very unique dining and bar experience with the addition of a barge on the nine-acre Rio lake. The restaurant, located in a prime spot on the lake wanted to expand its space and further take advantage of the lakefront location. While the upscale indoor dining room with its popular chef-driven menu will continue, Copper Canyon Grill will expand its outdoor dining experience with a more casual menu, signature cocktail offerings and a new, relaxed atmosphere. To enhance this, the restaurant has added a barge for additional seating and has also renovated its exterior including patio areas leading to the barge.

The Copper Canyon Grill Barge will operate seasonally and will close annually once the weather gets too cold for use. Daily hours of operation are the same as the restaurant: Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m. The barge allows for an additional 58 seats.

“We are so excited to be able to bring this unique addition to Copper Canyon Grill in Gaithersburg,” said David Jones, managing member of [Blueridge Restaurant Group](#) (the owners of Copper Canyon Grill.) “The barge expands on the Copper Canyon Grill experience and the restaurant’s popularity. After more than 20 successful years at this location, we wanted to add something new and special for our customers.”

The idea of the barge was conceived by the landlord—Peterson Companies and is a joint venture between Peterson and Blueridge Restaurant Group. “The Peterson team was passionate about this project,” said Erick Cooper, director of operations for Copper Canyon Grill. “It has been years in the design and engineering process and we worked closely with the City of Gaithersburg and contractors in the planning. One of our contractors used to build the barge is a marine contractor and a long-time friend of David Jones,” Cooper explained.

The barge and renovated patio take advantage of beautiful, picturesque views of the lake and provide the perfect social setting for a casual dining experience unlike any other in the Washington, D.C. region. “While our outdoor dining options are casual, our high service standards remain the same,” added Cooper. The patio renovation includes an outside service bar with a fresh, new look and Copper Canyon Grill will be adding a new outdoor lounge area very soon.

For more information on Copper Canyon Grill in Gaithersburg, visit [ccgrill.com/gaithersburg/](http://ccgrill.com/gaithersburg/).

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#### **About Copper Canyon Grill**

Copper Canyon Grill is part of the Blueridge Restaurant Group. With four locations in Maryland, Copper Canyon Grill provides full flavored American cuisine served in a casual, energetic atmosphere that is chef prepared and always fresh. Copper Canyon Grill in Gaithersburg is located in the heart of the Rio Shopping Center on the waterfront. It features a spacious dining room and offers a variety of private

dining experiences. A four-season terrace overlooks the lake and lively boardwalk. The scratch kitchen offers a variety of hearty salads and entrees including Copper Canyon's signature wood-fired rotisserie kitchen and items prepared by the chef daily. For more information, visit [www.ccgrill.com](http://www.ccgrill.com)