

Forkive ranks restaurants the way Letterboxd ranks films

A free web app from a solo developer in Colorado. Instead of star ratings, it keeps a running head-to-head ranking of every place you have eaten.

Forkive is a restaurant tracker with one unusual rule: you never give a place a star rating. When you log a visit, the app puts the new restaurant next to one you have already been to and asks which you liked more. A handful of answers like that slot the new place into your personal list, and Forkive works out a score from 0 to 10 from where it ended up.

The idea came out of the developer's own notes app. Xander Wasinger kept a list of restaurants and noticed that nearly everything he liked ended up at four or five stars, so the list could not tell him where to go next. Comparing two places is easy to answer honestly in a way that a number never is, and the ranking sharpens with every visit.

HOW LOGGING A VISIT WORKS

1. Search for the restaurant and add what you ordered. A photo is optional, and the visit can stay private.
2. Forkive shows the new place beside one from your list and asks which you liked better.
3. After a few of those picks the place lands in your ranking and gets its score. Nothing to calculate.
4. Your map, your friends' lists and the public Discover page update from there.

“My notes app was a graveyard of restaurants I could not compare.”

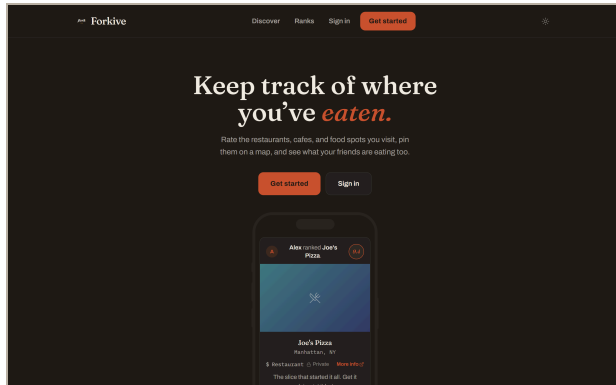
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WHY IT MIGHT BE WORTH A LOOK

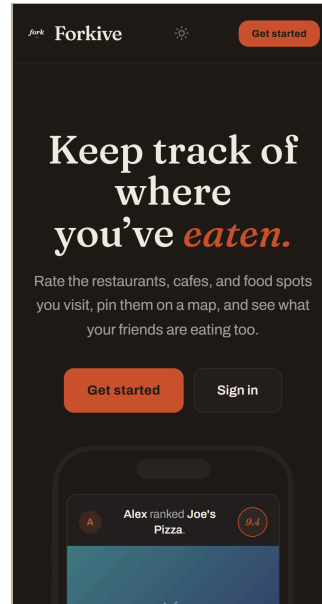
Star-based restaurant apps have a familiar problem: most ratings cluster near the top of the scale, so they say little about which place is actually better. Forkive asks a relative question instead of an absolute one. It is also a one-person project, built and launched in about two months, which makes for a straightforward story about what a single developer can ship.

AT A GLANCE

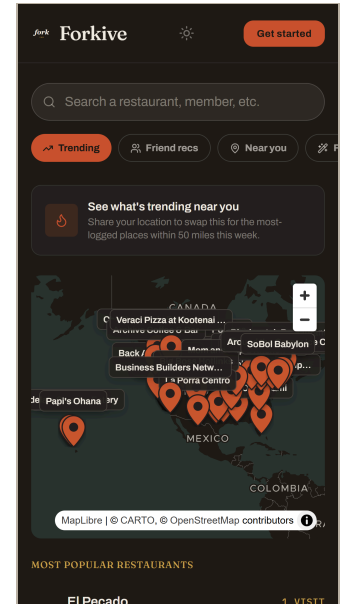
Product	Restaurant tracker and ranking app
Price	Free, no ads. Optional Premium adds personalized picks, multi-photo visits and custom lists.
Platform	Web app, phone or desktop browser. iOS app planned.
Live at	forkive.app
Launched	Public launch September 2026. Product Hunt on September 25.
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The landing page on desktop.



Landing page, phone.



Discover map, phone.

Unedited screenshots of the live app. Full-resolution versions are at forkive.app/press.

WHAT IS IN THE APP

Ranking. Each new restaurant is placed by comparing it with places already on your list, and the list re-sorts itself.

Visits. Every visit holds notes, dish-level detail, a price level, tags and a photo. You choose whether it is private or public.

Maps. A personal map pins everywhere you have eaten. A public Discover map and a trending view show where other people are going.

Friends. Follow people whose taste you trust and see their lists, plus a leaderboard of places visited.

Extras. A want-to-try list, ten badges, a yearly recap and a taste profile.

Search. Restaurant lookup runs on Forkive's own database of US places instead of a paid maps service.

ABOUT THE DEVELOPER

Xander Wasinger is a solo developer based in Colorado. He designed, built and launched Forkive on his own, and has been showing the process on YouTube (@forkiveapp) as he goes.

He is glad to talk through how the ranking works, the decisions behind it, or what it was like to build and launch alone. A short demo or a walkthrough of the app is easy to arrange.

LINKS AND ASSETS

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App	forkive.app
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The press page has the fact sheet, short and long descriptions, screenshots and the app icon at 256, 512 and 1024 px.