The Restaurant Guide
Your handy reference for eating in Charlottesville

This symbol means your destination is approximately a mile or less from
the conference hotels (Courtyard Marriott & Hampton Inn).

This symbol means your destination is more than a mile from the
conference hotels.

This symbol means that you can ride the free trolley/bus to the
restaurant

The Thrifty Budget...$

Amigos: Authentic Mexican cuisine in a casual and lively atmosphere on “The Corner.” Has open mic night on Tuesday and karaoke on Wednesday.

College Inn: A greasy spoon on “The Corner” that has a variety of American food selections. A University tradition.

Casella’s: Pizza and Italian food in Barracks Road Shopping Center on Emmet Street.

Jabberwoke: Great sandwiches and pizzas. Lots of variety for a small price.

Little John’s: A 24-hour New York style deli with a wide selection of sandwiches. Located on “The Corner.”

Bodo’s Bagels: A favorite in Charlottesville for delicious bagels, sandwiches, salads, and soups. There are two locations. One is on the west end of the corner (just past Starbucks) and the other is a short drive north on 29 (at the intersection of 29 and 250 bypass)

Arch’s Frozen Yogurt: A student favorite for salads or an after dinner treat. Open til 11 on the corner (behind Baja Bean and Subway).

The Dragon Lady: Chinese food in a casual atmosphere. On Ivy Road, next to Foods of All Nations (an eclectic international grocery store with a great deli of its own).

Zazu’s: Sandwich wraps, rice bowls, and salads. On Ivy Road next to Arch’s (a great frozen yogurt place for dessert!)

Mellow Mushroom: Great pizza and live trivia on Wednesday nights.

Baja Bean Co.: Great Mexican food! On “The Corner” with patio dining.
**Moderately Inexpensive Meals…$$**

**The Biltmore Grill:** On Elliewood Avenue (on “The Corner”), this restaurant/bar has indoor and outdoor seating.

**Buddhist Biker Bar:** In a quaint old house at the end of Elliewood Avenue, The Biker Bar is a favorite for Institute attendees. T-shirts are available for purchase.

**Hardware Store:** Lots of menu choices. Good for groups – everyone will find something they like. Check out the bookstore, jewelry shop, and candy selection while you wait.

**Northern Exposure:** On West Main Street, a block beyond “The Corner,” this restaurant has indoor & outdoor seating. Eclectic menu.

**Bizou:** On the Downtown Mall, indoor and outdoor seating. Good hearty, yet funky food choices in a retro-style diner. Yummy smashed potatoes.

**L’Etoile:** On Main Street across from the train station. Upscale dining in a charming old house. Has patio overlooking the trains. Walk or ride the trolley for great food.

**Continental Divide:** Their sign says “Get in Here,” and you’d better get in early for a table in this small Southwestern-styled eatery. Located on Main Street, its close enough to walk or ride the trolley.

**Escafé:** On the Downtown Mall, this restaurant/bar has excellent appetizers, indoor/outdoor seating, and late-night hours.

**Café Europa:** Interesting café atmosphere on “The Corner.” Great people-watching location, especially if sitting outside.

**Michael’s Bistro:** Live music, huge beer and wine list, great atmosphere. On “The Corner.”

**Mono Loco:** On Water Street (the back side of the Downtown Mall) a Cuban-influenced joint that has a range of entrees. Great margaritas!

**Monsoon:** Thai & Southeast Asian cuisine. Just outside of the Downtown Mall, off Water Street. Outdoor dinning recommended for great people watching.

**South Street Brewery:** American and other fare. Lively, hip atmosphere. Sometimes has live music. Great microbrews and burgers. One block South of the Downtown Mall.

**Starr Hill Restaurant & Brewery:** Located on Main Street. Downstairs has beefy entrees, attached is an art gallery of works by local artists, and upstairs is a music hall with live music every night.

**Wild Greens:** Varied American fare at reasonable prices. Outdoor tables available. In the North Wing of Barracks Road Shopping Center on Emmet Street.
Excellent Dining in a Casual Atmosphere…$$$ 

The Station: Located on West Main Street, this remodeled gas station has indoor and outdoor seating. The pork and the seafood are quite tasty!

The Downtown Grille: Great steak and seafood with an extensive wine list. On the Downtown Mall.

Mas Tapas: Located in the Belmont district, this tapas restaurant serves up great food both in and outdoors. Enjoy the extensive wine selection and inventive tapas options.

Southern Culture: Near the Blue Bird Café on West Main Street, southern cooking. Great sweet potato fries!


Fuel Co. Café & Bistro: Located inside an upscale gas station just east of the Downtown Mall, the Fuel Co. café has gourmet sandwiches, salads, and coffee, while the cozy bistro features regional American cuisine and a wide selection of California wines.

Bang: Located on South Street. Trendy atmosphere offering great Martinis and Asian tapas.

Cassis: Classic, French-influenced bistro fare. Spacious dining room and bar. Located behind the Downtown Mall on Water Street.

The Blue Bird Café: On West Main Street, between “The Corner” and the Downtown Mall, this restaurant has indoor and outdoor seating. Specials are always worth checking out!

Hamilton’s: On the Downtown Mall, unusual and interesting presentation and combinations, always an excellent meal. Try the Vegetarian Plate.

West Main: In between the downtown mall and “The Corner” this restaurant serves excellent food for all tastes.
A Special Dinner for a Special Evening…$$$$
(Reservations required in most places)

**Fleurie Restaurant:** Upscale French cuisine in quaint, romantic setting. Extensive wine list On 108 3rd Street NE. Reservations recommended.

**Clifton Inn:** Jefferson’s son-in law lived and worked here. The 200 year-old home boasts elegant fare for leisurely evening dining only. Fixed-price menu. In Shadwell. You must call ahead for a seating time (971-1800).

**The Silver Thatch Inn:** On 29 North. An upscale mixture of menu choices with creative twists on traditional and regional specialties. Call 978-4686.

**Duners:** New menu daily, but generally features seafood, meats, pastas, salads, and the best Sunday brunch in town. Noted by past Institute participants for its crab cakes! 250 West to Ivy (5-10 miles past the Boar’s Head Inn on the right). Call 293-8352.

**Prospect Hill:** Upscale dining in an 1830 plantation house. In Trevillians. Call 1-800-277-0844 for directions and details.

**Graves Mountain Lodge:** Southern, home-style food served in a beautiful country atmosphere. Call 540-923-4231 for information.

**O XO:** Trying to impress someone? Our staff gives it 5 stars! Modern American/French gourmet fare, artistically presented. On Water Street, south of the downtown mall. Call 977-8111.

**Delivery**

**Domino’s:** Pizza and breadsticks, etc. Call 971-8383.

**College Inn:** A greasy spoon on “The Corner” that has a variety of American food selections. Call 977-2710.

**Papa John’s:** Pizza, breadsticks, soda. Call 979-7272

**The Ming Dynasty:** Delivery with a minimum order. Chinese food with little oil and no MSG. No-fat menu available. Call 979-0909.

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