



Dining

Downtown

Dining in Downtown Knoxville

Barley's

In October of 2002, Barley's Taproom in Knoxville, Tennessee, became the first independently owned and operated Barley's location. The restaurant serves up all the tasty Barley's food and showcases live music including national as well as local and regional acts. Barley's keeps a wide variety of beers on tap along with an assortment of bottled favorites.

200 E. Jackson Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915
865-521-0092

I-40

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Bistro at the Bijou

Located at the historic Bijou Theater, the Bistro has been an anchor business in downtown Knoxville for the past 20 years. Specializing in classic regional southern cuisine while still accommodating main stream American tastes, we feel that we have a flavorful and appealing product that will please you and your guests.

807 Gay St. South
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

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I-40 exit 388

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Calhoun's On the River

Famous, authentic barbeque! Slow roasted and smoke-cooked to bring out the hidden, delicious flavors in the meat. Also offering farm-raised catfish, smoked prime rib and a variety of grilled steaks, chicken and shrimp dishes.

400 Neyland Dr.
865-673-3355

I-40 exit 388

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Charlie Peppers

The menu at Charlie Pepper's is more reflective of Mexican style than the Tex/Mex style most diners are accustomed to. Everything on the menu is somewhat traditional foods that you would find at any restaurant, but with a flair that makes it Charlie Pepper's own. For some spicy food and good times, give Charlie Pepper's a try.

716 20th St.



865-524-8669

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Chesapeake's

Chesapeake's is located in a restored historic building within walking distance of major downtown hotels. The restaurant has numerous aquariums for a relaxing meal. Swordfish, Shrimp, Snapper, and about everything you'd expect is available. For those that dislike the seafood, steak or chicken is also available.

500 Henley St.

865-673-3433

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Chili's

From our famous, double-basted Baby Back Ribs and sizzling fajitas to our Southwestern Eggrolls and Presidente Margaritas, you and your family will find endless ways to spice things up every time you come in. So come on — it's time to get out and try something new.

1824 Cumberland Ave.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

865-523-1911

I-40 exit Alcoa Highway

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Copper Cellar

The Original Copper Cellar was opened in 1975 and as the first of many restaurants to stem from the Copper Cellar family. This restaurant makes eating a pleasure. Nestled below the Cumberland Grill, the atmosphere is perfect for closing the big deal or having a romantic dinner. Enjoy our delectable menu with items like slow roasted prime rib, the finest steaks available, and fresh fish & seafood.

1807 Cumberland Ave.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

865-673-3411

I-40 exit Alcoa Highway

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Crescent Moon

A breath of fresh food for downtown lunchers, Crescent Moon offers homemade bread and pastries, low-fat soups, and excellent sandwiches. Chef Terri has a flair for the healthy and unique. Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-2:15pm, Friday dinner 5pm-8pm by reservation only, closed Sat. and Sun. Under \$7. No credit cards, checks accepted. No alcohol.

718 Gay St.

865-637-9700

Downtown Grill & Brewery

This unique restaurant is at the heart of downtown and of course full of history. The restaurant's main focus for food is to unite the beautiful taste of beer with exquisite flavors of seafood, chicken, and steak - all grilled on our open flamed mesquite grill. And great beer!

424 S. Gay St.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-633-8111

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Fairbanks Roasting Room

Fairbanks started its swing night back in the Summer of 1999. Rob and Tom have worked their magic again, this time transforming the old Terrace movie theatre into a first class supper club. So come on down for swing dancing or eating, you'll have a great time.

607 Market St.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-544-3090

I-40 exit 388

Garelli's

710 Gay St.

865-522-5115

Godfrey's Holiday Inn Select

525 Henley St.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-522-2800

I-40 exit 388

Higher Grounds

625 S. Gay St.
865-329-9972

Hill Street Café Knoxville Marriott

500 Hill Ave. S.E.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915
865-637-1234

Jack's Hilton Knoxville

Serves delicious food in a casually elegant atmosphere with plenty of meat selections as well as wine. Just off the Hilton lobby.

501 W. Church Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-523-2300
I-40 exit 388

Lucille's at Patrick Sullivans

It is a romantic place to bring a date with dimmed lights and flickering candles. Some things on the menu are vegetable ravioli, swordfish and stuffed shrimp. Most nights there is a live jazz band on the back patio. Dress savvy and relish the elegant atmosphere.

106 N. Central St.
865-546-3742

MacLeod's

MacLeod's serves up a little bit of everything in the way of cuisine. They offer Steaks, chicken, and even some fish n' chips. Stop in for lunch or come late for karaoke and a beer. All in all MacLeod's is your downtown gathering place.

501 Market St.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37909
865-546-2103
I-40 exit 388
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Mahogany's

Better than your average hotel fare including; steaks, pastas, salads and sandwiches. Try the all you can-eat seafood buffet on Friday night from 6-9. Smoking section available/handicapped accessible. Mon.-Fri., breakfast 6am-11am, lunch 11am-2pm, dinner 5pm-10pm.

Radisson Summit Hill
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-522-2600
I-40

Manhattans Bistro & Bar

Move from the richly wooded bar area and sit down to a gourmet dinner of filet mignon or blackened tuna. Open for lunch as well, Manhattan's offers a fine meatloaf and a variety of blueplate specials. When the kitchen isn't serving up its American Nouveaux cuisine, the bar is sloshing around some of the best dirty martinis in Knoxville.

101 S. Central St.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-525-2333
I-40 exit 388

Market Square Kitchen

The perfect lunch for a cold-and-rainy day. Try anything from broccoli cheddar to gratin savoyard soup. Yum! Voted "Best Soup" in Knoxville by our readers. Smoking outside/handicapped accessible. Mon.-Fri. 11am-2pm.

1 Market Square Rd.
865-546-4212

McAlister's

As soon as you enter, you'll be greeted by our massive chalkboard menu filled with over 100 different items; sandwiches, spuds, salads, soups and sweets. The only thing missing is food that's fried or greasy — everything at McAlister's is made exactly the way you like it.

1801 Cumberland Ave.
865-633-8001



Mellow Mushroom

Enjoy healthy and tasty delights that Mellow Mushroom has to offer while in a relaxed and eclectic atmosphere. Awesome pizzas, huge calzones, and an excellent beer list all make up this unique dining experience.

2109 Cumberland Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37916
865-524-7979
I-40 exit Alcoa Highway
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Moe's Southwest Grill

At Moe's, it's the total body experience we're after: cool surroundings and great tasting burritos that, very subtly, reinforce the fact that Moe Knows Burritos. Burritos, tacos, quesadillas, and salads. Lunch, dinner, and catering.

1800 Cumberland Ave.
865-637-2700
I-40 exit Alcoa Highway
[Visit Website](#)

O'Charley's

With O'Charley's emphasis on fresh preparation, we serve several specialty items that will whet your appetite: hand-cut aged beef steaks, a variety of seafood and chicken entrees, homemade yeast rolls, fresh salads with special recipe salad dressings and a sinful signature dessert: caramel pie. We look forward to serving you and your family!

1915 Cumberland Ave.
865-525-7665
[Visit Website](#)



Old College Inn

2204 Cumberland Ave.
865-523-4597

Oodles

Oodles of Noodles is a laid back dining atmosphere. They even let you write your own menu with limitless pasta, meat, and sauce combinations. Sit down to this quaint restaurant in market square and have oodles of fun dining! Open for Lunch, dinner, and late night snacks. Call for daily specials.

18 Market Square
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-521-0600
I-40 exit 388
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Panera Bread

Panera Bread always has something fresh, and warm waiting on you. Whether it's warm soups, fresh bread, or hot coffee, you will be sure to find something you love. The sandwiches, soups, and salads are all wonderful especially in the relaxing atmosphere that is Panera. Whenever you crave something different, something fresh, stop by Panera...they're waiting for you.

2000 Cumberland Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918
865-524-2253
I-40 exit Alcoa Highway
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Pasta Trio

There's something to be said for simplicity. Pasta Trio has perfected it. They break down Italian cooking to its basic ingredients—pasta, sauce, and bread—and refine each of these to produce a scrumptious meal, which you can mix and match to your preference.

119 S. Central St.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-540-3970

Patrick Sullivan's

Patrick Sullivan's was founded back in 1888 and is located in Knoxville's Old City. Today guests can enjoy the historic charm of the saloon while digging into pan-seared pepper steak, prime Colorado beef, jumbo shrimp, or a tasty pasta creation.

100 N Central St.
865-637-4255

Preservation Pub



Preservation Pub is a great place to make new friends and meet old ones while listening to some of the best music around Knoxville! Come on down and get a true taste of Knoxville's culture and community. Happy hour almost every day from 4 to 9pm. But enough reading, come on down and find out for yourself!

28 Market Square
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-524-2224
[Visit Website](#)



Regas

A Knoxville tradition, Regas has been where local residents have celebrated special occasions since 1919. Enjoy fine food ranging from prime rib to lobster to lamb chops with cranberry port while relaxing fireside in the sumptuous dining room. Top off your meal with Regas' signature red velvet cake.

318 N. Gay St.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37917
865-637-3427
[Visit Website](#)



Riverside Tavern

Riverside Tavern provides an atmosphere of total relaxation as you dine gazing out over the Tennessee River. The cuisine is truly unique and exciting with fresh fish, gourmet salads, and amazing steaks. The local favorite is the Sunday brunch with crabcake eggs benedict and creme brulee french toast. Come and experience Knoxville's Riverfront treasure for yourself.

950 Vol Landing
865-637-0303
I-40 exit James White Parkway
[Visit Website](#)



Sapphire

A modern bar and restaurant. Parking available immediately behind the building. Open Monday - Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

428 South Gay Street
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
865-637-8181
I-40 exit 388
[Visit Website](#)



Sawyer's

For chicken lovers, Sawyer's is Utopia. It is true that because your food is made-to-order, the wait is a little longer than most places. But there is no question that the food is worth the wait! They are not exaggerating when they claim to have the best chicken fingers in town.

701 S 17th St.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37916
865-524-7710
I-40 exit Alcoa Highway



Shonos in the City

5 Market Square
Knoxville, Tennessee 37923
865-544-5800

Stefano's

We're proud to be part of the Knoxville community for 27 years. Locally owned, we began operation at 1937 Cumberland Avenue in April 1977. You ask, "So what's so special about your pizza?" I'm glad you asked! Chicago Style Pizza is a pan-style pizza made with the ingredients cooked underneath the cheese. The amount of ingredients and cheese are considerably more than you find on a thin-crust pizza.

1937 Cumberland Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918
865-522-4151
I-40 exit Alcoa Highway
[Visit Website](#)

Sunspot

The Sunspot offers something for every taste. Select from soup, salad and sandwiches with side dishes such as Mashers of the Moment, Pan-Fried Corn and Roasted Plantains with Carrots. For food made with passion, yet served in an easy-going atmosphere, visit The Sunspot.

1909 Cumberland Ave.
865-637-4663



I-40 exit Alcoa Highway

[Visit Website](#)

Tennessee Grill

When you step into the Tennessee Grill, you know you are in "Big Orange Country" with UT Memorabilia lining the walls, and UT sports clips playing over the four large screen televisions suspended overhead. Join us for a UT and Knoxville experience you won't forget.

900 Neyland Dr.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-862-8657

I-40 exit Alcoa Highway

[Visit Website](#)



The Butcher Shop

Since 1981, The Butcher Shop has built its powerful reputation by serving the finest hickory charcoaled steaks cut from the highest quality grain-fed beef direct from the Midwest. For a unique dining experience, you are invited to select your own steak and grill it your way on our brick charcoal pit with our chef there to assist.

806 Worlds Fair Park Dr.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-637-0204

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The Lunchbox

The Lunchbox is a locally owned restaurant chain that caters primarily to the office lunch crowd. Salads, taco salad, soups, sandwiches, and low-fat items are available on the menu.

800 Gay St. Plaza

865-525-7421

[Visit Website](#)



The Melting Pot

This dining experience is truly breath taking and you walk into a dropped ceiling room with romantic booths everywhere in sight. The fondue style dining is a little pricy, but worth every penny. The favorite is the duet in the dark chocolate with lots of sweets to dip in!!

111 North Central Ave.

865-971-5400

[Visit Website](#)



The Tomato Head

The Tomato Head stands as a testament to an uncompromising commitment to great food. They have served award winning gourmet pizza, salads, and sandwiches on market square since 1990. Open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch.

12 Market Square Rd.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-637-4067

I-40 exit 388

[Visit Website](#)



Tijuana Taco

Delicious Tacos, Nachos, and Burritos in a relaxed environment you'll love. Tijuana Taco is family owned and run, you'll be welcomed the minute you enter. Stand in line, pick out everything your heart desires and then eat up while listening to local artists play on the stage.

Market Square

I-40 exit 388- Downtown

Tortilla Mac's

722 South Gay St.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

865-546-0620