

# Bloomington Area Restaurants

(updated 4/11)

## **Amol India**

Indian

416 E. 4th St.

331-8844

amolindia.net

This restaurant is known for its Indian breads and buffet. Menu items include lamb biryani and the spicy chicken vindaloo. Good vegetarian choices. • Prices: Appetizers \$1.99-6.99, entrées \$10.99-13.99 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-2:30 pm and 5-10 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

## **Anatolia**

Mediterranean/Turkish

405 E. 4th St.

334-2991

restaurantanatolia.com

Bright and spacious, this comfortable restaurant has excellent meze-style appetizers (you can make a meal of them) as well as kebabs and pide (best described as open-faced sandwich boats, or Turkish pizzas). Lots of vegetarian options. Try the incredible tarator, a chopped-walnut yogurt spread, on freshly baked bread. Regular tables as well as traditional Turkish seating. • Prices: Lunch appetizers \$2.75-6.95, entrées \$6.95-11.95, dinner appetizers \$3.50-7.95, entrées \$8.95-13.95 • Hours: Daily 11 am-10 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

## **Anyetsang's Little Tibet**

Tibetan/Thai/Indian

415 E. 4th St.

331-0122

anyetsangs.com

This cozy restaurant occupies a vintage bungalow on Bloomington's 4th Street restaurant row. Little Tibet serves house specialties of momo dumplings and curries from Thailand and India, as well as noodle dishes and vegetarian choices. And besides wine and champagne, Anyetsang's serves a large variety of mimosas. • Prices: Lunch entrées \$5.95, dinner appetizers \$4.95, entrées \$8.95-9.95, desserts \$2-3 • Hours: Daily 11 am-10 pm. Closed Tu • Bar: Wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

## **The Bakehouse**

Bakery/Delicatessen

125 N. College • 331-6029

3002 E. 3rd St. • 323-7070

scholarsinn.com/btownbakehouse

Owned by the proprietors of the Scholars Inn, both branches of the Bakehouse offer a selection of New York-style deli sandwiches, kettle-boiled bagels, and desserts made from scratch, as well as all of their first-rate locally baked breads. A bowl of homemade soup followed by the Harvest

Cobbler makes a generous lunch. Coffee drinks are discounted \$1 during Happy Hour from 4-6 pm. • Prices: Entrées \$4-8, desserts \$3-7 • Hours: Daily 6:30 am-9 pm • Bar: Beer & wine at the downtown location • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Bear's Place**

American

1316 E. 3rd St.

339-3460

bearsplacebar.com

A Bloomington institution just off the south side of campus, Bear's Place is famous for its Bear Burger and Bear Parmesan (veal parmesan and chili), and the Hairy Bear (six shots of liquor in a 32 oz. glass). Lunch specials served from 11 am to 4 pm. Nightly entertainment includes Comedy Caravan on Monday and Saturday, live local rock on Wednesday, Jazz Fables (a series of performers) and karaoke on Thursday, and blues on Friday. • Prices: Appetizers \$2-4, entrées \$4-11, desserts \$3.75-4.50 • Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am-1 am Sat-Sun 9 am-1 am • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outside Seating: No

### **Bella Cucina**

Sandwiches/Salads

506 W. 4th St.

339-1676

At Bella Cucina, Victoria Colongione offers soups, salads, and desserts, but sandwiches are the main attraction. Bestsellers include the classic Reuben and the chicken salad sandwich, lasagna, and matzo ball soup. There is limited seating, but carryout and delivery are available. • Prices: Most sandwiches about \$6.25, desserts \$3 • Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am-3 pm. Closed Sat and Sun • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Bloomingfoods Market and Deli**

Local/Organic/Fresh – BIRA Member

3220 E. 3rd St. • 336-5400

316 W. 6th St. • 333-7312

419 E. Kirkwood • 336-5300

bloomingfoods.coop

The cafés at these member-owned organic groceries feature hot dishes, a salad bar, and eclectic deli and dessert selections. Local ingredients are emphasized, and vegan and vegetarian choices abound. • Prices: Salad/hot bar \$6.99/lb, entrées \$5-15, desserts \$1 and up • Hours: Mon-Sat 8 am-6 pm Sun brunch 10 am-2 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No/Yes/Yes

### **Bloomington Bagel Co.**

Bagels/Sandwiches

113 N. Dunn St. • 333-4653

238 N. Morton St. • 349-4653

913 S. College Mall Rd. • 339-4653

bbcbagel.com

Customers can watch employees make East Coast-style, kettle-boiled bagels from scratch while waiting on line in this laidback eatery. Bagelwiches (like the Lotsa Lox, with cream cheese, Nova lox, tomato, onion, and capers), salads, soups, coffees, and cookies are popular. Breakfast is served all day. • Prices: Appetizers \$3-5, entrées \$3-10, desserts around \$2 • Hours: Mon-Sat 6 am-7 pm Sun 7 am-7 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Bloomington Sandwich Co.**

Sandwiches – BIRA Member

118 E. Kirkwood Ave.

330-9611

bloomingtonsandwich.com

This 33-seat, casual restaurant on the west side of the downtown Square is all about good sandwiches. Chef and manager Mike Moy offers house-made Chicago-style corned beef and Italian beef, with Italian ices for dessert. • Prices: Sandwiches \$2.50-6.50, desserts \$1-2 • Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am-7 pm Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm. Closed Sun • Bar: Beer • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Bucceto's Smiling Teeth**

Italian-American

E. 3rd St. at 45/46 Bypass • 331-1234

350 W. Liberty Dr. • 323-0123

buccetos.com

Bucceto's Smiling Teeth offers an array of innovative and tasty pizzas, calzones, entrées, and a generous house salad with homemade dressings in a family-friendly atmosphere. Monday through Friday, Bucceto's offers a lunch special till 4 pm which features a meat or veggie pizza slice with a salad and a drink for \$6.40. Bucceto's offers dine-in, carryout, and delivery. Party trays and catering available. • Prices: Appetizers \$2.75-4.95, entrées \$8.50-11.25 with garlic bread and salad, pizzas starting at \$4.70, desserts \$3.95 • Hours: Mon-Th 11 am-11 pm Fri and Sat 11 am-midnight Sun 11 am-10 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, DC • Outdoor Seating: No **They also offer both a gluten-free pasta and pizza.**

### **BuffaLouie's**

Sandwiches/Wings

114 S. Indiana Ave.

333-3032

buffalouies.com

Seventeen years ago an IU student opened BuffaLouie's, naming it after his grandfather. Wings, subs, and salads are the reason to go. Hoosier and sports-themed memorabilia adorn the walls, and big-screen TVs keep you entertained. • Prices: \$1.99 (a hot dog) to \$48.99 (super bucket of wings), cookies 89 cents • Hours: Sun-Th 11 am-9 pm and Fri-Sat 11 am-10 pm • Bar: Beer • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Cafe Django**

International – BIRA Member

116 N. Grant St.

335-1297

cafedjango.us

Cozy and colorful, this funky café offers an eclectic pan-Asian menu and live jazz. For something different, make a meal of the unusual appetizers (try the really delicious but fiery Himalayan potatoes). Pastas are good, too, especially the peanut noodles. Lunch specials change daily. Wine is 30 percent off on Tuesday, and beer is discounted on Wednesday. • Prices: Lunch appetizers \$2.75-9.95, entrées \$5.65-6.95, desserts \$.95-9.95, dinner appetizers \$2.50-9.95, entrées \$5.95-12.95, desserts \$1.50-9.95 • Hours: Mon-Th 11:30 am-11 pm Fri 11:30 am-midnight Sat 9 am-midnight (brunch until noon) Sun 9 am-10 pm (brunch until 2 pm).

Reservations recommended on weekends. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX •

Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Café Pizzeria**

Pizza/Italian specialties

405 E. Kirkwood

332-2111

cafepizzeria.com

In business since 1953, Café Pizzeria was not only the first pizzeria in Bloomington but, according to store legend, the first restaurant to serve the Midwestern version of the Stromboli sandwich (with ground sausage, onion, cheese, and sauce on a sub bun). The original recipes are still in use and owner Larry Webb purchases local Indiana beef from Fischer Farms. Daily specials, seating for 100. • Prices: Appetizers around \$3.50, entrées \$5-10 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-midnight Sun 5 pm-midnight • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Casa Brava**

Mexican

3482 W. 3rd St. • 339-1453

410 S. College Mall Rd. • 339-2777

casabrava.org

The east-side location is newer and more colorful, but both locations of this cheerful, family-friendly Mexican place offer fajitas, chimichangas, and all the standards. • Prices: Lunch \$5.99-9, appetizers \$3.50-11.59, entrées \$9.29-17.69, a la carte \$4.39-10 • Hours: 11 am-9:30 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Crazy Horse**

American/Bar Food – BIRA Member

214 W. Kirkwood

336-8877

crazyhorseindiana.com

At Weekday Happy Hour (from 4 to 7 pm) in this classic, comfortable bar, you'll find free munchies and tall draft beer specials. The specialties of the house include flavored martinis, Angus Beef burgers, quesadillas, steaks, and barbecued ribs. Live bands play some Saturdays. • Prices: Appetizers \$4-7, entrées \$5-15, desserts \$3-4 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-1 am Sun noon-midnight • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Dats**

Cajun/Creole – BIRA Member  
211 S. Grant St.  
339-3090

Formerly called Yats, this restaurant was rechristened by Chef Bob Crowley when he became the sole owner. Crowley, who trained at the Culinary Institute of America, offers recipes he collected from small Louisiana towns. Specialties include Chili Cheese Etouffee, Gumbo, Jambalaya, and the Datwood Sandwich, a complex preparation that involves turkey dusted in Cajun spices, soaked in beer, cooked twice, spiced, and served up “so it warms you from your nose to your toes.” • Prices: Entrées \$5.50, desserts \$1-3 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-9 pm Sun noon-6 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **El Norteño**

Mexican  
206 N. Walnut  
333-9591

This Mexican restaurant in the old Princess Theater is the place to go for your fix of menudo. If you are hungry for more conventional south-of-the-border fare, try the chilaquiles verde, carne asada, and tacos al pastor. • Prices: Appetizers \$2.49-7.50, entrées \$6.95-13.50 • Hours: Daily 11 am-10 pm • Bar: Beer • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Esan-Thai**

Thai  
221 E. Kirkwood  
333-8424  
esanthairestaurant.com

House specialties at this bright and airy restaurant at the back of Victoria Towers are based on family recipes. Try the Yum Khai, a spicy grilled chicken salad with shallots, cilantro, tomato, and lime juice, or the Moo Num Tok (grilled pork with onion, mint, and chilies). Noodle dishes and curries are also first-rate. • Prices: Appetizers \$5.50-6.50, entrées \$6.95-14.95, desserts \$2-5 • Hours: Mon-Th 11:30 am-2:30 pm and 5-9 pm Fri-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm and 5-10 pm. Reservations recommended on weekends. • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Limited

### **Falafels Flavors From Jerusalem**

Middle-Eastern  
430 E. Kirkwood  
355-3555  
falafelonline.com

This small Dunkirk Square restaurant specializes in the sandwich that gives it its name, as well as in other Middle-Eastern delicacies like hummus, stuffed grape leaves, and baba ganoush. The menu also includes kebabs, salads, entrée platters, and very good fries. • Prices: Appetizers \$1.49-7.75, sandwiches \$5.99-7.99, entrées \$8.75-17.99, desserts \$.99-1.99 • Hours: Daily 11:30 am-9:30 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **FARM Bloomington**

Eclectic Hoosier – BIRA Member  
108 E. Kirkwood  
323-0002 • 877-440-FARM  
farm-bloomington.com

Chef Daniel Orr's FARM is a cheerful, tongue-in-cheek salute to the best of Hoosier eating. In the old Odd Fellows Building, revamped to look like a country farm store, FARM sells local ingredients, as well as lunch and snacks in the market, and delicious supper fare in the restaurant. Orr is a first-rate chef who brings his impressive resume of world travel and cooking to local Indiana ingredients. Menu changes seasonally, but try to catch the seared skirt steak with fabulous garlic and chili fries. Orr's raw fish preparations are excellent, as are the pizzas in the bar. • Prices: Breakfast biscuits, cereal, omelets \$2-8.50; lunch soups, sandwiches, and wraps \$4-7.50; dinner appetizers \$6.50-16; entrées \$18-32; tapas and pizzas in the bar \$6.50-16; weekend brunch \$2-20 • Hours: Tu-Fri 7 am-10 pm Sat-Sun 10 am-10 pm; Root Cellar drinks, snacks, music Fri 8 pm-1 am Sat 8 pm-3 am. Closed Mon • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes, weather permitting

### **Finch's Brasserie**

Mediterranean – BIRA Member  
514 E. Kirkwood  
333-2700  
finchsbrasserie.com

Just a block off campus, Finch's is a Bloomington treat. Chef/owner Jeff Finch (formerly of Trulli Flatbread) turns out wonderful food with a wide Mediterranean pedigree. Lots to love here—but don't miss the crispy calamari appetizer, the wood-fired pizzettas, the seafood pasta, and steak frites. The menu changes seasonally and showcases meats, cheeses, and produce from Indiana. Extensive beer, wine selection. • Prices: Lunch \$7-13, dinner \$10-30 • Hours: Mon-Sat lunch 11:30 am-3 pm, tapas 3-5 pm, dinner 5-10 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **The Green Bean**

Pastries/Soups/Quiches/Tapas  
410 W. 4th St.  
333-4200  
thegreenbeanbloomington.com

This gentle place is located in the historic Near West Side, sharing a 90-year-old house with sales of antiques, crafts, and vintage clothing (upstairs). The friendly welcome includes locally roasted coffee. There are pastries, bagels, homemade soups, and quiches. Tapas on Thursday and Friday evenings. Visit in the afternoon for a glass of artisanal wine imported by Bloomington's specialist importer, Manolo's Wines. • Prices: Bagels \$1-1.50, sandwiches \$5.75 • Hours: Mon-

Wed 8 am-6 pm Th-Fri 8 am-8 pm Sat 9 am-2 pm • Bar: Wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **The Irish Lion**

Irish

212 W. Kirkwood

336-9076

irishlion.com

Step into Ireland when you enter this pub with its gorgeous 1860s bar and good food. Specialties include oysters, lamb, corned beef and cabbage, and Irish stews. Nightly specials. Full array of Irish and European imported beers; 57 single-malt scotches. • Prices: Appetizers \$4.75-10.95, entrées \$12.85-34.95, pub grub \$5.95-6.95, desserts \$3.75-5.80 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-3 am Sun 11 am-midnight • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Janko's Little Zagreb**

Steakhouse – BIRA Member

223 W. 6th St.

332-0694

littlezagreb.com

A Bloomington favorite, with its checked tablecloths and IU-decked walls, Janko's is one block west of the downtown Square. Lamb and pork chop specials are featured regularly, and the menu offers Eastern European specialties like fiery Bucharest meatballs, but fabulous steaks are the reason most people line up to get in. • Prices: Appetizers around \$9, entrées around \$30 (includes salad and potato), desserts \$3 • Hours: Mon-Th 5-9:30 pm Fri-Sat 4:30-10 pm. Reservations recommended. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, DC • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Japanee**

Japanese

320 N. Walnut

334-3474

Sushi and chicken teriyaki are specialties here; soup and salad come with every meal. Loud techno or rock music plays in the evenings, and karaoke is available until late on weekends. There are also many big-screen televisions. Nightly beer specials. • Prices: Appetizers \$3-7, entrées \$6-15, desserts \$3-5 • Hours: Lunch daily except Sun 11:30 am-2 pm dinner Th-Sat 5 pm-3 am Sun 5-9 pm • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Most • Outdoor Seating: No

### **La Torre Restaurante Mexicano**

Mexican – BIRA Member

1155 S. College Mall Rd.

336-5339

This cheerful, family-run Mexican place serves up great Camarones a la Veracruzana (shrimp in a spicy tomato sauce) and Chile Colorado. Good combination plates. Don't forget the guac and chips! • Prices: Appetizers and salads \$2.79-7.69, entrées \$6.59-13.99 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-10 pm Sun 11 am-9 pm • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Laughing Planet**

Organic, healthy fare

322 E. Kirkwood

323-2233

[thelaughingplanetcafe.com](http://thelaughingplanetcafe.com)

Both vegan- and omnivore-friendly, this charming, funky shop offers delicious salads, soups, veggie burgers, quesadillas, and baked goods. Hungarian Mushroom Soup and the Spinach Black Bean Burrito are specialties. The restaurant serves organic and local produce, and composts back to suppliers. • Prices: Appetizers \$1-4, burritos from \$4, desserts \$1.50 • Hours: Daily 11 am-9 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, and Campus Access • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Le Petit Café**

French Country

308 W. 6th St.

334-9747

“I cook foods I like to eat,” says Marina Fiore, chef of this quaint, family-oriented restaurant. Her tastes run to French classics—rabbit dishes, cream sauces, crème brûlée, and chocolate mousse. Vegetarian options are always available. • Prices: Appetizers \$4.25, dinners \$13.25-17.25 (including soup or salad, a vegetable, and potatoes), desserts around \$3.25 • Hours: Lunch Th and Sun only 11:30 am-1:30 pm, dinner Tu-Sun 5:30-9 pm. Closed Mon. Reservations are required for large parties. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Open-air dining room

### **Lennie’s**

Italian American – BIRA Member

1795 E. 10th St.

323-2112

[lennies.bloomington.com](http://lennies.bloomington.com)

Home of the Bloomington Brewing Co., Lennie’s offers its own award-winning ales. Chef Fred Manion, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, creates eclectic dishes—main-course salads, gourmet pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, and daily dinner and soup specials. Try the oven-roasted vegetables with tarragon mayonnaise on the appetizer menu, or the Schwandt Plate (savory sausage with Vermont cheddar, apple slices, and brown mustard). • Prices: Appetizers \$5-9, entrées \$7-20, desserts \$2-5 • Hours: Sun-Th 11 am-11 pm Fri-Sat 11 am-midnight. (Pub closes nightly one hour after the restaurant.) • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Limestone Grille**

Upscale American – BIRA Member

2920 E. Covenanter Dr.

335-8110

[limestonegrille.com](http://limestonegrille.com)

The Limestone Grille is remarkable for its casual fine-dining menu and the huge limestone sculpture that forms one wall. Try the parsnip pancakes with house-smoked fish and the pan-seared scallops with fennel, orange, and truffle oil. Live jazz is offered on the patio during warmer months. • Prices: Appetizers \$4.50-8.95, entrées \$8.25-27.95, desserts \$3-6.95 • Hours: Tu-Sat 11 am-3 pm and 5-10 pm. Reservations recommended. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **The MAC Mediterranean Cuisine**

Mediterranean– BIRA Member

1434 E. 3rd St.

334-9100

macgyros.com

The MAC restaurant provides a pan-Mediterranean experience, with food that also hails from Afghanistan and Pakistan. A variety of kebabs, wraps, sandwiches (gyros and falafel), and entrées like Afghan pasta are on the menu; there is a lunch and dinner buffet as well. • Prices: Wraps and sandwiches \$5-9, appetizers, soups, and salads \$3.50-7, entrées \$8-16 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-10 pm • Bar: Beer • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Malibu Grill**

American – BIRA Member

106 N. Walnut

332-4334

malibugrill.net

Malibu Grill, on the east side of the downtown Square, offers casual dining in an upscale atmosphere for 200 diners. Specialties include the Spinach Artichoke Dip, Caesar salad, Lime Chicken Fettuccini, and Caramelized Salmon. Jazz groups perform several times a month. • Prices: Appetizers \$7.50-9.95, entrées \$10-25, desserts \$5 • Hours: Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2 pm dinner Mon-Th 5:30-10:30 pm Sat noon-10:30 pm Sun noon-9 pm. Reservations accepted only during the week; 20-minute call-ahead service available. • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Max's Place**

Italian American/Pizza – BIRA Member

108 W. 6th St.

336-5169

maxsplace.info

This pizza place and live music venue has moved to the downtown Square and doubled in size, making room for a bar that will offer beer and wine. An expanded menu features new items including grilled panini sandwiches, pasta dishes, and dinner salads (teriyaki tofu salad with miso dressing, for example). Keep an eye out for new specialty toppings for pizza, including goat cheese, prosciutto, and barbecue buffalo. • Prices: Appetizers \$2-5.95, pizza \$5-23, salads \$3.95-7.95, sandwiches, paninis, and calzones \$4.50-8.95 • Hours: Open daily 11:30 am, closing times vary from 11 pm-2 am • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

Mother Bear's Pizza

### Italian/Pizza

1428 E. 3rd St.

332-4495

[motherbearspizza.com](http://motherbearspizza.com)

This casual restaurant features wing specials on Mondays and pasta discounts on Tuesdays.

Wednesday is Sweetheart Night, when a heart-shaped pizza and dinner for two are the specials.

For dessert, there are homemade brownies. • Prices: Appetizers \$2.95-5.95, pastas from \$7.95,

pizzas up to \$17.95, brownies \$1.35 • Hours: Sun-Wed 11 am-1 am Th-Sat 11 am-3 am • Bar:

Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### Nick's English Hut

American – BIRA Member

423 E. Kirkwood

332-4040

[nicksenglishhut.com](http://nicksenglishhut.com)

A Bloomington institution for more than 80 years, Nick's is the place to go for Rags' famous

Nicksburgers, strombolis, pizza, soups, salads, and sandwiches prepared with locally produced

meats and produce. Enjoy daily food and drink specials while watching your favorite sports on

the many high-definition TVs. A museum of IU memorabilia is displayed on the walls. • Prices:

Appetizers \$5-8, entrées \$7-18 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-2 am Sun noon-midnight. Reservations

are recommended for large parties. • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor

Seating: Limited

### Opie Taylor's

American – BIRA Member

110 N. Walnut

333-7287

[opietaylors.com](http://opietaylors.com)

Located on the east side of the downtown Square, Opie Taylor's is known for really great

burgers dressed up any way you want them. Big domestic mugs (34 oz.) are a special on

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. The shrimp-and-corn bisque is fab. The sports-

themed restaurant claims to have the biggest projection-TV screen in Bloomington. • Prices:

Entrées \$5.99-9 • Hours: Sun-Wed 11 am-10 pm Th-Sun 11 am-11 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit

Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### Puccini's La Dolce Vita

Italian/Tapas

420 E. 4th St.

333-5522

[puccinisladolcevita.com](http://puccinisladolcevita.com)

Specialties at this 200-seat restaurant include pasta, seafood, filets, and lamb; there is also a tapas

bar. • Prices: Appetizers from \$3, entrées \$10-26, desserts \$5-7 • Hours: Sun-Th 5-10 pm Fri-Sat

5-11 pm. Reservations are required on weekends and for large groups anytime. • Bar: Full •

Credit Cards: Visa, MC, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### Restaurant Tallent

New American  
208 N. Walnut  
330-9801

[restauranttallent.com](http://restauranttallent.com)

An intimate restaurant just a block off the downtown Square, Tallent offers a creative, eclectic menu of superb food based on seasonal Midwestern ingredients. Trained at the Culinary Institute of America, Chef David Tallent and Pastry Chef Kristen Tallent put innovative twists on classic recipes. The menu changes frequently, but look for the exciting foie gras preparations, fresh fish specials, braised meat dishes, and fabulous desserts. On Monday nights, buy one entrée and have another for half price. The Bar Menu offers more casual dining options. • Prices: Dinner appetizers \$8-22, entrées \$19-35, desserts \$7-10 • Hours: Mon-Sat 5-10 pm. Reservations recommended. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Roots on the Square**

Vegan/Vegetarian/Juice Bar – BIRA Member

124 N. Walnut  
336-ROOT

Roots, located on the northeast corner of the downtown Square, is best known for its vegan ice creams, flavored teas, juice bar, and mushroom burgers. • Prices: Appetizers \$5.95, lunch entrées \$8, dinner entrées \$10, desserts \$3-4 • Hours: Mon-Sat 11 am-10 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Runcible Spoon Cafe and Restaurant**

American/Regional/Continental

412 E. 6th St.  
334-3997

[runciblespoonrestaurant.com](http://runciblespoonrestaurant.com)

A Bloomington landmark, the Runcible Spoon began as a bohemian coffee house 35 years ago. The restaurant features famous breakfasts (served all day), pastas, and sandwiches at lunch, more-classic dishes at night. Live, traditional Irish music is featured on Tuesdays. • Prices: Appetizers under \$6, entrées \$6-14, desserts \$3 and under • Hours: Daily 8 am-11 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Samira's Restaurant**

Afghan/Mediterranean  
100 W. 6th St.

331-3761

[samirasrestaurant.com](http://samirasrestaurant.com)

Located on the north side of the downtown Square, Samira's features Afghan dishes in an elegant, relaxing atmosphere. Specialties include kebabs and dumplings as well as a wide array of vegetarian dishes. Do not miss the samorek (a spicy mushroom appetizer)—you'll want to sop up every drop of sauce with the chewy and delicious flatbread. Great baklava. • Prices: Dinner appetizers \$3.95-7.95, entrées \$10.95-14.95, desserts \$3.95 • Hours: Mon-Fri lunch (buffet and lunch menu) 11 am-2 pm Mon-Th dinner 5-9 pm and Fri-Sat 5-10 pm. Reservations recommended. • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Scholars Inn Gourmet Cafe & Wine Bar**

Upscale American – BIRA Member

717 N. College

332-1892

scholarsinn.com

Executive Chef Jake Brenchley, who created the menu, emphasizes fresh food and offers specials every day. Live jazz some Sundays. The Inn is located in a 150-year-old brick mansion with fireplaces and an outdoor dining deck. Monthly wine-tasting dinners. • Prices: Appetizers \$4-12, entrées \$14-29, desserts \$4-8 • Hours: Sun brunch 10 am-2 pm dinner daily 5-11 pm, desserts and appetizers until midnight. Reservations recommended. • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Scotty's Brewhouse**

American – BIRA Member

302 N. Walnut

333-5151

scottysbrewhouse.com

All ages are welcome at this relaxed sports bar, with its extensive menu featuring creative salads, sandwiches, burgers, and huge desserts. Dill chips made from fried pickles, Buffalo-Breaded Chicken and Scotty's German Chocolate Cake are specialties. • Prices: Appetizers \$5-15, entrées \$6-17, desserts \$4-6 • Hours: Sun-Th 11 am-10 pm Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm. No reservations. • Bar: Beer, wine. • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Serendipity Martini Bar and Restaurant**

Tapas

210 S. College

330-6688

serendipitymartini.com

This sleek lounge offers more than 20 martinis, ranging from classic to fruity to chocolaty. For a deal, go on Mondays, when martinis are half price. Don't miss the Petite Fleur, an herbal gin cocktail. Tapas, or small plates meant for sharing, make up the menu. Picture stuffed mushrooms, spinach and artichoke dip, and pan-seared scallops. Snag one of the few couches to take in the free live music on weekends. • Prices: Martinis \$9-12, tapas \$6-12, soups and salads \$6-9, dessert \$6 • Hours: Mon-Th 3:30-11 pm Fri-Sat 3:30 pm-1 am • Bar: Yes • Credit cards: Visa, MC, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Shanti**

Indian

221 E. Kirkwood

333-0303

Located near the public library in an historic 100-year-old building, this small restaurant serves authentic Indian specialties such as butter chicken, spinach dishes, clay-pot dishes, and Northern

Mougal, a rich entrée made with cashews and almonds. Excellent vegetarian dishes. Be sure to order the naan (an Indian flat bread). • Prices: Dinner appetizers \$3-5, entrées \$10-15, desserts \$3-5 • Hours: Dinner Sun Tu-Th 5-9 pm Fri-Sat 5-10 pm. Closed Monday • Bar: Beer, Indian wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Siam House**

Thai/Vegetarian

430 E. 4th St.

331-1233

siamhousebloomington.com

The 90-item menu was one of the first locally to list vegetarian options using healthy, fresh foods. Specialties include pad thai, curries, combo seafood platters, spicy Thai and coconut-milk soups, miang kom (fresh spinach leaves folded into a cone and filled with ginger, peanuts, coconut, etc.), and Bananas Foster. • Prices: Appetizers \$5-6, entrées \$9-14, desserts \$2-6 • Hours: Mon-Fri 11 am-10 pm (lunch buffet 11 am-2 pm) Sat noon-10 pm Sun noon-9 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: All • Outdoor Seating: Yes

Smokin' Jack's Rib Shack

Barbecue – BIRA Member

505 W. 17th St.

332-RIBS

smokinjacksribshack.com

Chef Jack Cody—"Smokin' Jack"—specializes in (what else?) smoked ribs, but be sure to try the pulled pork, too. He offers five different sauces: regular, Jack's sweet barbecue, Louisiana hot, barbecue hot, and Jamaican jerk. Collard greens and cornbread salad are among the sides. Monday is buy-one-get-one-free night for seniors from 4-9 pm. Specials are offered every day. A fireplace warms the inside, and picnic tables are available on the porch. • Prices: Appetizers \$5.25-17.50, entrées \$4.50-18.50, desserts \$1.50 • Hours: Daily 10:30 am-9 pm • Bar: Beer • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Snow Lion Restaurant**

Tibetan

113 S. Grant St.

336-0835

Have any dish spiced to your personal taste on a scale from one to five by the Tibetan chefs at Snow Lion. House specialties are fresh-made soups, momo dumplings, Indian curry, and jasha phukpa, a chicken and egg-noodle dish. • Prices: Appetizers \$3.95-12, dinner entrées \$8.50-12.95, desserts \$2.50-3.95 • Hours: Daily 11 am-3 pm and 5-10 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Soup's On**

108 S. Rogers St.

331-9930

mysoupson.com

Four to five soup offerings change daily at this cozy café. Loaded potato and chicken corn chowder are always available, and other homemade varieties include the likes of cheddar vegetable, black bean chili and cream of mushroom. Sandwiches and salads are on the menu,

too. Can't decide? Try the combo for \$7.50—cup of soup, half sandwich, and a house salad. Call ahead to carry out large portions of soup for dinner. • Prices: Soup \$3.35-4.67 depending on size, salads \$6, sandwiches \$4-6 • Hours: Mon-Fri Sep-Apr 10:30 am-5 pm, May-Aug 10:30 am-3 pm • Bar: No • Credit cards: Visa, MC, Disc., AMEX • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Stone Cutters Coffee & Roastery**

3297 E. Covenanter Dr.  
822-0044  
stonecutterscoffee.com

Tucked away in an apartment complex, this loft-like coffee house has breakfast, lunch, and dinner covered. Breakfast sandwiches and pastries are available for the morning crowd. For lunch and dinner, expect daily specials like quiche and baked macaroni and cheese, plus several sandwiches (the Lite Almond/Cranberry Chicken Salad sandwich is a popular one). Stone Cutters stays open late on Fridays and Saturdays, with wine and tapas from 5-10 pm. • Prices: Breakfast pastries \$2-3, breakfast sandwiches \$4-5, sandwiches \$7-8 • Hours: Mon-Th 7 am-7 pm Fri-Sat 7 am-10 pm Sun 8 am-3 pm • Bar: Wine only • Credit cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor seating: Yes

### **Sunny Palace**

Chinese  
1143 S. College Mall Rd.  
333-5533

Dine-in or carryout, the east side's Sunny Palace (find it next to Truffles in Jackson Creek Shopping Center) offers a tempting array of Asian cooking—mostly Chinese but with a smattering of Thai, Cambodian, and Vietnamese. Try the delicious scallion pancakes, the boneless spare ribs, and the fried dumplings. Kung pao chicken and orange beef are also good choices. • Prices: Lunch specials \$4.85-5.95 appetizers \$1.25-10.95 most entrées \$7.25-10.95 • Hours: Daily 11 am-10:30 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Sushi Bar**

Japanese  
2522 E. 10th St.  
331-7688

There's karaoke on weekends at Sushi Bar, which offers regular \$1 sushi specials. The Birthday Roll includes tempura shrimp, eel, spicy shrimp, avocado, and crab. • Prices: Sushi from \$1-12.75, desserts \$1.99-4.99 • Hours: Mon-Wed lunch 11:30 am-2:30 pm dinner 5-10 pm Th-Sun lunch 11:30 am-2:30 pm dinner 5-11 pm Sun noon-10 pm • Bar: Beer, wine, sake • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Taste of India**

Indian  
316 E. 4th St.  
333-1399  
tasteofindiabtown.com

Bloomington's newest entry into the Indian restaurant market, this airy, casual restaurant specializes in northern- and southern-Indian cuisine. Besides the usual menu standbys of tikkas and vindaloos and kormas, look for vegetarian southern-Indian dishes like dosa and uttapam. •

Prices: Lunch buffet \$8.50, appetizers \$3.50-6.95, entrées \$8.95-13.95, desserts \$2.95 • Hours: Lunch 11 am-2:30 pm dinner 5-10 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Trojan Horse**

Greek American – BIRA Member  
100 E. Kirkwood  
332-1101  
thetrojanhorse.com

Casual and family-friendly, the Trojan Horse is just off the southeast corner of the downtown Square. Since 1978, it has offered the same original dishes—including its secret gyro recipe. Great falafel sandwiches and hand-cut fries. Drink specials are offered every night. • Prices: Appetizers \$4, sandwiches \$5.50, complete dinners around \$16, desserts \$3-5 • Hours: Mon-Th 11 am-11 pm Sat 11 am-midnight Sun 11:30 am-10 pm • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Tudor Room**

Buffet  
Indiana Memorial Union  
900 E. 7th St.  
855-1620 • 855-9866  
imu.indiana.edu/dining/tudorroom.shtml

This high-ceilinged, medieval room on the IU campus evokes a bygone day. Fresh salad bar includes crisp greens, as well as tuna, pasta, and other side salads. Buffet with hot entrées changes daily but might include baked fish, pasta, chicken and meat dishes, and assorted sides. Luscious dessert bar, delicious Sunday brunch. Public welcome. • Prices: \$7.75-17.95, weekday brunch \$7.50 for students • Hours: Lunch buffet weekdays 11:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday brunch 10:30 am-1:30 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Campus Access, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Turkuaz Café**

Turkish  
301 E. 3rd St.  
333-7908  
turkuazcafe.com

Chef Mitin Avayvogul worked as a chef in Turkey before he joined the Turkuaz Café. Authentic Turkish decorations and music enliven this intimate restaurant. • Prices: Appetizers \$4, entrées from \$4, desserts \$3.50 • Hours: Daily 10 am-11 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: Limited

### **Uncle D's New York Pizza**

Pizza  
430 E. Kirkwood  
339-2260  
uncledsnewyorkpizza.com

Bloom Magazine's choice for best take-out pizza in Bloomington, Uncle D's makes real New York-style pizza, thin crusted and flavorful, by the slice or the whole pie, just blocks from campus. Delivery available. • Prices: Appetizers & salads \$3-11, subs and sandwiches \$5-6.50, pizza by the slice \$1.75-2.75, whole pies \$7.50-20 • Hours: Mon-Sat 10 am-4 pm Sun 3 pm-midnight. • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: No

### **Upland Brewing Company**

Eclectic – BIRA Member

350 W. 11th St.

336-BEER

[uplandbeer.com](http://uplandbeer.com)

Craft-brewed Upland beers are an ingredient in many dishes here, including Wheat Beer Macaroni and Cheese, Ale Soaked Bratwurst, the Soused Turkey Club, and Chocolate Stout Cake. The menu runs from sandwiches (try the buffalo burgers) to entrées, and many vegetarian/vegan specials are also offered. Live entertainment. Beers regularly on tap include Wheat, Weizen, Pale, IPA, Porter, and Amber. • Prices: Appetizers \$3.95-8.50, entrées \$7.50-16.95, desserts \$4.50-5.50 • Hours: Mon-Th 11 am-midnight Fri-Sat 11 am-1 am Sun noon-midnight • Bar: Beer, including carryout • Credit Cards: Visa, MC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **The Uptown Café**

Cajun/Creole/American

102 E. Kirkwood

339-0900

[the-uptown.com](http://the-uptown.com)

The New Orleans-style Uptown Café is known for Cajun/Creole fare (try the blackened-catfish sandwich), fresh steaks, seafood, and extravagant breakfast items, including Cottage Cheese Pancakes, Indonesian Corn Fritters (fabulous!), Eggs Benedict, and Tchoupitoulas (hash made with Cajun ham, eggs, and hollandaise sauce). Jazz and soul music complement your meal. • Prices: Dinner appetizers \$4-6, entrées \$6-25, desserts \$3-5 • Hours: Daily 7 am-10 pm Sun brunch 9 am-2 pm • Bar: Beer, wine • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc. • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **The Village Deli**

American

409 E. Kirkwood

336-2303

[villagedeli.biz](http://villagedeli.biz)

This long-established, upbeat restaurant on East Kirkwood serves breakfast all day (but all kinds of sandwiches and salads for lunch and dinner as well); “ginormous” pancakes and omelets are house specialties. The Huevos Rancheros are not authentic, but they are tasty! • Prices: Appetizers \$3.75-4.75, entrées \$5-8, desserts \$1.25-3.75 • Hours: Mon-Fri 7 am-8 pm Sat-Sun 8 am-8 pm. Lunchtime delivery. • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, Campus Access • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Yogi's Grill and Bar**

American – BIRA Member

519 E. 10th St.

323-9644

yogis.com

A late-night mainstay among students, Yogi's also fills up with IU staffers, a business crowd, and construction workers for lunch, dinner, and cocktails. With walls of high-definition TVs and classic pub grub, it has long been a favorite for catching the big game while having a beer and cocktails. Co-owner Chris Karl is a Certified Cicerone—the hops-and-barley version of a wine sommelier. With 47 taps and 75 choices of bottled brews, plus 11 Certified Beer Servers on staff, Yogi's is creating some serious beer connoisseurs. • Prices: Appetizers, soups, sandwiches \$2.95-6.95, entrées \$6.95-12.95 • Hours: Mon-Th 11 am-1 am Fri-Sat 11 am-2 am Sun noon-1 am • Bar: Full • Credit Cards: Visa, MC, AMEX, Disc., DC • Outdoor Seating: Yes

### **Wee Willies**

American

1724 S. Walnut

332-0500

One of the best kept secrets in town, Wee Willies has been serving diner-style breakfast fare in an unmarked building on South Walnut for the past 30 years. It's a testament to the loyalty of their customers and the quality of their homey French toast, hash browns, and sausages, among other items, that they've stayed open without even putting up a sign. This cheap, quick, and super-delicious joint is the perfect reward for pulling an all-nighter in the library. • Prices: Breakfast combos starting at \$5.85, sandwiches \$2.20-4, lunch combos \$5.10-6.75 • Hours: Mon-Sat 7 am-3 pm, Sun 8 am-3 pm • Bar: No • Credit Cards: Cash only • Outdoor Seating: No