

Though we encourage you to walk around and stumble upon your own favorites, we've listed our restaurant recommendations below, all 4-5 stars from many online reviews, and all locally owned. Where we've quoted the restaurant's website or user reviews, it's because we fully agree with them. Menus and reviews can be found online.

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### RESTAURANTS

The Pepper Sisters - 1055 N State St (downtown)

Southwestern comfort food in an art-filled spot with brightly colored booths, funky decor & patio. A long-time Bellingham favorite.

Rock and Rye Oyster House - 1145 N State St (downtown)

The menu consistently reflects the passion of the chefs, creating new and interesting food while channeling inspiration from classics and modern cuisine, such as in-house cured meats. PNW focus on rock (seafood) and rye (beer and whiskey on tap) with many other options. Great atmosphere.

Pel'meni Restaurant - 1211 N State St (downtown)

"An unassuming place in Bellingham with beautiful architecture and interesting food (Russian dumplings). When we came in, we were expecting to be seated and given a menu, but it's actually a "walk-up" and let them know whether you want potato or meat pierogi. That's it. Easy Peasy."

Old World Deli - 1228 N State St (downtown)

"Crusty local bread, amazing spreads, fresh veggies and tasty combinations of ingredients make this the best sandwich venue in our fair city, hands-down. They also have an awesome meat & cheese plate you can share over a bottle of wine with friends."

Boundary Bay Brewery & Bistro - 1107 Railroad Ave (downtown)

Expansive, unfussy brewpub with a deck & beer garden serving locally sourced pub grub & award winning craft beer. Great for the whole family. Bellingham's first brewery!

Rudy's Pizzeria - 1232 N State St (downtown)

Counter-serve spot dishing creative slices/pies with vegan & gluten-free options plus beer & wine.

Wasabee - 105 E Chestnut St (downtown)

Wasabee Sushi is a small sushi restaurant that has found a way to allow the downtown lunch crowd to eat a high quality meal without paying a premium price. The lunch combos, the most popular item on the menu, include a generous salad, the best miso soup in town, and six rolls of makizushi sushi.

D'Anna's Cafe Italiano - 1317 N State St (downtown)

Brick-walled cafe known for fresh pasta dishes, Sicilian fare, & a bevy of local & imported wines.

The Copper Hog Gastropub - 1327 N State St (downtown)

Inventive pub grub, wine & local brews, plus a happy hour, served in airy, rustic-industrial digs.

Aslan Brewery - 1330 North Forest St. (downtown)

"I've been trekking north to visit Bellingham for 10 years. Boundary Bay was the only place I'd ever go. And while I still feel their beer is top notch Aslan has been our only stop for the past year. I love the atmosphere and feel of the place, and love how local and amazing the food (and to some degree, the drink) really is." 100% organic brew.

La Fiamma Wood Fire Pizza - 1309 Railroad Ave (downtown)

Kid-friendly pizzeria with a heated deck serving wood-fired pies, panini & salads.

Fiamma Burger - 200 E Chestnut St (downtown)

High quality burgers made of various meats (& veggies) with a choice of toppings in a modern, wood-&-metal space.

Avenue Bread and Deli - 1313 Railroad Ave (downtown – also in Fairhaven at 1135 11th St)

Bakery/cafe known for high quality sandwiches, baked goods & bread + salads, soups & breakfast.

100 North (Bellingham Pasta Co) - 100 N Commercial St (downtown)

Featuring a 2 Michelin Star chef, rotating locally-sourced menu, and a state-of-the-arts bar, you can't ask for much more.

Ciao Thyme - 207 Unity St (downtown)

"I absolutely loved the food at this little restaurant. I can't recommend any particular item as the menu changes weekly. I would highly recommend eating here. Love their concept of open kitchen, communal tables and supporting local farmers using seasonal and sustainable ingredients." All 5 stars on Yelp

Brandywine Kitchen - 1317 Commercial St (downtown)

From the restaurant: From seed to plate is a motto that encompasses both our history as food producers and our belief that understanding and supporting local food systems leads to a superior product...

The Temple Bar - 306 W Champion St (downtown)

Artsy, romantic nightspot serving wine, beer, cocktails & New American small plates with a European vibe. Great atmosphere.

Bayou on the Bay - 1300 Bay St (downtown)

Spacious 2-story Cajun restaurant providing hearty dinners, plus brunch, beer & cocktails.

Goat Mountain Pizza - 215 W Holly St #101 (downtown)

Creative, delicious and artisan pizza unlike any other with focaccia-like crust. Sold by weight not slice. Salads, full bar, and other treats await.

Old Town Cafe - 316 W Holly St

Hip, cozy bistro offering local-sourced breakfast (served all day) & lunch in rustic, lively atmosphere. A Bellingham institution.

Home Skillet - 521 Kentucky St (Sunnyland neighborhood)

This intimate eatery with quirky decor serves homestyle American comfort eats for breakfast & lunch. A tiny place with a big reputation. Hand-crafted culinary creations with large servings.

Giuseppe's Al Porto Ristorante Italiano - 21 Bellwether Way (waterfront marina)

Swanky bayfront Italian eatery & bar serving classic pasta dishes & entrees, plus wine & cocktails.

Keenans at the Pier - 804 10th St (Fairhaven)

From the restaurant: Casual yet elegant, Keenan's at the Pier features fresh local Northwest cuisine and a full bar. Executive Chef Mica Christensen and his culinary staff highlight the beauty and style of the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy a panoramic view of Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Islands at every table!

Mambo Italiano Cafe - 1303 12th St (Fairhaven)

Bright restaurant with a patio serving Italian fare & homemade breads amid brick walls & local artwork.

Magdalena's Creperie - 1200 10th St #103 (Fairhaven)

From the restaurant: Magdalena is inspired by a combination of recreating a taste from her native Poland and a passion for creative cooking. We prepare all of our vegetables, meats, soups, and baked goods daily – from scratch. Each entrée is made to order with special care and a personal touch. We craft each crepe delicately so that each taste as wonderful as they look.

Harris Avenue Cafe - 1101 Harris Ave (Fairhaven)

From the restaurant: Charming eatery serving breakfast and lunch daily in the historic Fairhaven district. We offer delicious options for both omnivores and vegetarians: omelets, waffles, pancakes, potato specialties, homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers, and pastries baked in-house daily featuring locally grown produce, bread, meat and sausage. Harris Avenue Café is adjoined with Tony's Coffee & Espresso, where guests can enjoy delicious brewed coffee, lattes, and fresh pastries.

The Black Cat (Le Chat Noir) – 1200 Harris Ave, Ste 310 (Fairhaven)

A warm, welcoming charm, accented by exposed brick, over-sized window looking over Fairhaven and to bay beyond, and hardwood flooring. Classic dining and new favorites with a unique atmosphere.

The Fork at Agate Bay - 2530 N Shore Rd (North Lake Whatcom)

From the restaurant: House-made seasonal menu is devoted to thoughtfully sourcing local ingredients, and reviving simple, scratch-kitchen classics with a new twist. Along with their staff they create food that is honest and deliciously unexpected, in an environment that is style-forward, and casual.

## Edison-area restaurants – 20 minutes south of Bellingham:

From Tweets (amazing breakfasts) to Breadfarm bread, Mariposa high-quality tacqueria (owned by Tweets chefs) and the Longhorn Saloon Edison has outstanding food packed into one block. See our handout Bow-Edison Food Trail in the top flat file in the Studio for all the options.

## COFFEE SHOPS

Primer - 1400 W Holly St (downtown)

Brought to you by the ownership of Onyx Coffee – Primer brings forth a culture and level of quality that is unparalleled. Try a unique beverage or roast, paired with a small plate designed by Blaine Wetzel of the Willows.

Avellino - 1329 Railroad Ave (downtown)

From the restaurant: We make excellent coffee, baked goods daily from our in-house bakery, have free wi-fi & our packed cafe is testament to our service. Our approach is friendliness before snobbery, and a fair price for an above average product.

Cafe Adagio - 1329 Railroad Ave (downtown)

"Amazing coffee masterfully and artfully prepared. A very friendly place with good pastry and the best espresso I've had since I was in Italy (honest!)."

The Black Drop - 1329 Railroad Ave (downtown)

"Best coffee in Bellingham, hands down. Always friendly service, and it's owned by the employees, who care deeply about quality. This place has it and with personality. Reputation is well deserved."

Rocket Donuts - 306 W Holly St (downtown)

Donuts made fresh daily by hand using locally-sourced ingredients whenever possible.

Woods Coffee - 470 Bayview Dr (in Boulevard Park)

Not the best coffee in town but great location in Boulevard Park.

BookFare Cafe – 1200 11th Street (Fairhaven)

Great view of Bellingham bay from this cafe above the best book store around (Village Books)!

Tony's Coffee House – 1101 Harris Ave (Fairhaven)

A Bellingham staple since 1971.

## OTHER

Mallards – 1323 Railroad Avenue

No Bellingham food guide would be complete without including Mallards Ice Cream shop, with seasonal ice creams crafted from area-sourced ingredients. Inventive, delicious and lively atmosphere. Standard and very creative flavors, each flavor unique with a sense of character.

Community Food Coop – 1220 North Forest

Full-service natural foods grocery store with many options, including deli. Bakery/coffee shop just across the street from main store.

## Breweries, beers & bars

Menace Brewing – 2529 Meridian St

Melvin Brewery – 2416 Meridian St

The Local Public House – 1427 Railroad Ave

Schweinhaus

Kulshan

K2

Stones Throw Brewery

Structures Brewer

Chuckanut Brewery

Wander Brewing

North Fork Brewery

The Archer Ale House

Elizabeth Station

Uisce

McKay's Taphouse

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