



# OUR HISTORY



In 1958, newlyweds Ben and Virginia Ali invested their \$5,000 savings to begin renovating the old building at 1213 U Street, NW in Washington, DC. Built in 1910, it first housed a silent movie house called the Minnehaha Theater. On August 22, 1958, Ben's Chili Bowl opened for business.

From the tumult of the late 1960's race riots to the Drug Wars and tough times in the 1970's, the Metro subway construction of the 1980's, and finally the revitalization of the U Street Corridor beginning in the 1990's, Ben's has seen and survived it all. Although Ben left us in 2009, Virginia and the rest of the Ali family are still going strong, welcoming and serving guests daily as they have for over 60 years!

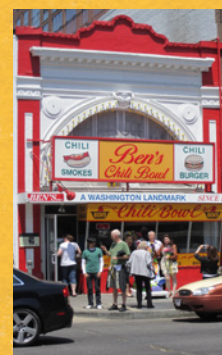
## THE BEN'S CHILI BOWL EXPERIENCE AND OUR FOOD

Ben's Chili Bowl has won numerous awards and accolades, including the prestigious America's Classics award from the James Beard Foundation and, more recently, the Steve Harvey Golden Spatula Award for Best Chili in America.

Ben's has been featured on Man vs. Food, CNN, Oprah, Anthony Bourdain's No Reservations, Rachael Ray Show, Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, The Today Show, Larry the Cable Guy, The Daily Show, and many more, as well as films like Russell Crowe's *State of Play*, Denzel Washington's *The Pelican Brief*, and Don Cheadle's *Talk to Me*. Even President Obama is a fan of our amazing Half Smoke!

## EVERYBODY LOVES BEN'S!

From Dr. Martin Luther King and Duke Ellington to Bono and Jimmy Fallon, we are fortunate to have fans from all walks of life. We have hosted Ella Fitzgerald and President Obama, Dave Chappelle, Kevin Hart, Hilary Clinton, Larry King, Chris Tucker, Bryce Harper, Usher, Bruno Mars, and the list is endless. The celebrities and the stories adorn our walls, but our most important guest is always YOU! Please come and see what draws so many folks to our restaurants, and enjoy the experience for yourself. Again and again, and thank you!



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**LANDMARK**  
 ..... Since 1958 .....



Visit us at one of our 4 locations:

### THE ORIGINAL

1213 U St. NW  
 Washington, DC 20009  
 (202) 667-0909

### ARLINGTON

1725 Wilson Blvd.  
 Arlington, VA 22209  
 (571) 312-1091

### NORTHEAST DC

1001 H St. NE  
 Washington, DC 20002  
 (202) 733-1895

### REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

National Hall  
 (703) 417-1588

Ben's ships to all 50 States

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Full  
Breakfast  
MON-SAT

# The Original CHILI HALF-SMOKE



Homemade Chili Sauce

Diced Onions

Steamed Bun

Juicy Pork & Beef Sausage

Experience the chili half-smoke, first made famous by Ben's in 1958. Grilled and served on a warm steamed bun with mustard, onions and Ben's spicy homemade chili sauce. Have yours split and grilled on request.

**ORIGINAL CHILI HALF-SMOKE**  
\$6.99

**SPICY CHILI HALF-SMOKE**  
\$6.99

## CLASSIC CHILI DOGS

Grilled and served on a warm, steamed bun with mustard, onions, and Ben's spicy homemade chili sauce. Four great options:

**JUMBO BEEF DOG**  
\$6.99

**JUMBO TURKEY DOG**  
\$6.99

**VEGGIE DOG**  
\$5.99

**JUNIOR DOG**  
Mixed pork and beef  
\$4.99

\*Kosher beef dogs available upon request

## BOWLS



### BEN'S FAMOUS CHILI BOWLS

Homemade chili con carne or veggie chili, made with the freshest natural ingredients and a touch of love.

Small \$5.99 Large \$7.99

Add Cheddar Cheese and Onions +\$1

Half Gallon \$29 Gallon \$55

### RICE BOWL \$9.99

A hearty bowl of rice topped with your favorite chili (con carne or veggie), tomatoes, onions, and cheddar cheese. Add Sour Cream +\$1

### SALAD BOWL \$9.99

Fresh salad greens topped with your favorite chili (con carne or veggie), tomatoes, onions, and cheddar cheese. Add Sour Cream +\$1

### MAKE IT A MEAL!

Add fries and a drink to any of our sandwiches, bowls or salads for only \$5 sub onion rings for fries +\$2

## BURGERS & SUBS

100% Angus beef burgers, cooked to order. Made with family farm raised and all natural fresh beef. NO antibiotics. NO hormones. NO steroids. NEVER frozen. Ben's burgers are truly THE BEST!!!



### BEN'S FAMOUS CHILI BURGER

Served with mayo, lettuce and Ben's spicy homemade chili sauce.  
single \$6.99  
double \$9.45

### "BIG BEN" BURGER

Jumbo gourmet burger with lettuce, tomato and special "Big Ben" sauce.  
\$8.99

### TURKEY BURGER

Lean ground turkey patty cooked to order and served with mayo, lettuce and tomato.  
\$7.99



### CHILI BURGER SUB

Two fresh quarter pound Angus beef patties on a 6" sub roll, served with mayo, lettuce, and Ben's homemade spicy chili sauce.  
\$9.99



### CHICKEN SANDWICH

A crispy or grilled chicken breast served on a warm bun with mayo, lettuce, and tomato.  
\$7.99

### TUNA OR CHICKEN SALAD

Homemade tuna salad or all white meat chicken salad on white or wheat bread or sub roll, served with mayo, lettuce, and tomato.  
sandwich \$7.99 sub \$9.99

### TURKEY BURGER SUB

Two lean ground turkey patties served with mayo, lettuce and tomato on a 6" sub roll.  
\$11.99

## SANDWICH TOPPINGS

**FREE OPTIONS:** lettuce, tomatoes, raw onion, pickles, jalapeño peppers, relish, Ben's homemade chili sauce or veggie chili, ketchup, mustard, mayo

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|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>CHEESE</b> | sandwich +\$1 sub +\$2    | <b>COLESLAW</b>       | sandwich +\$1 sub +\$2 |
| <b>BACON</b>  | sandwich +\$1.50 sub +\$3 | <b>GRILLED ONIONS</b> | +50¢                   |

## SALADS

**HOMEMADE POTATO SALAD OR COLESLAW** \$2.50

### FRESH GARDEN SALAD

Fresh salad greens, cucumber, tomatoes, carrots, and dressing of your choice.  
\$5.99 Add Cheddar Cheese +\$1

### VIRGINIA'S ORIGINAL CAESAR SALAD

With romaine, grated parmesan, and croutons. \$7.99

**SALAD ADD ONS**  
chicken/tuna salad, crispy or grilled chicken  
+\$4 ea



### AWARD WINNING

## VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

Our homemade vegan chili and other products have won awards from PETA and other vegetarian organizations. All of our food items except our buns and the Impossible Burgers are gluten free. Gluten free buns are available on request.

### VEGGIE BURGER

Your choice of a Beyond or Impossible burger, served with mayo, lettuce, and tomato, plus Ben's veggie chili upon request.  
\$8.99

### VEGGIE BURGER SUB

Two Beyond or Impossible burger patties on a 6" sub roll, with mayo, lettuce and tomato, plus Ben's veggie chili upon request.  
\$12.99

## SIDES

**CHILI CHEESE FRIES** \$6.99

**CHILI OR CHEESE FRIES** \$5.99

**FRENCH FRIES** \$3.99

**GOURMET ONION RINGS** \$5.99  
ADD CHILI OR CHEESE +\$1.50 ea



## DRINKS

**HAND SPUN THICK N' CREAMY MILKSHAKES** 16oz \$5.99  
Flavors: vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, cherry, coffee, maple and Oreo.  
Whipped cream, cherry and additional toppings available.



**FOUNTAIN DRINKS** free refills \$2.99  
Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Cherry Coke, Sprite, Fanta Orange, Mr. Pibb, Barq's Root Beer, Mello Yello, Lemonade, Fruit Punch, Homemade Sweet Tea

**BOTTLED DRINKS & JUICES** \$2.99  
**BOTTLED WATER** \$1.99  
**COFFEE OR TEA** \$2.49