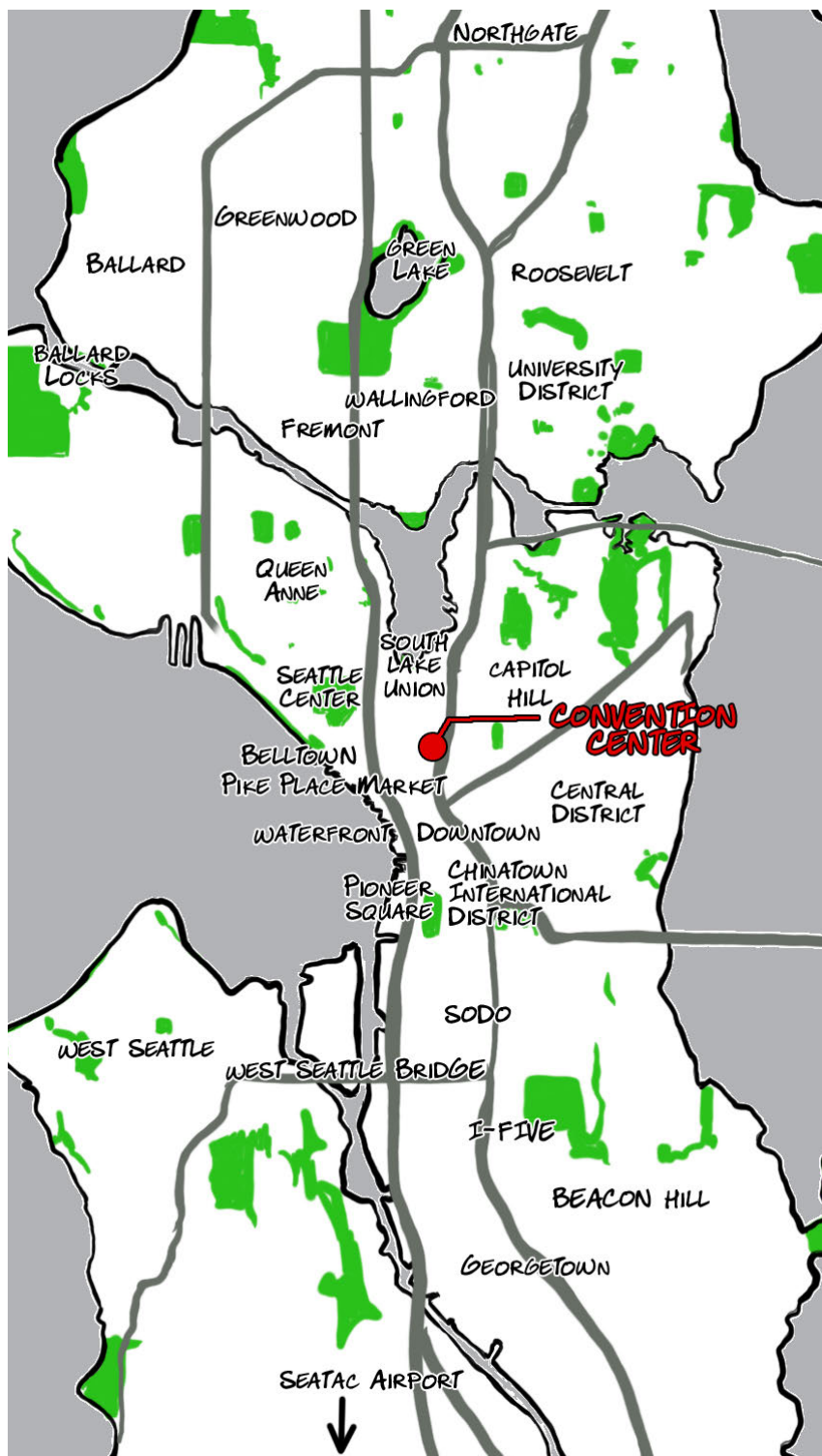




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RESTAURANT GUIDE

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Restaurant Guide: Introduction to Seattle

Welcome to Seattle! Where it's uphill both ways, and our claims to fame include loud rock and roll, extreme coffee, getting a fish thrown at you, and nearly constant rainy gloom.

Lucky for you, Seattle Worldcon in 2025 friends, our infamous gloom is seasonal and you're here in August, historically the least rainy month of the entire year.

Seattle is a very, very casual city. We have something like two restaurants in the whole town with a dress code.

Maybe three? **Seattle is also an expensive city**, unless you come from California, in which case, never mind, you won't notice a thing.

Alcohol can be sold between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m., and you have to be 21 to drink it. These restrictions are strictly enforced. This means that if you're in a 21+ establishment you are expected to have ID somewhere about your person that proves this. No, your gray hairs are not considered proof of age, and yes, you can be kicked out of a bar if you don't have your ID. Seriously! We're not kidding around! It has happened to your humble editors! Seattle is also quite serious about restricting drinking outside of designated areas. For example, if you take a craft beer to a park so you can drink it with your picnic, no you didn't. And use a can, not a bottle.

Getting around via transit:

If you are planning to get around Seattle by transit, it's a good idea to get an **ORCA** card, available from ORCA vending machines at the light rail stations. Regional day passes are available. Otherwise, adult fares are \$3 per ride. ORCA cards will get you around on **King County Metro** bus service, **Link light rail** (the best way to get to Westlake Station from the airport), and the **Monorail** (the best way to get from Westlake Station to **Seattle Center**). **Westlake is the Light Rail stop closest to Seattle's Summit Convention Center.** The light rail loosely follows the route of Interstate 5, so it's very useful along the north-south corridor, but less so if you need to go east-west.

Getting around on foot: The downtown area immediately surrounding the Summit Convention Center is fairly pedestrian-friendly, and a huge clump of restaurants and sights are available within a walk of half a mile or less (see: In the Area). That said, Seattle rivals San Francisco for steep hilly-ness, which is something to keep in mind when making your plans.

Jesus Christ Made Seattle Under Protest

The core downtown streets can be understood as bounded by Yesler Way to the south, Pine Street to the north, I-5 to the east, and the waterfront to the west. From the waterfront to the freeway, the streets are Alaskan Way, reflecting Seattle's historic status as the gateway to Alaska, followed by Western Avenue, and then 1st through 9th Avenues arranged in handy numeric order. From south to north, streets are arranged according to a handy mnemonic device: **Jesus Christ Made Seattle Under Protest: Jefferson, James, Cherry, Columbia, Marion, Madison, Spring, Seneca, University, Union, Pike, and Pine.** Why did Jesus have such a tortured relationship with Seattle? Nobody knows! But we know for sure that Jesus doesn't want us for a sunbeam. The **Summit Convention Center** is just barely outside of that area, on a block **bounded by Pine Street, Olive Way, 9th Avenue, and Boren Avenue.**

Note: Although Seattle-area transit is generally ADA-friendly, if you need to arrange special transportation or have any accessibility concerns, we recommend contacting the convention help desk or the concierge of your hotel.

Abbreviations used in this guide:

GF = gluten-free options

LR = Link light rail 1 Line

[ex., LRn, LRs, are north/south directions from Westlake Station.]

Convention Center

Food and drink services are listed on the convention center's site.

seattleconventioncenter.com/visitors/retail

Bombo Italian Kitchen (Summit) • **Daawat Indian Grill & Bar** (between Summit and Arch, listed here) • **Dog in the Park** (Arch, also Westlake and Seattle Center) • **Espresso Caffé Dior** (Arch) • **Ethioblue C-Store** (Arch) • **Juicy Café** (Arch, listed here) • **Monorail Espresso** (Summit) • **Pike Brewing Company** (Summit, also see Pike Place Market) • **Piroshky Piroshky** (Summit, several locations, see Pike Place Market) • **Taco Del Mar** (Arch, Washington chain with many locations)

Daawat Indian Grill and Bar • *Indian* • 820 Pike St. • Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–9:45 p.m., Sun noon–9:45 p.m.

Notable mostly for being the closest Indian place to the Convention Center. I've eaten here many times. -JKM

Juicy Café • *Convention Center Arch* • Mon–Thu 8 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Healthy casual, cold-pressed juices and

smoothies. Price range: \$20–30. Great for lunch, close to Summit. -Stefanie R.

Wild Rye • *Bakery, cafe counter* • 1017 Olive Way (on the corner of Olive Way and Boren Avenue) • Mon–Sat 6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. In the Summit. (Not listed above.) Sells pastries and sandwiches. -SunnyJim Morgan

In the Area

Restaurants and places of interest within half a mile of the Summit. Crossing Interstate 5 to Capitol Hill, things are uphill. Otherwise things are more level, or downhill heading toward the water. Street crossings can be annoying if you have mobility issues. And watch out for those speed maniacs on rental e-bikes and scooters!

Andalucia Restaurant • *Mediterranean fine dining, GF* • 407 Olive Way • Breakfast: Mon–Fri 7–11 a.m., Sat–Sun 7 a.m.–noon; Dinner: Tue–Thu 5–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 5–10 p.m. In the Mayflower Park hotel.

Asean Streat Food Hall • 400 Pine St. #136 • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Funky food hall with a variety of Southeast Asian street food styles and open seating. Good for groups!

a/stir (formerly Capitol Cider) • *contemporary Northern Mediterranean, GF* • 818 E. Pike St.

Walkable from the convention center, all uphill. \$\$\$\$. Totally gluten-free with dedicated fryer, somewhat upscale food. Good, though! I'll probably go there one night of the con for my one fancy meal. -SunnyJim Morgan

Cafe Suliman • *casual Middle Eastern, GF* • 1531 Melrose Ave. • Closed 3:30–4:30 p.m.,

otherwise Sun–Mon and Wed–Thu noon–8 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–9 p.m.

Located in Melrose Market. Menu changes regularly, with a focus on Arabian spices. Small plates to mix or have a snack. Vegetarian options.

The Carlile Room • *New American, GF* • 820 Pine St. • Wed–Thu and Fri–Sat 4:30–10 p.m., Sun 4:30–9 p.m.

Accessible bar and grill near the Paramount Theater, catering to a theater crowd with themed cocktails and appetizers. The brass fixtures seemed very well-polished. -pmc

Deep Dive • *speakeasy style, GF* • 620 Lenora St. • Sun–Wed 4–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 4 p.m.–11 p.m.

Located inside the Amazon Spheres but open to the public. The Spheres' indoor gardens are open to visitors by reservation during the first and third Saturday of each month, free of charge.

Din Tai Fung • 600 Pine St. Suite 403 • Top of Pacific Place • Daily 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
Popular Chinese restaurant specializing in soup dumplings and noodles. Recommended by JKM; be prepared for a wait.

Dino's Tomato Pie • pizza • 1524 E. Olive Way • Sun and Tue–Wed 4 p.m.–midnight, Thu–Sat 4 p.m.–2 a.m.
21 and over. They make a round pie, but *Eater Seattle* (and I) recommend the square, with its burnt cheese and rich sauce. Hours are approximate. -pmc

Local Flavor: Seattle Dog

The origins of the **Seattle Dog** are unclear, but a hot dog topped with cream cheese and sautéed onions and served on a pretzel roll (preferably from a food cart) has earned its spot in the city's odd food traditions. Popular among sports fans and late-night bar crowds, the Seattle Dog became commonplace during the grunge scene of the '90s. If you're looking for a Seattle Dog during Worldcon, **Dog in the Park** is a short walk from the convention center. Many places sell this; they are not all the same.

Dog in the Park • 1520 4th Ave. Suite 100
The owner claims to have created the Seattle Dog.

Dough Zone Dumpling House • Chinese • 815 Pine St. • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.
A completely different popular Chinese restaurant specializing in soup dumplings and noodles. Recommended by JKM. Very close to the convention center and can get crowded during events.

Elephant and Castle • British pub feel, GF • 1415 5th Ave. • Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.
One block from the Sheraton! Beers on tap and classic fare, such as fish 'n' chips. Indoor and open-air outside seating. Minors okay. Vegetarian and gluten-sensitivity items available.
-Michelle Morrell

Frolik Kitchen + Cocktails • GF • 1415 5th Ave., 5th Floor • Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–11 p.m.,

Sat–Sun 6:30 a.m.–11 p.m.

Located in the Hilton Motif hotel. Rooftop bar with views of the Seattle skyline. Creative cocktails paired with a classic Pacific Northwest food menu. Usually busy on sunny days but has a large space good for groups.

Grumpy Bean • coffee shop • 910 Stewart St. • Mon–Tue 7 a.m.–2 p.m., Wed–Fri 7 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Partners with a chai company and an empanada company.

H Mart • Asian grocery and deli • 1601 2nd Ave. • Mon–Sat 8 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Many locations. This one is closest to the convention center. In the University District, the hot food and the grocery sections have different store fronts.

Hula Hula • tiki bar • 1501 E. Olive Way • Daily 4 p.m.–2 a.m.

Karaoke starts daily at 7 p.m. Don't let that scare you away, as happy hour goes 4 p.m.–6 p.m., and their tropical food and drink menu is fun. -pmc

Inside Passage • tiki bar • 1108 Pike St. • Hours vary, reservations recommended, wait list starts at 4 p.m.

Speakeasy-style bar inside Rumba rum bar. Rum-based cocktails and snacks in an exotic venue guarded by a giant octopus. Make reservations if you want to go!

La Dive • wine bar, GF • 721 E. Pike St. • Daily 3 p.m.–2 a.m.; Brunch Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Colorful wine bar specializing in natural wines and inventive snacks. Enjoy the patio, or take a bottle back to your hotel room.

Linda's Tavern • 707 E. Pine St. • Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–2 a.m.; Kitchen closes: Sun–Thu 10 p.m., Fri–Sat midnight

Classic grunge-era bar with a ranch theme, first-rate bar food, and a surprisingly spacious outdoor courtyard. Sticky floors, loud music. Kurt Cobain was here. -pmc

Marination • *Hawaiian-Korean* • 2000 6th Ave. • Daily 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Tangy, spicy, street-style fusion food. Tacos, sandwiches, and tofu options. If you want an adventure, head to West Seattle for **Marination Ma Kai** (later hours and quite the view) or Columbia City. Mahalo! -pmc

Market House Meats • *deli* • 1124 Howell St. • Mon–Sat 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

A Seattle classic serving breakfast and lunch since 1948. All my life I thought the name of this deli was “Corned Beef” because that’s what they have printed in huge red letters on their sign. They make corned beef. -pmc

McMenamins Six Arms • *brewpub, GF* • 300 E. Pike St. • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m. • Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–midnight

McMenamins is a Northwest chain of pubs, restaurants, hotels, breweries and other entertainment venues in Oregon and Washington. Notable for restoration of historic properties and a distinctive post-hippie aesthetic. They make their own beer, wine, spirits, and coffee. -pmc/Try the blackberry cider if they have it. -JKM

The Nest Rooftop Bar • 110 Stewart St. • Sun–Thu 3–10 p.m., Fri–Sat 3 p.m.–midnight 21+. Located in the Hyatt. Stunning views of Puget Sound with fancy cocktails. Both inside and outside seating. Sometimes has a wait list, especially on nice days.

Nola Hot Dogs • 400 Pine St.

Hot dog stand at Westlake Center. Can you get a Seattle Dog there? Of course you can!

Nordstrom Grill • *American cafe, GF* • 500 Pine St. • Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Inside Nordstrom’s flagship downtown department store. Walls lined with historic community photographs. Full bar. Kids menu. Kids menu is not in the full bar, I presume. -pmc

Pike Place Chowder • 600 Pine St., fourth floor • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

In Pacific Place, an accessible modern downtown mall with elevators and escalators. Very close to Summit; Google Maps says a six-minute walk of 0.3 miles. Excellent quick food and good value at reasonable prices; eat there or take out. Hearty chowders and seafood, but also chicken strips, fries, Caesar salad, and Beecher’s Mac & Cheese for non-fish eaters. May not offer gluten-free or other special dietary versions [Manhattan clam chowder if GF –ed.]; I’ve never inquired. My husband and I are both seafood lovers, and it’s our go-to place for a quick bite before or after seeing shows at the 5th Avenue or Paramount, or any time we’re in the area. Never been disappointed in any of their offerings, although I do sometimes wish they served Coke instead of Pepsi. -Julie Zetterberg Sardo

Pine Box • *bar, GF* • 1600 Melrose Ave. • Sun–Thu 3 p.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 3 p.m.–2 a.m.

Craft beers on tap and pub fare in atmospheric former mortuary with cathedral ceilings. The main interior was the funeral chapel, with the choir loft above the main entrance. On July 31, 1973, Butterworth & Sons provided funeral services to the family and loved ones of Bruce Lee. Look for the murals of Bruce Lee in the outdoor seating section.

Razzis Pizzeria • *Italian, GF* • 1314 Howell St. • Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.–midnight, Sat 11 a.m.–midnight, Sun 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

Traditional, voted No. 1 gluten-free pizza by *USA Today*. Vegan and keto options. I’ve enjoyed their Greenwood location. -pmc

Rider • *fresh, sustainable seafood, GF* • 619 Pine St. • Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–11 p.m.

In Hotel Theodore, but can be entered from Pine Street.

Rumba • *Pan-Caribbean cocktail bar, GF* • 1112 Pike St. • Mon–Thu 5 p.m.–midnight, Fri–Sun 4 p.m.–midnight

Host for Inside Passage. The bar is

well-regarded, but 20% will be added to your bill as a surcharge, retained by the house, just so you know.

Salt & Straw • ice cream, GF • 714 E. Pike St. Suite A • Daily 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

Wild flavors (ranging from the fairly tame maple bacon all the way to edible bugs) that get people lining up around the block. Vegan and gluten-free options. Another location in Ballard.

Spin • 1511 6th Ave. • Tue–Thu 4–10 p.m., Fri 4 p.m.–midnight, Sat 2 p.m.–midnight
Table tennis-themed bar. Fun graffiti art decor.

Starbucks Reserve Roastery • 1124 Pike St. • Daily 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Also known as the “fancy pants Starbucks.” Special small-batch roasted coffees, plus teas, snacks, and cocktails, all in a brass-heavy steampunk environment optimized for selfies. My God, it’s so pretentious; I wanted to hate this place. But the coffee is really good. -JKM

Tutta Bella Neopolitan Pizzeria • GF • 1100 Virginia St. • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.
Wood-fired pizza, pasta, gnocchi. Several locations. The one in Wallingford (on Stone Way) has a parking lot.

Veggie Grill • vegan, GF • 1427 4th Ave. • Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat–Sun 11 a.m.–9 p.m.
West Coast chain serving vegan, plant-based fast food, including burgers, sandwiches, nachos, soups, and salads. Largest vegan restaurant company in the U.S.

YardHouse • GF • 1501 4th Ave. Suite 118 • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–11 p.m.
West Coast chain known mostly for over 100 beers on tap; they also serve food. Everything from ahi poke nachos to Nashville hot chicken and pancakes. -pmc

Zema Bar and Restaurant • Ethiopian, GF • 1314 Denny Way #103 • Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.
Reviews praise the injera for being gluten free, teff only.

Pike Place Market

Pike Place Market is active from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., with some restaurants and businesses opening earlier and closing later. We have included adjacent businesses that are not in the Market. But, you can’t throw a fish in any direction without hitting a gem that may not be listed here. Whether it’s within the scope of food—desserts, coffee, tea, samples of everything from fresh fruit and candy to wine and infused olive oil—or other Market treats, such as cut flowers or hand-crafted arts, explore where you are able. Much of the Market is not accessible. The newer portion, west of Western Avenue, is better designed for mobility than the historic parts further from the Waterfront. Another recommendation is to enter on Pike Street from hills that are less steep than other routes. Still, to borrow a bit from Seattlein2025’s *Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow* blog, what’s not to love! There are multiple winding levels in this maze-like place. Don’t be fooled by the main level; there’s much more than meets the eye. Founded in 1907, Pike Place Market is one of the oldest and largest continuously-operating public markets in the U. S., brought to life by hundreds of farmers, crafters, small businesses, and residents.

Alibi Room • bar with pizza, GF • 85 Pike St. • Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Atmospheric bar with a great view of Seattle’s (in)famous Gum Wall (through a window, so you don’t have to smell it). Eat the pizza. Do not eat the Gum Wall.

Athenian Seafood Restaurant and Bar • GF • 1517 Pike Place Market • Mon–Tue, Thu–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Fantastic happy hour from 3 p.m.–close, with small beers and view of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. -pmc

Beecher’s Handmade Cheese • cafe with cheesemaking and shop • 1600 Pike Place • Daily 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Their “World’s Best” Mac & Cheese is their top seller, but they make other

delicious cheese-related dishes and supply products, such as their Flagship cheese, to stores throughout the area. Zone out to the soothing, hypnotic action of the enormous cheesemaking vat, visible from inside or from the giant viewing window on Pine Street. -pmc

Biscuit Bitch Pike Place • GF • 1909 1st Ave. • Daily 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Funky coffeehouse and biscuit specialist serving Southern-inspired fare. Small cafe without much seating. There's also a location in Belltown.

Can Can/Dressing Room • bistro, bar, patio • 95 Pine St. • Wed–Sun: brunch 9:30 a.m.–2:45 p.m., happy hour 3–5 p.m., dinner 5 p.m.–close

Restaurant side of burlesque cabaret theatre. Eclectic decor, delicious snack foods, inventive cocktails, delightful patio with a bay view. If you decide to see a show, matinees are all ages, and later shows are 21+. -pmc

The Crumpet Shop • cafe • 1503 1st Ave. • Daily 7 a.m.–4 p.m.

The initial name for the shop in 1976 was The United Metropolitan Improved Crumpet Baking & Punctual Delivery Company, a Dickens reference, but apparently nobody ever called it that. Now owned and run by the second generation, this shop serves delicious crumpets and buttermilk scones with a variety of toppings. House-made lemon curd and their “green eggs and ham” are highly recommended. In the tradition of Pike Place area food, the shop itself is tiny, but the food is portable, so get it to go.

DeLaurenti Food & Wine • Italian grocery and deli • 1435 1st Ave. • Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Since 1946, DeLaurenti Food & Wine has been Seattle's best source for specialty ingredients and novelties from around the world, but focused on Italian cuisine. DeLaurenti was one of the first places in the city to offer cheese cut to order, pizza by the slice, and espresso, which sealed its legacy as an essential stop for locals. Stop

by early on Friday or Saturday for fresh handmade mozzarella. Located on the corner of 1st and Pike, it's an easy walk from the convention center. -JKM's favorite

Golden Age Collectables • 1501 Pike Place #401 • Mon–Tue and Thu–Sun 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Not a restaurant, strictly speaking, but it is the place where many area fans cut their nerd teeth (so to speak). Claims to be the oldest specialty comic shop in the world, and who are we to argue? In the lower levels of the Market (the dungeons, you might say) and recognizable by the near-life-size standees of heroes, such as Princess Leia and Doctor Who, that always guard the door. Comics, photos, games, books, and novelty items, with helpful staff who know their business. -JKM's favorite

The Gum Wall • 1428 Post Alley • 24 hours Don't ask us how it got started, but it's a Seattle tradition now. A brick wall in an alley under Pike Place Market, covered in layers upon layers of chewed-up gum, like a community DIY Jackson Pollock. Take a selfie! Add your own gum! Hold your breath and scurry past this fascinating, colorful, and disgusting piece of Seattle.

indi Chocolate • espresso bar, chocolate shop, GF • 1901 Western Ave. Suite D • Daily 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

In the newer part of the Market, near

Local Flavor: Flying Fish

Pike Place Fish Market is one of several fish stalls in the Market, but it's the only one that attracts hordes of tourists, waiting to see purchases go flying through the air. The tradition of throwing the fish from the displays to the guy weighing and wrapping probably started as a convenience due to the high counter, but it's become a major draw. If you're here for the convention, you might not be in the market for 100% sustainable fresh fish, but they do pack for airline travel, and they can ship your purchase overnight if you just can't resist the allure of fresh salmon, crab, or scallops.

Old Stove. Small-batch sweets made from single-origin cacao beans sourced from farmers and cooperatives.

Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub • GF • 1916 Post Alley Walk Way • Mon–Wed 11:30 a.m.–midnight, Thu noon–1 a.m., Fri–Sat 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 10 a.m.–midnight

Located in Seattle's first mortuary, Kells features an organic farm-to-table menu with beef imported from Ireland. Large whiskey selection. There may be a cover charge for musical acts. Sláinte! -pmc

Le Panier • “Very French Bakery” • 1902 Pike Place • Daily 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

Pastries, breads, macarons, and astonishingly good sandwiches. Often has a very long line out the door, but it usually moves quickly. I almost always get the apricot croissant, but you should also check out the spinach puff pastry and the pain au chocolat. For sandwiches, I recommend any of their meat fillings—or any of their non-meat fillings. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Locust Cider • 1222 Post Alley • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Specializing in innovative cider flavors (their vanilla bean is a local favorite). Get a flight so you can try a bunch! A portion of proceeds for all cans and bottles are donated to the Hydrocephalus Association.

Lowell's Restaurant • seafood, GF • 1519 Pike Place • Sun–Thu 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Fri–Sat 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

“Almost classy since 1957” according to their sign, but “better than classy, Lowell's rules the world” according to local magazine *The Stranger*. Fresh seafood daily, three stories of a water view, and named by *Seattle Magazine* as “one of the best restaurants in Seattle.” On the first and third floors, order from the cashier, but the second floor has traditional sit-down service and a full bar. I have eaten breakfast at that bar, because, unlike a nearby favorite of mine, The Athenian, the bar faces the water, not away from it. Plus,

the windows seem cleaner. Expect to pay a bit for the seafood, and expect it to be worth it. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Local Flavor: MarketSpice

Located in the **Pike Place Market** since 1911, MarketSpice lends a lovely smell to the air outside its shop, which is great for everyone in the Market, as MarketSpice's next-door neighbor is the **Pike Place Fish Market**. Known for its signature tea blend, a strong black tea flavored with cinnamon and orange, which was created by an employee in the shop's early days. As the story goes, Rose didn't like tea but combined black tea with cinnamon and orange to make a blend she could stand to drink, and it caught on.

Maximilien • French, indoor and patio, GF • 81A Pike St. • Mon–Thu 4–9 p.m., Fri–Sun 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

Local ingredients prepared with French cooking techniques. Reviews mention the amazing panoramic views of Puget Sound, West Seattle, the Olympic Mountains, and the sunsets. Romantic. Expensive. Menu changes often. Save money by going for lunch instead of dinner. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Mee Sum Pastry • Chinese bakery take-out • 1526 Pike Place • Daily 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

I've been eating their steamed barbecue pork buns for as long as I can remember. Julie likes the zongzi (sticky rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves). They also have rangoon and other items. They have a sit-down restaurant in the University District with entrees and bubble tea. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Old Stove Brewing • 1901 Western Ave. • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Located in the newer part of the Market, with spectacular views of Puget Sound and 24 taps of craft beer made on site, in addition to cider, wine, cocktails, and a seasonal food menu. When the weather is nice, it can be tough to get a table. -pmc

The Pink Door • GF • 1919 Post Alley Walk Way • Lunch: Tue–Sat 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Dinner: Tue–Sat 5–10 p.m.

Italian restaurant with burlesque shows and trapeze entertainment plus terrace with Elliott Bay views. SunnyJim adds “the lasagne is especially good—the noodles are as thin as tissue, it’s sublime.” -pmc

Piroshky Piroshky • 1908 Pike Place • Daily 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

For more than 30 years this incredibly popular spot has supplied Seattle with a variety of both sweet and savory hand pies. The original Pike Place Market location often has a line out the door, but lucky us, there’s also a Piroshky Piroshky in the Summit Convention Center!

The Rabbit Box • funky bistro, GF • 94 Pike St. • Tue–Sun 3 p.m.–midnight

Intimate atmosphere, cocktails, and shows on some days, not good for large groups.

Rachel’s Ginger Beer • 1530 Post Alley Walk Way • Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m. • Fri–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Several locations. Ginger beer in various flavors, ginger beer drinks, and floats. The one at 1610 12th Ave. (12th Ave Arts, Capitol Hill) has Hawaiian food by Ma’ono’ Fried Chicken, seven days a week.

Reuben’s Brews Downtown • American pub • 1201 1st Ave. • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Local brewer with several locations, this one is near the Market, with 28 taps.

The Virginia Inn Restaurant and Bar • GF • 1937 1st Ave. (1st and Virginia, near Pike Place Market) • Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Dedicated gluten-free fryer, lots of good gluten-free food on the menu. Opened in 1903, and has been in continuous operation 122 years -SunnyJim Morgan

Downtown/Central Business District

Robust downtown with views, **Seattle Art Museum**, shops, and restaurants. The architecture is a mix of historic through modern. LR: Westlake and Symphony stations.

Belle Epicurean • French bakery • 925 4th Ave. Suite 450 • Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

They also have a Madison Park location.

Blarney Stone Pub • Irish-ish pub • 1416 1st Ave. • Mon–Thu 2 p.m.–2 a.m., Fri–Sun noon.–2 a.m.

Next to the Showbox and near the Seattle Art Museum. Food prices are fair for downtown. 14 big screens for sports. Outdoor seating, but Paul prefers indoors, and Julie prefers to not be there at all. -pmc

Japonessa Sushi Cocina • GF • 1400 1st Ave. • Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat noon–11 p.m., Sun noon–10 p.m.

Smart yet casual dress. May want to make a reservation. Waits on busy nights are around 20 minutes, but there are great bars and views to enjoy while you wait.

Noi Thai Cuisine • GF • 1303 1st Ave. • Sun–Thu noon–9:30 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–10:30 p.m.

Upscale Thai food at affordable prices near Pike Place Market. You can make reservations for up to 14 people online. For parties for 15 or more, please call. There is also a Green Lake location.

PCC Corner Market • Natural food co-op • 1320 4th Ave. • Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

PCC has multiple full store locations. This has been opened for the weekday crowd, and it features a hot bar, sushi, deli items, cut up fruit, etc. Lots of options for those with dietary restrictions. -Rebecca H. Lee

Purple Café and Wine Bar • 1225 4th Ave. (also Fremont and Woodinville) • Mon 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Tue–Fri 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.

New American with large wine selection. Price range: \$30-40+ for lunch and dinner. On the pricier side, but worth it! -Stefanie R.

Seattle Central Library • 1000 4th Ave. • Tue–Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fully accessible, the Seattle Central Library is the photogenic flagship library of the Seattle Public Library system. The 11-story (185 feet or 56.9 meters high) glass-and-steel designer building in downtown Seattle, Washington was opened to the public on May 23, 2004.

Shuckers Oyster Bar • GF • 411 University St. • Tue–Thu 4:30–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 5–9 p.m. In the Fairmont Hotel. Seafood and drinks. Note: University Street is not anywhere near the current University of Washington.

Sushi Kudasai • Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3 p.m. • 925 4th Ave. #430

In Century Square food court. They have several around town: 701 5th Ave.; 1501 4th Ave., Suite 103; and 1420 5th Avenue. Best sushi in downtown in my opinion. -Linda Deneroff

Von's 1,000 Spirits • 1225 1st Ave. • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–1 a.m. Pub style food including sourdough pizza and pasta and salmon chowder. Spin the wheel, or get a surprisingly affordable house Manhattan or martini. Similar menu to Sharps RoastHouse in SeaTac.

Waterfront

Seattle's Waterfront, west and downhill from **Pike Place Market**, is filled with amazing restaurants, shops, tourist favorites, and gorgeous views. Walk on to a cross-Puget-Sound Washington State ferry, or a foot ferry to West Seattle. Hills, stairs, elevators, and the new Overlook Walk, are routes to the Waterfront as a pedestrian.

Anthony's Bell Street Diner • seafood • 2201 Alaskan Way • Daily 11:30 a.m.–8 p.m. On Pier 66. Views of Elliott Bay and Mount Rainier. Anthony's Pier 66 and Anthony's Fish Bar are in the same building. Three-course dinners, and family-friendly. It's a ways north of our favorite, Elliott's, but we've been there a bunch with family. -pmc

Copperworks Distilling • 1250 Alaskan Way • Mon–Thu noon–6 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Distillery with tasting tour, right next to the Seattle Waterfront.

The Crab Pot • GF • 1301-1305 Alaskan Way • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m. On Pier 57. Specializing in "seafeasts," Cajun-ish seafood boils with corn, baby red potatoes, and andouille sausage, (and crab claws, which Julie doesn't want you to notice her stealing them) served by dramatically dumping the whole pot onto your table. Great for large parties, with waterfront views and a spacious outdoor patio, plus a full menu of other stuff for people who just aren't feeling up to the seafeast. While

waiting for your table, you can learn about the fascinating history of the pier. -JKM's favorite

Elliott's Oyster House • GF • 1201 Alaskan Way Suite 100 • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

On Pier 56. Award-winning restaurant featuring at least two dozen varieties of oysters. The other menu items are pretty great, too. Inside is nice, but sit outside if you can. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Local Flavor: Geoduck

The geoduck (pronounced "goeey duck") is the world's largest burrowing clam, and they're one of our weird and wonderful native species—as well as the school mascot for The Evergreen State College. Geoducks can grow up to three feet long and live an average of 140 years, but that's not what most people notice right away. Their appearance is rather suggestive, and while there's some dispute over the origins of the name, it's likely that the name refers to its resemblance to a certain body part. *Serious Eats* described it thus: "Let's be clear: if anything, the geoduck looks like the grotesque, wrinkled schlong of a deformed hippopotamus." While often enjoyed as sashimi or in ceviche, this large clam also makes a good chowder.

Ivar's Acres of Clams • seafood, GF • 1001 Alaskan Way Suite 102 • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

On Pier 54. Ivar's Acres of Clams has been a local waterfront institution in downtown Seattle since 1938. The regionally famous clam chowder is also available in local grocery stores. Just outside is **Pier 54 Fish Bar** for take-out. They suggest feeding a few chips (fries) to the seagulls, who are clearly expecting it, as if seagulls weren't obnoxious enough already. Ivar's also operates another dining room (**Ivar's Salmon House**) in **Wallingford** and many fast food locations (Ivar's Seafood Bar) in the area.

Molly Moon's • ice cream, GF • 199 Alaskan Way • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Many locations of this popular local scoop shop, including one near the convention center on **Capitol Hill**. One flavor to try is their salted caramel. -pmc

Pub 70 • 2801 Alaskan Way • Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m.

On Pier 70. This is very north on the Waterfront. It's a good stop before or after the nearby Olympic Sculpture Park, a huge, free waterfront area with monumental outdoor sculptures. Pub

70 took the location of an Irish pub, and there's still a model of a harp in the front window. -pmc

Seattle Aquarium • 1483 Alaskan Way • Daily 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. (last entry at 5 p.m.)

On Pier 59. Meet our adorable sea otters and giant Pacific octopuses, plus many other creatures of the sea, river, and lake. Do not eat any of the sea creatures at the aquarium.

Washington State Ferries • Downtown ferry terminal, 801 Alaskan Way • see website for times and routes

A ride across Puget Sound aboard one of 22 Washington State Ferries vessels is a quintessential Pacific Northwest experience, and a great place to eat a picnic lunch. (Most ferries do have a galley, if you'd rather eat on board.) Enjoy breathtaking views from the bow of the boat as you cruise to the nearby communities of Bainbridge Island or Bremerton.

Ye Olde Curiosity Shop • 1001 Alaskan Way • Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

On Pier 54. Historic family-run novelty shop and museum for oddities like shrunken heads plus Native American art. Your inner 10-year-old will love it!

Pioneer Square

Historic district with restaurants, bars, architecture (check out the Pergola), and underground tours; **Bill Speidel's** is the famous one; daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Home of **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park**. A great area to catch live music at night. LRs: Pioneer Square station.

Baba Yaga • bar • 124 S. Washington St. • Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun 9 a.m.–2 a.m.

Limited Mexican plates. I thought their tacos were excellent. -pmc

Central Saloon • Bar • 207 1st Ave. S. • Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.

The birthplace of grunge. Or one of them, anyway. Walls adorned with music nostalgia. Good food, but if you don't want a burger, there's plenty else nearby. Live music usually has a cover charge. -pmc

The Collins Pub • GF • 526 2nd Ave. • Daily 11:30 a.m.–Close

Next to the Smith Tower. Kitchen closes around 8 p.m. Some of the best calamari I've ever had, and good salads, as well as other meals and appetizers. -pmc

Damn the Weather • New American, GF • 116 1st Ave. S. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m. 21+. First come, first serve. Limited seating for parties of five to 8 persons. Indoor and outdoor seating.

Flatstick Pioneer Square • 240 2nd Ave. S. • Sun noon–8 p.m., Mon–Thu noon–10:30 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–midnight 21+. Washington-beer-focused, mini-golf-and-other-games-themed bar. 30–40 taps of beer from independent breweries located all across Washington state. Allows dogs. Limited food options.

Smith Tower Observatory Bar & Restaurant • GF • 506 2nd Ave. • Bar hours Sun noon–10 p.m., Mon–Tue noon–7 p.m., Wed–Thu, Fri–Sat noon–11 p.m.

Tickets required. Small plates, but you can skip the bar and visit the outdoor viewing deck of this historic building. Sure, we have the Space Needle, but from here you can see the Space Needle. -pmc

Tat's Delicatessen • East Coast • 159 Yesler Way • Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun open for Seahawks and Sounders home games Philly steaks, subs, soups. I have never heard anything negative about this place, except that it closes too early. -pmc

International District

Encompasses **Chinatown**, **Little Saigon**, and historic **Japantown/Nihonmashi**. Home to **Uwajimaya**, the massive Asian grocery store that has been a Seattle staple for almost 100 years. Be sure to check out **Kinokuniya Bookstore** for their Studio Ghibli collection and Seattle's best selection of Japanese stationery and journaling supplies. LRs: International District Station.

Local Flavor: Sushi and the Seattle Roll

The oldest sushi restaurant in Seattle, **Maneki**, opened in 1904, and is still going strong today. While sushi was largely relegated to the **International District** until the 1980s, its popularity has spread across the region. Seattle's easy access to quality fresh seafood and large Asian-American population have made sushi as common in the local food landscape as pizza or tacos. We even have a makizushi roll named for Seattle, which contains salmon, cream cheese, nori, and either cucumber or avocado. Take advantage of the proximity to fresh seafood and Seattle's widespread appreciation for sushi when you are here for Seattle Worldcon 2025!

The Boat • Vietnamese, GF • 1240 S. Jackson St. • Thu–Mon 11 a.m.–9 p.m. *Seattle Met* Restaurant of the Year, 2023, is a reinvention of the historic boat-shaped home of Seattle's first pho shop. Focusing on a chicken dish that comes with a side of rice, or chicken broth and egg noodles. Other fare includes pandan waffles and Vietnamese coffee.

Local Flavor: Pho

In 1975, after the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War, waves of Vietnamese immigrants arrived in the United States. California Governor Jerry Brown stated publicly that he didn't want Vietnamese immigrants in California, but Washington Governor Dan Evans invited this population of smart professionals interested in making a new life to do that in Washington. The first wave of about 6,000 people settled predominantly in the greater Seattle area and were followed by many more.

With a sizable Vietnamese population in place, it wasn't long until Vietnamese restaurants started showing up. Pho—a bowl of piping hot beef, chicken, or vegetable broth with rice noodles, garnishes and sauces—turned out to be just the thing in cool, rainy Seattle. With almost as many restaurants with “phở” in the name as there are Starbucks locations, it's clearly a local favorite. And, in case you didn't know, it's pronounced “fuh.” It's “Pho King” “Pho Nominal.”

Jade Garden • 424 7th Ave S. • Daily 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Popular, lively spot for dim sum at budget prices in a no-frills Chinese spot that's open late. Large tables.

Maneki • *sushi* • 304 6th Ave. S. • Tue–Sun 5–9 p.m.

One of Seattle's oldest sushi restaurants.

Seattle Pinball Museum • 508 Maynard Ave. S. • Sun–Mon and Thu noon–6 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–8 p.m.

Play more than 50 rotating pinball

machines from the 1960s onward, with unlimited free play for one fee. They have a small selection of craft beers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Tai Tung • 655 S. King St. • Daily 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Seattle's first Chinese restaurant, this was Bruce Lee's favorite restaurant when he lived in Seattle.

Belldowntown

North of Pike Place Market, mostly level. Full of hipster night spots and some historic architecture. The facade of the 1889 Austin Americus Bell building is an example.

Askatu Bakery • GF • 2209 4th Ave. (4th and Blanchard, near the Cinerama) • Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Very limited hours, \$\$, but super allergen-friendly, and the food's good. Baked goods and sandwiches mostly, both sweet and savory offerings.

-SunnyJim Morgan

Bangrak Market • Thai, GF • 2319 2nd Ave. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and 4 p.m.–midnight, Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat noon–2 a.m., Sun noon–11 p.m.

Named for a popular market in Bangkok, they serve delicious street food, here or to go. They have a take-out window. Some reviews say music may be loud. -pmc

Bathtub Gin & Co. • 2205 2nd Ave. (entry in alley between Blanchard and Bell Streets) • Mon–Sun 5 p.m.–2 a.m.

Prohibition-era cocktails and international gin menu in the basement boiler room of a former hotel. Of course, their sign is tiny. -pmc

Cloudburst Brewing • 2116 Western Ave. • Wed–Thu 4–9 p.m., Fri 2–10 p.m., Sat noon–10 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m.

The downtown tasting room is in a 120-year-old loading zone. The owner used to be the head brewer for Elysian and specializes in hoppy, complex beers. Cloudburst also has an all-ages beer garden with a tasting room in Ballard.

The Crocodile • 2505 1st Ave. • Here–After Lounge Daily: 6 p.m.–midnight (you do not need a show ticket to go to the lounge). The Society Cocktail Bar opens at 5 p.m. on days the main stage has a show

One of Seattle's most famous live music spots is still kicking it in Belltown in a new space at the former Sailors' Union of the Pacific lodge, with three stages and two lounges serving food from **Tat's Delicatessen**. Check the venue website for the show schedule on the nights of your trip. **Hotel Crocodile** has 17 rooms upstairs.

Cyclops Cafe & Lounge • 2421 1st Ave. • Wed–Sat 3–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.

Long ago Cyclops was in one of those old artist warehouses that are all gone. Fortunately they moved across the street, and still have a wide selection of burgers and other sandwiches. They also serve salads, appetizers, and specials. Indoor dining may be limited; they have a patio. -pmc

Lenox • Caribbean • 2510 1st Ave. • Dinner: Wed–Sun 4:30 p.m.–close; Lunch: Sat–Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Named for an avenue in Harlem, this restaurant features Afro-Latin fusion food a la New York. *Eater Seattle* liked the lechon, and says the sides may outshine it. -pmc

Navy Strength • tiki bar • 2505 2nd Ave. Suite 102 • Tue–Sat 4 p.m.–midnight
Classic and novel tiki drinks meet an eclectic bar menu in a sunny locale with globe-trotting decor.

Shorty's • 2316 2nd Ave • Sun–Sat noon–2 a.m.
Belltown dive bar and pinball arcade with adult beverages and carnival-themed snacks.

Seattle Center

Built for the **1962 World's Fair**, the architecture and design of Seattle Center retains that futuristic space-age Googie vibe, especially the **Space Needle** and the Minoru Yamasaki-designed **Pacific Science Center** (no longer part of Seattle Center; features an IMAX screen). **The Armory** has a variety of quick food options—and public bathrooms! If it's hot, you can play in the **International Fountain**. Monorail from Westlake Center.

The Armory • GF • 305 Harrison St. • Daily 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

Food hall with many restaurant options and plenty of space for large groups. Alcohol must be consumed in limited areas.

The Bar at Chihuly Garden and Glass • 305 Harrison St. • 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.

I've never been here myself, but almost every time I'm in the vicinity, somebody asks where it is. So, it's popular I guess? Anyway, it's right next to the Space Needle and there's a bunch of colorful glass sticking up out of the top; you can't miss it. -JKM

The 5 Point Cafe • American diner • 415 Cedar St. • Daily 24 hours

Not really in the Center, which is one short walk away through Fisher Plaza. Also, there is a periscope above the urinal with a view of the Space Needle. Circa 1929. Serves all-day breakfasts, burgers, and hot sandwiches. -pmc

Space Needle • observation deck • 400 Broad St. • Sun–Tue, Thu–Fri 8 a.m.–11 p.m., Wed 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Tickets required. The website for the revolving Loupe Lounge says they are closed for the season, but there are many food options, especially when the Armory is open. -pmc

Queen Anne

Lower Queen Anne is the area around the **Seattle Center**. Upper Queen Anne is up the old Counterbalance route, which is quite steep. Take a sunset photo at Kerry Park on West Highland Drive (open daily 6–10 p.m.)—everyone else does.

Canlis • *prix fixe fine dining (although receptive to food restrictions)*, reservations required for dining area, dress code • 2576 Aurora Ave. N. • Tue–Sat opens 5 p.m.

Food & Wine Magazine rated Canlis as the second-best restaurant in the United States. I have also been told it is the most expensive restaurant in Seattle. Views towards the Cascade Mountains. Multiple-time James Beard nominee and winner. You might be able to go to the lounge as a walk-in, with some more affordable nods to the menu they had 50 years ago. If you try to drive there, make sure you don't fly

right past, or you'll find yourself on the Aurora Bridge. -pmc

5 Spot • casual American, GF • 1502 Queen Anne Ave. N. • Sun 7 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon–Wed 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu, Sat 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

Near the top of Queen Anne Hill (look for the broadcast towers), *Seattle Times* named it Best Breakfast in Seattle in 2024. There's a curved bar right at the entry and dining to the left.

Kerry Park • 211 W. Highland Drive • Daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

This small Queen Anne overlook faces the Seattle skyline from the north. It's

where you (and everyone else with a camera) can go to get that perfect sunset shot with the Space Needle, Elliott Bay, downtown skyscrapers, and (on clear days) Mount Rainier.

Queen Anne Beerhall • GF • 203 W. Thomas St. • Sat–Sun 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–midnight, Fri 10:30 a.m.–2 a.m.
Near Seattle Center, Bavarian style ale house with long tables that can accommodate a large group.

Capitol Hill

Seattle's traditional "gayborhood," stuffed full of restaurants, bars, shops, theaters, parks, and other interesting places. Businesses cluster along Broadway Avenue and the Pike/Pine corridor. You'll also find groceries, drugstores, Volunteer Park, and Cal Anderson Park, a covered reservoir. LRn Capitol Hill Station.

Annapurna • GF • 1833 Broadway • Tue–Sun 4–9 p.m.

The traditional dishes of India, Nepal, and Tibet are served in a colorful underground room with a bar. More than 20 years on Capitol Hill.

Big Mario's Pizza • 1009 E. Pike St. • Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun noon–2 a.m.

New York style by the pie or the slice. Several locations. Avoid the hover-bar restrooms. -pmc/-JKM's favorite Seattle pizza

Bimbos Cantina/Cha Cha Lounge • GF • 1013 E. Pike St. • Sun–Tue 5 p.m.–midnight, Wed–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m.

Casual cantina caters to a diverse crowd with Mexican staples, margaritas, and quirky wrestler-themed decor.

Captain Blacks • 129 Belmont Ave. E. • Mon–Thu 4 p.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 2 p.m.–2 a.m., Sun 2–10 p.m.

Neighborhood bar with a nautical theme and two outdoor decks, serving Southern-inspired fare.

Central Co-op • natural foods grocery • 1600 E. Madison St. • Daily 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

This is a community-owned natural foods cooperative that has a small, but excellent, hot bar. The parking garage is upstairs, and is a fun challenge to get in and out of. The street entrance is on the ground floor at the corner of 16th and Madison. -pmc

Cupcake Royale • GF • 1102 E. Pike St. • Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Several locations of this Seattle favorite, this is the first.

DeLuxe Bar & Grill • GF • 625 Broadway East • Sun 10 a.m.–11 p.m., Mon–Thu noon–11 p.m., Fri noon–midnight, Sat 10 a.m.–midnight

Favorite brunch spot. Also a good place for a burger or mac 'n' cheese. Happy hours are Mon–Fri 3–6 p.m. and 9–11 p.m. You may prefer a table, as the bar stools are fixed in place and a little closely spaced. -pmc

Dick's Drive-In • 115 Broadway E. • Daily 10:30 a.m.–2 a.m.

Since 1954, Dick's has been doing what they do: burgers, fries, milkshakes. They raise prices reluctantly, get your food out fast, and stay open late. Their burgers are refreshingly unpretentious, but their fries are a defiant revelation: limp, still wearing the outer peel, and intensely potato-flavored when the trend everywhere else is for fries that are crispy to the point of rigidity and taste like industrial extruded starch-fat product. Dick's makes **fries**, damn it! Fries out of potatoes! Potatoes that grew in the ground! Also, fries and milkshakes are their only vegetarian offerings; they really are old school like that. Many locations; take a look at their website. No "animal style" here. -JKM

The Elliott Bay Book Company • 1521 10th Ave. • Daily 9 a.m.–10 p.m.

Beloved local bookstore with a cafe in

the back. Terrific selection of graphic novels. One of the region's best selections of new books, with over 150,000 titles.

Hopvine Pub • GF • 507 15th Ave. E. • Daily 1 p.m.–midnight
Pub grub and local brews.

Lake View Cemetery • 1554 15th Ave. E. • Mon–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Highly recommended for goths and others, this historic Seattle cemetery features the grave sites of Bruce Lee and Brandon Lee, as well as other famous departed Seattleites. The cemetery is just north of Volunteer Park, which houses the Seattle Asian Art Museum and the Isamu Noguchi Black Sun statue, as well as the Volunteer Park Conservatory, sometimes-home of the corpse flower.

Life on Mars • plant-based bar, GF • 722 E. Pike St. (at Pike and Harvard) • Sun 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Tue–Thu 4–11 p.m., Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m.
Dinner and late-night snacks, as well as brunch on the weekends. Over 6,000 vinyl records you can have them play for you, and an imaginative cocktail menu that offers both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Oddfellows Cafe • GF • 1525 10th Ave. • Daily 8 a.m.–9 p.m.
Stylish American eatery in a former Oddfellows hall, offering seasonal fare

and craft drinks. If you go for breakfast or lunch, they have amazing gluten-free biscuits, which isn't noted on the menu so make sure to ask. One of Seattle's best espresso martinis.

Rhein Haus • GF • 912 12th Ave. • Mon–Thu 3–10 p.m., Fri 3 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Sat noon–1:30 a.m., Sun noon–10 p.m.

German biergarten with bratwurst, pretzels, and schnitzels, plus fireplaces and bocce ball courts. Good for large groups.

Tacos Chukis • Mexican street food, GF • 219 Broadway E. (located in the Alley Building, 2nd floor) • Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.
No-frills pick for counter-serve Mexican street food, including tacos, quesadillas, and burritos. Multiple locations.

Unicorn • 1118 E. Pike St. • summer hours: Mon–Thu 5 p.m.–1:45 a.m., Fri–Sat 2 p.m.–1:45 a.m., Sun 11 a.m.–1:45 a.m.

Unicorn and Narwhal are two carnival-themed bars located on Capitol Hill. Enjoy the unicorn helmets, claw machine, photo booth, and arcade. Some claim the corndogs are the best in the city.

Wildrose • lesbian bar • 1021 E. Pike St. • Sun 4–9 p.m., Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed 5–11 p.m., Thu 5 p.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m.
Since 1984, the oldest lesbian bar in the United States. DJs Fri–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Outside food allowed.

Central District

Also known as the CD, and historically the center of Seattle's Black community. Home of the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute and Garfield High School, famous for music. Quincy Jones and Ray Charles met at Garfield.

Central Cinema • movie theater with food and drinks, GF • 1411 21st Ave. • Daily 3:30–11 p.m.
Great menu includes usual theater fare plus small plates. There is a dining nook, but I recommend seeing a movie and ordering from your seat. -pmc

Communion • GF • 2350 E. Union St. • Wed–Sat 4–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
"Seattle Soul" is a cuisine rooted in tradition with innovations based on experiences and influences from Seattle's lush cultural landscape. Chef Kristi's cooking style is the story of culture and the cross-pollination of neighboring communities.

Ezell's Famous Chicken • 501 23rd Ave.
• Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–
11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

With many locations, this one is the first, and their chicken was made famous on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.
-pmc

Northwest African American Museum
• 2300 S. Massachusetts St. • Thu–Sun
10 a.m.–5 p.m.

NAAM, for short, is an anti-racist, pro-equity, and affirming gathering place of hope, help, and healing for the entire Northwest region. Changing exhibits and special events. Jimi Hendrix Park is right next to the building!

West Seattle

A funky city-within-a-city, West Seattle can be accessed by the West Seattle Bridge, the “low bridge,” or the Water Taxi. Home to Alki Beach (check out the lighthouse), with businesses clustered in The Junction, centered around the intersection of Alaska Street and California Avenue. Restaurants and businesses are also at Admiral Junction and Morgan Junction. The highest point in Seattle is here, in the High Point neighborhood.

Alki Beach • 2665 Alki Ave. S.W. • summer
hours: Daily 4 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

Alki Beach is Seattle’s most popular sandy beach, 25 minutes from downtown. The main drag of Alki has many places to eat and drink.

Easy Street Records & Cafe • GF • 4559
California Ave. S.W. • Records: Mon–Sat
9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Cafe: Daily
7 a.m.–3 p.m.

Seattle’s No. 1 supplier of vinyl records, plus a cafe serving American breakfasts, burgers, and salads, along with booze. Sometimes has in-store band performances. -pmc’s favorite

Elliott Bay Brewing Company • brewpub,
GF • 4720 California Ave. S.W. • Sun–Mon
11 a.m.–9 p.m., Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m.
Organic brewery. Family-friendly.
Dogs allowed outside. Check out their Lake City location as well, which I find too dark to do the crossword. Also in Burien. Great food, I recommend the Cuban sandwich. -pmc

Harry’s Beach House • 2676 Alki Ave. S.W.
• Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Fri 11 a.m.–
9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Regional seafood and produce along Alki Beach, serving risotto, cioppino, and—for the table, whole chicken or trout.

Lady Jaye • smoked meats • 4523 California
Ave. S.W. • Wed–Thu 4–9 p.m., Fri–Sat

4 p.m.–midnight, Sun 2–8 p.m.

Choose your entree, and choose your side. The ribs are recommended, but not always available. Daily specials. Butcher shop.

The Locöl Kitchen & Bar • GF • 7902 35th
Ave. S.W. • Sun 1–10 p.m., Mon, Wed–Thu
4–10 p.m., Fri–Sat 3–10 p.m.

21+. Heated, dog-friendly patio. Indoor fireplace. I know, it is August. -pmc

Mashiko • sustainable sushi bar featuring
omakase, GF • 4725 California Ave. S.W. •
Mon, Wed–Sun 5:03–9 p.m.; Lunch: Wed–
Fri 11:33 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; Brunch: Sat–Sun
10:33 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

According to their website, “omakase shimasu” means roughly “I trust you.” The chef decides for you. That’s all I’ve had there; granted, the chef has changed. There are other items for those who don’t trust the chef, I guess; trust them. -pmc

Shadowland • grill • 4458 California Ave.
S.W. • Mon–Fri 3 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun
10 a.m.–2 a.m.

21+. When I worked in near Alaska Junction, this was one of my late lunch spots. I remember it fondly for burgers and salads, although I usually ordered two or three of the side dishes. There are quite a few different sandwiches on the menu, mainly of the hot meat and cheese variety. -pmc

Georgetown

Restaurants and bars line Airport Way and surrounding streets in this historic neighborhood. Old brewery architecture along the railroad. Home of Fantagraphics!

Georgetown Trailer Park Mall • *open-air market* • 5805 Airport Way S. • Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Pop-up mall where stores and a wedding chapel operate out of vintage trailers. I've bought pit beans from an Airstream, for example. Food vendors may change, but used clothing is still useful. -pmc

Jack's BBQ • 3924 Airport Way S. • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m.; breakfast tacos and coffee: Mon–Fri 7–10 a.m., Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–noon

I worked a block away so I've had lunch here. Inconsistent, but when it was a hit (for this region, which seldom knows good barbecue) it was very good. Two giant smokers are heated by wood brought in from Texas. It's really in SoDo, but closer to the Georgetown restaurants, so I list it here. -pmc

Jules Maes Saloon • *comfort bistro, GF* • 5919 Airport Way S. • Tues–Fri 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun 9 a.m.–2 a.m.

Claims to be the oldest bar in Seattle. Large menu of pizza, burgers, much more. This place has been called “the dead zoo” for the taxidermy hanging on the walls. -pmc

Marco Polo Bar & Grill • 5613 4th Ave. S. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 11 a.m.–2 a.m.

Best known for their “broasted” chicken and 13 HD flat screens. It's a Cougars bar (the Washington State Cougars, traditional rivals to the University of Washington Huskies), which means you can get Cougar Gold cheese. -pmc

Slim's Last Chance Chili Shack & Watering Hole • *Southern* • 5606 1st Ave. S. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–1 a.m.

21+. Seattle's number one rockabilly bar. Kitchen open 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Award-winning chili, four different styles, served on their own, or over grits or jalapeño mac 'n' cheese. Live music. I've seen the place filled with motorcycle club members. -pmc

South Lake Union

North of the convention center and (surprise!) south of Lake Union. Lake Union Park houses MOHAI, the Center for Wooden Boats, and float planes, while the area as a whole has many restaurants and bars. The South Lake Union Streetcar Line (that's the polite name for it) connects SLU with Downtown.

Ba Bar Green • *modern Vietnamese, GF* • 500 Terry Ave. N. • Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Restaurant with intensely flavorful dishes. Both *Seattle Met* and *The Stranger* have named Ba Bar as “Seattle's best vegan and plant-based restaurants” and “favorite vegan restaurants in Seattle 2022.” Also, a *USA Today* top-10-best restaurants in Seattle.

Duke's Seafood • 1111 Fairview Ave. N. • Daily 11 a.m.–11 p.m.

Waterfront dining with a patio. There

are seven Western Washington locations. This is not related to Duke's in Hawaii, so you can't surf on the lake.

Flatstick Pub–South Lake Union • 609 Westlake Ave. N. • Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–1 a.m.

Washington-beer-focused, mini-golf-and-other-games-themed bar. Each location has more than 30 taps of beer from independent breweries located all across Washington state. This location has good pizza options as well as other snack foods. 21+ after 7 p.m.

Fremont/Wallingford

Wallingford is west of Interstate 5, next to the **University District**, with most notable businesses clustered along North 45th Street, although **Gas Works Park** (featuring the rusty steampunk-industrial remnants of the old coal gasification plant) lies to the south along Lake Union, near the Burke-Gilman Trail, so keep an eye out for bicycle speed demons. Keep heading west and you'll get to People's Republic of Fremont, a former counterculture center with a funky character that has not quite been entirely obliterated by gentrification. Features a giant Soviet-realism statue of Lenin originally salvaged from Slovakia, and the even-more-giant statue of a troll playing with a Volkswagen Beetle.

Add-A-Ball • 315 N. 36th St. #2B • Daily 4 p.m.–2 a.m.

Quirky underground arcade bar in Fremont. Nice outdoor patio area. Small. Bring quarters.

Archie McPhee • novelty store • 1300 N. 45th St. • Daily 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

The No. 1 purveyor of quirky whimsy in Seattle and possibly the world. Included because they sell clam candy, not because I've ever had clam candy. -pmc/Less talk! More Monkey! -JKM

Bizzarro Italian Cafe • GF • 1307 N. 46th St. • Daily 5–9 p.m.

First come, first served (no reservations). Most pasta dishes can be gluten-free for an upcharge. Once an auto shop, it's known for unusual decor. -pmc

The Barrel Thief • 3417 Evanston Ave. N. #102 • Tue–Thu 2–10 p.m., Fri 4 p.m.–midnight, Sat 2 p.m.–midnight, Sun 2–10 p.m. This whiskey and wine bar serves good small plates; sandwiches are also on the menu. I used to be in a group that met here and the staff was great. -pmc

Blue Star Cafe & Pub • 4512 Stone Way N. • Mon–Sat 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, they use scratch recipes and local ingredients. I've had their chilaquiles. There are a few different dining sections, with 22 taps in the pub area. -pmc

Café Turko • Turkish, GF • 750 N. 34th St. • Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Located in the Data 1 Building. Brunch:

Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–1 p.m., with entrees, cold and warm appetizers, salads, soup, Turkish pizza, pita pockets, and desserts.

Fremont Brewing's Urban Beer Garden • 1050 N. 34th St. • Sun–Wed 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

This kid- and dog-friendly beer hall has large open areas that are great for big groups. Delicious local craft brewery. Near the Fremont Troll.

Kabul • Afghan • 2301 N. 45th St. • Wed–Thu and Sun 5 p.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 5 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

This is one of the better smelling restaurants in Seattle. We went there with a small group. It was cozy, and the aroma was wonderful. I was limited to only the bread and dessert because of food allergies, but everyone I was with was very happy. -pmc

Korochka Tavern • Russian • 2317 45th St. • Sun–Mon 4–10 p.m., Tue–Sat 4 p.m.–midnight

Cocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, small plates of Eastern European food. They have moved since I was a customer, but I always loved getting the vareniki. -pmc

Tzar • pel meni dumplings • 3518 Fremont Place N. • Sun–Mon 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m.

Located very near Fremont's statue of Lenin, they claim to make simple, delicious, food for the people. They have a few different things, including a salad with pickled carrots. The classic dumpling comes in beef or potato. I like ordering half and half for a tiny upcharge. -pmc

Ballard

Traditional fishing district with a heavy Scandinavian influence. Currently home to hip restaurants and bars, a huge portion of Seattle's independent breweries, the National Nordic Museum, and the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks. Ballard is located north of the Fremont Cut/Salmon Bay and west of the Fremont neighborhood.

Ballard Locks • 3015 N.W. 54th St. • *Daily 7 a.m.–9 p.m.*

The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, built to connect the waters of Lake Washington, Lake Union, and Salmon Bay to Puget Sound. The locks were formally opened on July 4, 1917 and include botanical gardens and a fish ladder. If there's staffing at the visitor's center, maybe you can get the Army Corps of Engineers to stamp your memory book.

The Ballard Smoke Shop • *bar and coin-op games* • 5439 Ballard Ave. N.W. • *Mon–Fri 2 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat–Sun noon–2 a.m.*

Old-school nautical dive atmosphere, pub food, reasonably priced. Part of the important Ballard tradition of misleadingly named bars. Fried pickles, pinball, and smashburgers. What's a smashburger? Isn't that just a burger? -pmc

Giddy Up Burgers • *GF* • 4600 Leary Way N.W. • *Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m.*

Kid-friendly Western-themed restaurant with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. I hope they still have saddle seats. -pmc

Hattie's Hat • *GF* • 5231 Ballard Ave. N.W. • *Mon–Tue 10 a.m.–midnight, Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat 9 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 9 a.m.–midnight*

Classic Seattle. "Ballard's last stand, since 1904," according to their website. This local fixture has breakfast, lunch, dinner, weekend brunch, indoor dining, patio, kids menu, full bar, and take-out. Sometimes dark and sticky, but always a treat in the end. I like getting one or two ribs (they sell them per rib) during live music breaks at the Tractor Tavern on the same block. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

King's Hardware • *bar* • 5225 Ballard Ave. N.W. • *Mon–Wed 4 p.m.–midnight, Thu–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat noon–2 a.m., Sun noon–midnight*

Another one of Ballard's deceptively named bars. We thought the crispy chicken Caesar was first rate. By far the best-smelling "hardware store" I've been to. Might be haunted. -pmc

Lockspot Cafe • *bar and grill, GF* • 3005 N.W. Locks Place • *Daily 10 a.m.–midnight*
Classic fish 'n' chips place right next to the Ballard Locks.

Mox Boarding House • *game store with cafe, GF* • 5105 Leary Ave. N.W. • *Restaurant hours: Mon–Thu 4 p.m.–10 p.m., Fri 11 a.m.–midnight, Sat 10 a.m.–midnight, Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m.*

Tabletop games and food. Private game rooms are available to rent.

Ray's Boathouse • *seafood, GF* • 6049 Seaview Ave. N.W. • *Mon–Fri 5–9 p.m., Sat–Sun 4:30 p.m.–10 p.m.*

Fine dining on Shilshole Bay, spectacular views. -pmc

Ray's Cafe • *seafood, GF* • 6049 Seaview Ave. N.W. • *Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.*

Casual dining upstairs from Ray's Boathouse, with salmon, etc. I personally prefer the second floor, not just because it's less spendy, but because I like the view and the overall atmosphere. Walk-ins accepted for indoor and outdoor. I usually share some small plates. -pmc

The Walrus and the Carpenter • *oysters and other seafood, GF* • 4743 Ballard Ave. N.W. • *Sun–Thu 4–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 4–10 p.m.*
High-end seafood; menu changes daily. First come, first served, with indoor and patio dining. Expensive, but worth it.

Ballard Brewery District

Area in Ballard with more than 10 breweries and tons of outdoor seating and food trucks, all within walking distance from each other. In addition to the Ballard Brewery District breweries listed below, downtown Ballard is home to **Cloudburst on Shilshole**, **Channel Marker Cider**, and **Aluel Cellars**.

Bale Breaker & Yonder Cider Taproom

• 826 N.W. 49th St. • Tue-Thu 3-10 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-10 p.m., Sun noon-9 p.m.

More than 30 taps and 6,200 square feet of outdoor space.

Bickersons Brewhouse

• 1514 Leary Way N.W. • Wed-Thu 3-9 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-9 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.

Indoor and outdoor space. Bring your own food, or order from Mean Sandwich next door.

Distant West Brewing Co.

• 1406 N.W. 53rd St. Suite 1A • Thu-Fri 3-9 p.m., Sat noon-9 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.

Dogs and kids welcome.

Fair Isle Brewing

• 936 N.W. 49th St. • Mon-Thu 3-9 p.m., Fri 3-10 p.m., Sat noon-10 p.m., Sun noon-9 p.m.

Farmhouse beers. Marisco-style food by La Marea. All ages.

Great Notion Brewing

• 5101 14th Ave. N.W. Suite 101 • Sun-Thu noon-9 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-10 p.m.

Food by The Hall Smashbox. No cash. All ages and dogs are welcome (if they don't try to pay in cash).

Lucky Envelope Brewing

• 907 N.W. 50th St. • Mon-Wed 3-8 p.m., Thu 3-9 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-9 p.m., Sun noon-8 p.m.

Those red envelopes filled with money? Yes, this is named for a Chinese tradition. Food trucks.

Maritime Pacific Brewing Company

• 1111 N.W. Ballard Way • Sun noon-9 p.m., Mon-Wed 3-9 p.m., Thu noon-9 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-11 p.m.

I know this place well, for their "map" of the San Juan Islands, the mahi mahi sliders, Jolly Roger ale, and their habanero bbq sauce which is about as

hot as I can eat and still taste. -pmc's favorite

Obec Brewing

• 1144 N.W. 52nd St. • Mon-Thu 2-10 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-11 p.m., Sun noon-9 p.m.

21+. Dogs welcome. Czech-inspired beers, but go for the non-alcohol shrub drinks because they are amazing. -pmc

Old Stove Brewing Co.- Gardens

• 1550 N.W. 49th St. • Mon-Thu 3-10 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-11 p.m., Sun noon-10 p.m.

Outdoor beer garden. Family-friendly, dogs welcome. Kitchen has limited hours.

Reuben's Brews

• 5010 14th Ave. N.W. • Daily 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Family-friendly, indoor and outdoor seating, pub fare.

Stoup Brewing

• 1108 N.W. 52nd St. • Daily noon-10 p.m.

Kids and dogs welcome. Food trucks.

Upstairs bar is 21+.

Trailbend Taproom

• GF • 1118 N.W. 50th St. • Tue-Thu 4-10 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-11 p.m., Sun noon-9 p.m.

Pizza, sandwiches, and other bites. Kids menu. Take-out or dine in.

Urban Family

• 1103 N.W. 52nd St. • Mon-Sat 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Local brewery that specializes in sours and IPAs. Also has beer slushies. Indoor and outdoor seating.

Wheelie Pop Brewing

• 1110 N.W. 50th St. • Tue-Thu 3-9 p.m., Fri-Sat noon-10 p.m., Sun noon-8 p.m.

Leashed dogs and kids are welcome. Okay, try again; kids and leashed dogs are welcome. Teamed with Trailbend for food. Food trucks. Outside food is okay.

University District

University of Washington and surrounding area. The main business drag, University Way, is commonly called “the Ave,” and is home to lots of businesses. Link light rail north has a University of Washington stop, which will get you to the Husky Stadium. If you get off here, check out the Washington Park Arboretum across the Montlake Bridge. For the Ave, take the University District Station.

Aqua Verde • Mexican, GF • 1303 Boat St •
Daily 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Famous for its menu and waterside location. Walk-ins only, and sometimes the wait can be long. They also do take-out, but you’ll want to eat there. -pmc

Araya’s Place • vegan Thai, GF • 5240
University Way N.E. #A • Lunch: Daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Dinner: Sun–Thu 4:30–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 4:30–9:30 p.m.

Complete Thai menu for lunch or dinner, with a full bar. Every dish is prepared fresh to order, meaning they can accommodate everyone’s needs, including dietary and allergy restrictions. Also in Madison Park.

Costas Restaurant • Greek • 4559
University Way N.E. • Daily 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Costas serves traditional Greek and American fare, and has a long breakfast menu. I don’t think they still set saganaki on fire at your table. -pmc

Mountaineering Club • bar with seafood • 4507 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. • Sun–Mon 3–10 p.m., Tue–Thu 3 p.m.–midnight, Fri–Sat

3 p.m.–1 a.m.

Located in the Graduate by Hilton Seattle. Rooftop, with a nearly 360-degree view.

Off the Rez Cafe • Native American • 4300 15th Ave. N.E. • Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Inside the Burke Museum at the University of Washington. They also operate a food truck. Their tacos are on frybread.

Pho Than Brothers • GF • 4207 University Way N.E. • Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Multiple locations, featuring beef, chicken, and vegetarian pho. This is the one I’ve been to, and I had a great time with friends and echoes. -pmc

Saint Bread • GF • 421 N.E. Boat St. • Mon–Sat 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Globally inspired bites and gourmet pastries offered in a former boat-building facility with a patio. Not a ton of gluten-free options other than the rice bowl. Enjoy your food in the University of Washington neighborhood and on the Portage Bay waterfront.

Roosevelt/Green Lake

Roosevelt is roughly the area east of Interstate 5, while Green Lake is to the west. The path around Green Lake itself is about three miles long, mostly flat, and extremely popular with dog walkers, joggers, and roller-blade enthusiasts. A variety of restaurant and bar options are just a short walk from various points around the lake, and in August, you might see some bats at dusk! LRn: Roosevelt Station.

Jellyfish Brewing Company • tap room, kitchen, patio • 6808 East Green Lake Way N. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Across the street from Green Lake, small sandwiches, a couple of pinball games, big enough for groups, but

echoey. Award-winning beer. Julie raves about the mushroom sandwich. Their first, and kitchen-free, location is in **Georgetown**, which can seat groups up to 50 with notice, has a beer garden, allows, kids, dogs, and outside food, but not outside beverages. -pmc

Mykonos Greek Grill • 310 N.E. 72nd St. • Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Very close to the east shore of Green Lake sits this very small, very unassuming halal Greek cafe. It is near the lake but does not face it. So just go for the food. All of it. The skordalia is basically cold mashed potatoes served as a dip. Pair it with lamb souvlaki. -pmc

Rain City Burgers • GF • 6501 Roosevelt Way N.E. • Daily 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Although they don't brag on their

website, many sources claim Rain City serves among the best burgers in Seattle. -pmc

The Westy Roosevelt • sports bar • 1215 N.E. 65th Way N.E. • Mon 2–10 p.m., Tue–Fri 2 p.m.–midnight, Sat 11 a.m.–midnight, Sun 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Nice place to sit, whether sports is on television or not. The original Westy is in West Seattle. The menu rotates, which made me a little sad the second time I tried to order the mac 'n' cheese. -pmc

Northgate

Once home to Northgate Mall, the first shopping mall built in the post-war United States in 1950. The mall is in the process of being demolished and converted into "Northgate Station," which also houses the Kraken Community Iceplex. LRn: Northgate Station.

Chaiyo Thai Cuisine • 11749 15th Ave. N.E. • Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat–Sun noon–9 p.m.

Traditional Thai restaurant that has been family-owned for 25 years. Reservations or ordering ahead is recommended.

Jewel Box Cafe • GF • 321 N.E. Thornton Place • Mon–Fri 6 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat–Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Crepes in both savory and sweet varieties, pastries, coffee, bubble tea.

Tengu Sushi Japanese Restaurant • conveyor-belt sushi • 311 N.E. Thornton Place • Daily 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

Yay! Roller sushi! Sushi, poke, sashimi. Some exotic bites but good at basics (salmon, tuna, vegetarian spring roll, teriyaki). -pmc

The Watershed Pub & Kitchen • pizza, salads, more, GF • 10104 3rd Ave. N.E. • Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri 11 a.m.–midnight, Sat 10 a.m.–midnight, Sun 10 a.m.–11 p.m., weekend brunch 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Creative pizzas and food specials, rotating taps, and friendly service too. Our go-to in the neighborhood. -pmc's favorite/JKM's favorite

Zylberschtein's Delicatessen & Bakery • 11752 15th Ave. N.E. • Daily 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Pinehurst neighborhood of Northgate. This place excels at both smoked meats and baked goods, so it's worth trying the Skokie (Seattle portion 4 oz., New York portion 8 oz.), which comes with a side and a house-made pickle. Although if you just get a plain bagel, you won't be sorry. -pmc's Favorite

Greenwood

West of Green Lake and south of Carkeek Park. The area around Greenwood and 85th Street has a lot of cool businesses.

El Chupacabra • Mexican • 6711 Greenwood Ave. N. • Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri–Sat 11:30 a.m.–midnight, Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m. On Phinney Ridge. The inspiration here is punk rock. Order two shrimp

enchiladas but end up bringing one home. Yes, it's worth taking anything you can't finish home. Their West Seattle location (on **Alki Beach**) will take groups for their private upstairs.

Gainsbourg • *French, GF* • 8550 Greenwood Ave. N. • Sun–Thu 4 p.m.–midnight • Fri–Sat 4 p.m.–2 a.m.

Wrought-iron-rimmed patio, no reservations. Named for French pop artist Serge Gainsbourg.

Piper's Orchard • 950 N.W. Carkeek Road • Daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

Located in Carkeek Park. This apple orchard has many heirloom varieties. The oldest orchard in Seattle was established in the 1890s and nearly forgotten until found during a land survey around 1980. Harvest season is in October for most trees, so leave

the fruit hanging. I have seen people gathering grounders, though.

Prost! • *German* • 7311 Greenwood Ave. N. • Mon–Thu 3 p.m.–midnight • Fri 3 p.m.–2 a.m. Sat 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–midnight

On Phinney Ridge. Kitchen closes at 10 p.m. daily. In the same kitchen and beer family as **Roosevelt's Die Bierstube** and **Prost! West Seattle**; they've expanded to Oregon and Idaho. All Seattle locations allow minors until 9 p.m. It's funny to like the food, yet rave about the mustard and pickle.

-pmc

Beacon Hill

Southeast of the convention center, this area is a mix of upscale and hole-in-the wall venues. The Red Apple is a good place to grab hot deli food. LR: Beacon Hill Station.

familyfriend • *Pacific Islands, GF* • 3315 Beacon Ave. S. • Daily 5–9:30 p.m.

Accessible. The *Seattle Times* food critic laments that this place is known for their smashburger, imploring that we order, for example, the corn soup.

Musang • *Filipino, GF* • 2524 Beacon Ave. S. • Daily 4–10 p.m.

Community-driven restaurant focusing on Filipino cuisine. Beacon Hill near the light rail station. You will want to make reservations.

SoDo/Industrial District and South

South of the two big stadiums (Julie calls them the salt and pepper shakers). LR: Stadium Station and SODO Station. The stations are not very near these picks.

Ghostfish Brewing Company • *GF* • 2942

1st Ave. S. • Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m. (brunch menu only from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., restaurant menu 2–8 p.m.), Mon–Tue 2–9 p.m., Wed–Thu noon–9 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–10 p.m. Taproom and shop serving small-batch gluten-free beer made with millet, buckwheat, and brown rice. They also serve 100% gluten-free pub food! You can also find Ghostfish beer at local bars around the city on draft or in a can.

Hudson • *American diner, GF* • 5000 East Marginal Way S. • Daily 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

21+. "Where the soul of New Orleans meets the heart of the Pacific Northwest." Horseshoe lunch counter surrounded by booths that line the walls. Light covers are actual Hudson hubcaps. The shrimp and cheesy grits

are the best. I like this place enough to forgive them for calling a mimosa with vodka a "manmosa." -pmc

Local Flavor: Seattle Style Teriyaki

Seattle teriyaki is charred chicken strips coated in a sweet, thick, sticky sauce, served with plain white rice and steamed veggies, usually in a Styrofoam clamshell. Invented and popularized by Toshi Kasahara at **Toshi's Teriyaki**, Seattle teriyaki has been a favorite locally since the 1970s. Toshi, whose original store relocated north of the city to Mill Creek, claims there are more teriyaki joints now in the region than the top five fast food chains combined. Indeed, Seattle-style teriyaki can be found all over, most of excellent quality. For the widest selection, try the **Industrial District** south of the city, near the 1st Avenue South bridge.

Museum of Flight • 9404 E. Marginal Way South • Sun–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Museum of Flight is the largest independent, nonprofit air and space museum in the world! With over 175 aircraft and spacecraft, tens of thousands of artifacts, millions of rare

photographs, dozens of exhibits and experiences, and a world-class library.

Orient Express • *family-style Chinese* • 2963 4th Ave. S. • Sun noon–11 p.m. Mon–Fri 10:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Eat in a train car! Or perform karaoke in a train car.

Not in the Area

A couple of suggestions for day or overnight trips before or after Worldcon.

Finnriver Farm & Cidery • *cider, garden, covered outdoor picnic area (on days without food scheduled), shop, tastings, GF* • 124 Center Road, Chimu, Washington 98325 • *Cider Garden Hours: Sun and Wed–Thu noon–8 p.m., Mon noon–5 p.m., Fri–Sat noon–9 p.m.*

The best local cider I have ever had, and it's from near my hometown. If you're looking, you may find one or two flavors in Seattle (QFC in University Village often has it on tap), but if you go to this picturesque farm, the tasting room has dozens more, most of them available for takeaway. Bring your own picnic on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday until 3 p.m. Other times you can get food from the cidery or hosted outside vendors. If you plan to travel to

the peninsula (that's the thumb sticking west on a Washington state map), this stop is highly recommended. They make their own popular pickles (the only thing I haven't liked). Check before visiting, as we have arrived to find it closed for private events. -pmc

The North Fork Brewery, Pizzeria and Beer Shrine • *casual, GF* • 6186 Mt. Baker Highway, Deming, Washington 98244 • *Daily noon–9 p.m.*

"Best Stop on Highway 542" (Cascadia Weekly). I'm disappointed that "wedding shrine" is no longer part of the name, but a trip to Mount Baker, or even partway there, isn't complete without this brewery, which bought a building with a pizza oven, so they learned how to make pizza. -pmc

Really Not in the Area

Just for fun, I've listed a couple of faraway places, notably the Venice Beach location which may be worth a visit while at LAcon V.

Killer Poboy's at Erin Rose • *sandwiches in back of Irish pub* • 811 Conti St., New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 • Sun–Mon and Wed–Thu noon–8 p.m., Fri–Sat 10 a.m.–midnight

There's another location on Dauphine Street, but this one is in the back of a place that serves frozen Irish coffee. All of the sandwiches are good. We can't rave enough about the grilled shrimp poboy. -pmc/-JKM's favorite

Lucky Baldwins Old Town • *pub* • 17 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, California 91105 • *Daily 9 a.m.–1:30 a.m.*

One of the best English breakfasts I've

found. Good food. Good local (to them) beer list. Two other locations in the region, one on historic Route 66. If you do end up there, check out Vroman's Bookstore (695 E. Colorado Blvd) just 10 longish blocks to the west. -pmc

Small World Books • 1407 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, California 90291 • *Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m.*

Bookstore run by cats on the Venice Boardwalk in Los Angeles. Usually I buy a couple of books and go next door to the open-air Sidewalk Cafe, so I can start reading them with a view of the Pacific Ocean. -pmc