

A GUIDE TO GOOD EATS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND AROUND COLLEGE PARK

LUNCH OPTIONS AT THE STAMP STUDENT UNION

First Floor

- [The Coffee Bar](#): Serving Starbucks teas, coffee, and cakes.

Ground Floor

- [The Union Shop](#): Coffee, energy bars, small groceries, sandwiches, odds and ends.
- [Food Court](#):
 - Chick-Fil-A (chicken sandwiches)
 - Sbarro (pizza and pasta)
 - Taco Bell (fast food mexican)
 - Panda Express (fast food chinese)
 - Auntie Anne's (pretzels)
 - McDonald's
 - Moby Dick (kebob)
 - Salad Works (salads and soups)
 - Sushi by Panda (sushi)

Basement

- [The Maryland Food Co-op](#): The best sandwich bar around, with plenty of vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and organic items, snacks and drinks. Also good for those on a tight budget. \$5 credit/debit card minimum.
- Subway (inside the gaming/bowling area)

RECOMMENDED LUNCH RESTAURANTS IN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE UNION

The majority of restaurants in College Park are located within a fifteen-minute walk from the heart of campus. To get there from the Stamp Student Union, cross Campus Drive to the University's mall (large green space). Then walk all the way down the mall toward the Administration building. Take a right onto Regents Drive and look for a path that cuts diagonally across campus to the right. This path will lead you to the bulk of restaurants and shops clustered around Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue). You can also follow Regents Drive to Route 1.

Campus-side Route 1

- [Potbelly Sandwich Shop](#): Made-to-order sandwiches.
- [Ten Ren's Tea Time](#): The best bubble tea in town. Try the vanilla black milk tea, the pudding green milk tea, or a green tea scone. They also have a full Chinese menu.
- [Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches](#): Subs and club sandwiches including a number of vegetarian options.
- [Ratsie's Pizza & Subs](#): Students' favorite local pizza joint.

Route 1, opposite from the University

- [Bagel Place](#): Bagels and bagel sandwiches. For a local specialty, try the Old Bay bagels.
- Cornerstone Grill: A favorite local bar offering solid American bar grub with outdoor seating.
- [R.J. Bentley's](#): Another local bar serving sandwiches and salads with an enclosed porch for outdoor dining.
- [Slices Pizza Co](#): traditional and gourmet NY Style Pizza and Salads
- [Five Guys](#): Hamburgers and fries.
- [Pho Thom](#): Pho
- [OVO Simply Veggie](#): vegetarian food

Lehigh Avenue

- [Marathon Deli](#): A huge selection of deli sandwiches, including great gyros. Try the tzatziki sauce too.
- [Krazi Kebob](#): Indian/Pakistani casual dining

Knox Road

- [China Cafe 6](#): Great and inexpensive Chinese food.

Shopping Center off Route 1, campus-side

- [Jason's Deli](#) - lots of organic options, named one of the Top 10 Healthiest Fast Food Restaurants by Health Magazine.
- [Garbanzo Mediterranean Grill](#): Healthy Mediterranean food (salads, gyros, kabobs)
- [Starbucks Coffee](#)
- [Chipotle](#): Burritos and tacos made with or without a tortilla.
- [Noodles & Co.](#): pasta and asian noodle dishes
- [Cold Stone Creamery](#): ice cream

North Baltimore Avenue (intersection just north of Baltimore and Campus Drive)

- [Bobby's Burger Palace](#): burger, fries, and alcoholic milkshakes by Bobby Flay
- [NuVegan Café](#): 100% vegan menu with variations on comfort food
- [Looney's Pub](#): Sports bar/Pub
- [Pizza Autentica](#): Pizza and Italian food
- [The Board and Brew](#): sandwiches, salads, coffee, and a big selection of board games
- [Hanami Japanese Restaurant](#): Sushi and Japanese food

RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

[Plato's Diner](#) (Greek Diner)

Great breakfast food available all day. The menu has everything from spanakopita to falafel salads to mozzarella sticks to larger entrees. Great pie for those in need of a sugar boost. Recommended. It is also possible to walk here, it's just beyond Quality Inn a short walk past the Shopping Center.

7150 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1)
College Park, MD
(301) 779-7070
7am-1am, Sunday-Thursday
24 hours, Friday & Saturday

[Seven Seas Restaurant](#) (Chinese & Japanese)

A wide array of Chinese specialties, including a low-fat menu, vegetarian options, tempura, sushi, and a daily sushi/dim sum lunch buffet.

8503 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1)
College Park, MD
(301) 345-5808
11:30am-10:30pm, Sunday-Thursday
11:30am-11pm, Friday & Saturday

[Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery & General Store](#) (American Grill, Brew Pub)

The area's one and only brew pub with a number of seasonal brews on tap and a nice selection of salads and entrees. Try the ESB or Imperial Ale, and check out the General Store attached to the restaurant for strange and unusual souvenirs, candy, and toys.

5121 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1)
Hyattsville, MD
(301) 927-2740
11am-9pm, Sunday
11am-9:30pm, Monday
11am-10pm Tuesday-Thursday
11am-11pm, Friday & Saturday

[Busboys and Poets](#) (locally sourced slow food)

The fourth location of the popular DC franchise with great food and a solid bar.

5331 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20781
(301) 779-2787
Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 Midnight
Saturday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Midnight
Sunday 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

[The Original Ledo Restaurant](#) (Pizza and Italian food)

A University of Maryland tradition. Ledo pizza features flaky biscuit-style pizza crust, and the MITH staff is partial to the jalepeno pineapple pizza. They are also known for their lasagna.

4509 Knox Rd

College Park, MD 2074

(301) 422-81220

Mon-Thurs 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am – 11:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

[New Deal Cafe](#) (Lebanese)

A family-owned restaurant serving authentic, homemade kabobs, mezza platters and lamb and fish specials. Sit and enjoy a glass of wine while listening to one of the cafe's nightly performances.

113 Centerway

Greenbelt, MD

(301) 474-5642

11am-3pm Monday

11am-9pm, Tuesday-Thursday

11am-11pm, Friday & Saturday

10:30am-8pm, Sunday

[Calvert House Inn](#) (Seafood)

Try some of Maryland's signature crab cakes or other fresh seafood specialties. They also serve pasta and meat dishes at this early nineteenth century mansion.

6211 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1)

Riverdale, MD

(301) 864-5220

11:30am-10pm, Monday-Saturday

11:30am-9pm, Sunday

[Tiffin Indian Kitchen](#)

A nearby faculty favorite. Best Indian cuisine in the area. Recommended.

1341 University Boulevard, East

Takoma Park, MD

(301) 434-4202

11:30am-3pm, 5pm-10pm, daily

[Woodland's Indian Vegetarian Restaurant](#)

A South Indian restaurant specializing in vegetarian cuisine as well as dosai and uthappam (pancake-crepe style dishes). Kid's menu.

8046 New Hampshire Avenue

Langley Park, MD
(301) 434-4202
11:30am-9:30pm, Sunday-Thursday
11:30am-10pm, Friday & Saturday

[Pho 75](#)

A small, authentic Vietnamese restaurant with great soup and spring rolls. Cash only.

1510 University Boulevard, East
Hyattsville, MD
(301) 434-7844
9am-8pm, daily

[Irene's Pupusas](#)

Very no frills decor, but fresh, excellent Salvadorian and great prices. Pupusas are superb.

2218 University Boulevard, East
Hyattsville, MD
(301) 431-1550
8am-9pm Sunday-Thursday
8am-10pm Friday & Saturday

[Republic](#)

By their definition, Republic is a 'casual yet refined neighborhood bistro serving a seasonally driven menu in an offbeat, non-comformative setting reflective of the surrounding neighborhood of Takoma Park.'

6939 Laurel Ave
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 270-3000
Mon-Thurs 11:30 am – 12:30 am
Friday 11:30 am – 1:30 am
Saturday 11:00 am – 1:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 pm

[Jackie's Restaurant](#)

Hip restaurant and bar with retro cocktails, a pool table and modern American cuisine with local/seasonal ingredients.

8081 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 565-9700
Mon-Thurs 5:30 – 9:00 pm
Fri-Sat 5:30 – 10:30 pm
Sunday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm; 5:30 – 9:00 pm

[Samantha's Restaurant](#)

South American cuisine serving giant pupusas and fresh margaritas. Recommended.

631 University Boulevard, East

Silver Spring, MD

(301) 445-7300

11am-10:30pm, Sunday-Thursday

11am-11:30pm, Friday & Saturday

BEYOND ROUTE 1 AND COLLEGE PARK

Outside of College Park and its environs, the nearest concentrations of restaurants are Silver Spring and Bethesda. Both are metro-accessible, but because of the layout of the lines, Silver Spring is a much shorter ride time. Getting off at either metro station will put you within walking distance of a number of excellent options, too many to list here. For help getting there, see Metro's website (<http://www.wmata.com>).

For downtown restaurants in Washington, DC, if you don't have a specific destination in mind, you can't go wrong with Dupont Circle (many diverse cuisines); Gallery Place-Chinatown (wide selection, including Chinese of course); U Street (Ethiopian, French, Asian cuisines and a wide selection of bars along 14th Street off the U Street metro stop); or Adams-Morgan (take red line metro to Woodley Park; large selection of Ethiopian and other ethnic cuisines). For listings and reviews you might look at the Washington's Food & Dining site (<http://www.washingtonian.com/sections/restaurants/bymetro.php>), or foodies might check out this local food blog, DC Foodies (<http://www.dcfoodies.com/>).

Yelp (<http://www.yelp.com>) also has a wide selection of restaurant and bar reviews.

Some DC Favorites:

Casa Oaxaca

Authentic Mexican cuisine, specializing in a variety of excellent moles. Inexpensive.

2106 18th Street NW

Washington, DC 20009

Closest metro station: Woodley Park, Red Line

(202) 387-2272

5pm-9:30pm, Sunday-Thursday

5pm-11:00pm, Friday & Saturday

Closed Monday

Dukem Ethiopian Restaurant

Ethiopian cuisine. Full bar and live music. Inexpensive.

1114-1118 U Street NW

Washington, DC 20009

Closest metro station: U Street, Green Line

(202) 667-8735

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9am-midnight, Sunday-Thursday
9am-1am, Friday & Saturday

Hotel Tabard Inn & Restaurant

Excellent seasonal dishes with a regional twist. Menu changes daily. Moderate to expensive.

Try the brunch; it's fantastic. Reservations recommended.

1739 N Street NW

Washington, DC 20036

Closest metro station: Dupont, Red Line

(202) 331-8528