

# FOOD & DRINK

## IN DOWNTOWN CHAMPAIGN

Discover 45 locally owned food & drink establishments that helped us win **Midwest Living's Greatest Midwest Food Town**. From award-winning BBQ to artisan-baked goods to beautifully crafted cocktails and mocktails, we have something for every palette in the heart of Downtown Champaign!

### Anthem

**320 N. Neil St. | [facebook.com/anthemchampaign](https://facebook.com/anthemchampaign)**

This LGBTQ+ bar and dance club serves unique and flavorful cocktails not found anywhere else.

### The Axe Bar

**114 S. Neil St. | [theaxebarchampaign.com](https://theaxebarchampaign.com)**

Champaign's first ever axe-throwing establishment that serves sandwiches, pizza, and boneless wings.

### Barrelhouse 34

**34 E. Main St. | [barrelhouse34.com](https://barrelhouse34.com)**

A craft beer and craft spirits bar with a rooftop patio.

### Bentley's Pub

**419 N. Neil St. | [bentleyspub.com](https://bentleyspub.com)**

A downtown bar with a long history in Champaign, specializing in house-infused cocktails and craft beer.

### Big Grove Tavern

**1 E. Main St. | [biggrovetavern.com](https://biggrovetavern.com)**

A popular restaurant with craft cocktails & regional beers in a modern space with rustic touches. [biggrovetavern.com](https://biggrovetavern.com)

### Black Dog Smoke & Ale House

**320 N. Chestnut St. | [blackdogchampaign.com](https://blackdogchampaign.com)**

Named one of the best BBQ restaurants in America, well-versed in ribs, brisket & burgers and craft beer.

### Brass Rail

**15 E. University Ave., Champaign**

This popular dive bar will serve up PBRs alongside quality cocktails in a comfortable setting.

### Collective Pour/Smith Burger Co.

**340 N. Neil St. | [collectivepour.com](https://collectivepour.com) & [smithburgerco.com](https://smithburgerco.com)**

Fun downtown bar in a lively setting with over 40 craft beers on draft; shares space with Smith Burger Company, home of an award-winning menu of delicious smash burgers.

### Cowboy Monkey

**6 Taylor St. | [cowboy-monkey.com](https://cowboy-monkey.com)**

A Tex-Mex style bar that serves cocktails and beers on tap.

### Esquire Lounge

**106 N. Walnut St. | [esquirelounge.com](https://esquirelounge.com)**

A local favorite that serves pizza, sandwiches, liquor & beer with outside seating. Try their signature pineapple margarita!

### Farren's Pub & Eatery

**117 N. Walnut St. | [farrenspub.com](https://farrenspub.com)**

Locally-sourced ingredients, award-winning burgers with a variety of lunch and dinner options.

### Guido's Bar & Grill

**2 E. Main St. | [guidosbar.com](https://guidosbar.com)**

A relaxed tavern-style restaurant & bar serving burgers, beer and liquor. Outdoor seating available.

### Hamilton Walker's

**201 N. Neil St. | [hamiltonwalkers.com](https://hamiltonwalkers.com)**

Succulent steaks, fresh seafood, and craft cocktails in a roaring 20's atmosphere right in the heart of downtown.

### The Himalayan Chimney

**134 W. Church St. | [thehimalayanchimneyil.com](https://thehimalayanchimneyil.com)**

A contemporary restaurant for familiar Indian eats such as samosas, biryani, tandoori & curry dishes.

### Hound's Court

**120 N. Neil St. | [houndsrest.com](https://houndsrest.com)**

The Hound has an array of draft beers, including house brews and IPAs.

### Hound's Rest

**120 N. Walnut St. | [houndsrest.com](https://houndsrest.com)**

A beer bar related to the Hound's Court with over 27 taps.

### Jupiter's Pizza & Billiards

**39 E. Main St. | [facebook/JupitersPizza](https://facebook/JupitersPizza)**

Sports-minded pub with pizza, a large beer selection, pool tables, and a handful of arcade games.

### KoFusion

**30 E. Main St. | [kofusion.com](https://kofusion.com)**

This establishment features award-winning sushi and a unique blend of American and Contemporary Asian cuisine.

### Kohinoor Indian Restaurant and Bar

**6 E. Columbia Ave. | [kohinoorchampaign.com](https://kohinoorchampaign.com)**

Indian eatery featuring tandoori fare & vegetarian dishes in a modest, earth-toned setting.



= Alcohol



= Coffee



= Food

### La Bahía Grill

132 W. Church St.

This Mexican restaurant puts a focus on seafood, giving you a fresh, unique taste on the dishes you crave.

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

### Ladro Enoteca

1 E. Main St. | [instagram/ladroenoteca](https://www.instagram.com/ladroenoteca)

A bottle shop/wine bar that also sells conserva, a variety of cheeses, cured meats and smoked fish.

### The Literary Book Bar

122 N Neil St. | [literarybookbar.com](http://literarybookbar.com)

Artisan roasted coffee, unique breakfast and lunch options, plus wine and crafted cocktails at this popular book store and foodie joint.

### Mad Goat Coffee

57 E. Main St. | [madgoatcoffee.com](http://madgoatcoffee.com)

The newest addition to downtown Champaign, Mad Goat offers delicious locally-sourced coffee and savory breakfast sandwiches.

### Maize at the Station

100 N. Chestnut St. | [maizemexicangrill.com](http://maizemexicangrill.com)

A local favorite specializing in Mexican cuisine & cocktails served amid a warm, convivial atmosphere in a former train station.

### Martinelli's Market Bakery & Deli

500C N Walnut St. | [martinellismarket.com](http://martinellismarket.com)

House-roasted meats, preservative free breads, locally grown produce, pastries, and scratch-made soup!

### Nando Milano Trattoria

204 N. Neil St. | [nandomilanochampaign.com](http://nandomilanochampaign.com)

Relaxed, elegant Italian trattoria serving traditional dishes & wine in a stylish brick-walled setting. Outdoor seating available!

### Neil St. Blues

301 N. Neil St. | [neilstblues.com](http://neilstblues.com)

A family-oriented restaurant specializing in Southern-style cuisine featuring jambalaya, shrimp and grits, ribs, and so much more.

### Peking Garden

206 N. Randolph St. | [pekingardenil.com](http://pekingardenil.com)

Offers a variety of Chinese flavors incorporating seafood, noodles, spring rolls, and Szechuan-style deli.

### Pizzeria Antica

10 E. Chester St. | [anticachampaign.com](http://anticachampaign.com)

A chill, popular spot offering wood-fired Neapolitan pizza with elevated toppings, plus various wines.

### Pour Bros. Craft Taproom

40 E. University Ave. | [pourbroschampaign.com](http://pourbroschampaign.com)

Experience 28 pour-your-own taps featuring beers, ciders, meads and wines, all poured by you! Great for large groups.

### Punch! Bar & Lounge

217 N Neil St. | [punchbarchampaign.com](http://punchbarchampaign.com)

A popular spot to drink an array of specialty cocktails amid a sleek, lounge-like atmosphere.

### Quality

110 N. Neil St. | [facebook/quality-beer](https://www.facebook.com/quality-beer)

Rustic-modern bar offering a wide selection of American craft beers on tap. Indoor and outdoor seating available!

### Sam's Cafe

115 N. Walnut St. | [facebook/samscafechampaign](https://www.facebook.com/samscafechampaign)

A downtown staple with functional decor & a menu of classics like pancakes, omlettes & burgers.

### Seven Saints

32 E. Chester St. | [sevensaintsbar.com](http://sevensaintsbar.com)

Stylish, wood-trimmed American tavern for creative burgers, sliders, craft beer, cocktails & wine.

### The Space

One E. Main St. | [thespace.com](http://thespace.com)

Mouthwatering smash burgers meet fine dining in this unique, community gathering space.

### Stango Cuisine

500 N. Walnut St. | [stangocu.com](http://stangocu.com)

The 1st and only Zambian restaurant in North America, Stango features flavorful dishes like Oxtail, plantains, and curry goat.

### Sticky Rice

415 N. Neil St. | [stickyricechampaign.com](http://stickyricechampaign.com)

Family-owned and operated, Sticky Rice offers a taste of Lao, Thai, Vietnamese and Chinese cuisine with locally-sourced ingredients.

### Suzu's Bakery

114 N. Walnut St. | [suzusbakery.com](http://suzusbakery.com)

Popular Japanese bakery offering delectable desserts, introducing unique textures and flavors such as matcha, yuzu, and sweetened red bean.

### Tenkyu Izakaya

301 N. Neil St. | [tenkyu.cafe.com](http://tenkyu.cafe.com)

This Japanese restaurant offers elevated dining with slow-roasted Wagyu, lab chops, sushi, and more.

### Watson's Shack & Rail

211 N. Neil St. | [watsonschicken.com](http://watsonschicken.com)

Eatery for Southern comfort food with an emphasis on chicken, plus craft beer, cocktails & slushies.