Recommended Ithaca Restaurants and Bars

The listed restaurants are favorites of the Cornell Astronomy graduate students, and are organized by area: (1) On Campus; (2) Collegetown (short walk); (3) Downtown (longer downhill/uphill walk from the conference) and (4) Elsewhere, further afield. The map on page 4 shows only the area within walking distance to the conference. Hotels outside the map area generally have restaurants nearby that are readily visible from roadways.

**KEEP IN MIND** that Downtown literally is **down** a fairly steep hill; consider fitness and the walk back uphill in planning your meal time away from the Conference!

**KEEP IN MIND** that there are many other fine restaurants in the Ithaca area (30+ in Collegetown alone) that are not included in these listings. See [http://dining.14850.com](http://dining.14850.com) for a more comprehensive listing. Happy exploring and bon appétit!

**Our favorites:**

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<td>Best vegetarian:</td>
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**On Campus:**

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<th>$$$ Taverna Banfi  1</th>
<th>On the second floor of the Statler Hotel</th>
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<td>Tuscan-inspired Italian trattoria &amp; wine bar.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.statlerhotel.cornell.edu/dining/tavernabani.html">http://www.statlerhotel.cornell.edu/dining/tavernabani.html</a></td>
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<th>$ Terrace Restaurant (Cafeteria)  2</th>
<th>Ground floor of the Statler Hotel</th>
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<td>Cafeteria open 11:30 am to 2:00 pm every day during DPS08</td>
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**Collegetown:**

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<th>$ Collegetown Bagels  3</th>
<th>On College between campus and Dryden</th>
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<td>Deli, coffee, breakfast, beer, open late</td>
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<th>$$ Stella’s  4</th>
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<td>Vaguely pretentious American, full bar.</td>
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<th>$ Asian Noodle House  5</th>
<th>On Dryden, uphill from College</th>
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<td>Chinese, Korean, noodles.</td>
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<th>$$ Vietnam  6</th>
<th>Very good Vietnamese food.</th>
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<td>208A Dryden Road, uphill from College</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.vietnam-restaurant.biz">http://www.vietnam-restaurant.biz</a></td>
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<th>$$-$ $$ Hai Hong  7</th>
<th>Excellent Chinese</th>
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<td>208B Dryden Road, uphill from College</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.haihong-restaurant.com">http://www.haihong-restaurant.com</a></td>
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<th>$ That Burrito Place  8</th>
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<td>Californian Mexican.</td>
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<th>$$ The Nines  9</th>
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<td>Tasty pizza, beer, full bar, but slow.</td>
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<th>$$ Plumtree  10</th>
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<td>Sushi, sake.</td>
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<th>$ - $$ Aladdin’s Natural Eatery  11</th>
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<td><a href="http://www.aladdinsithaca.com">http://www.aladdinsithaca.com</a></td>
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Collegetown (cont.)

$ Pixel Lounge  12
Alley off Dryden between College and Eddy
Full bar, beer, video games.
http://pixelithaca.com/

$$ Sangam Indian Cuisine  13
Eddy and Dryden
Indian, lunch buffet.
http://www.sangamindianrestaurant.com/

$$ Miyake  14
Eddy and Dryden
Sushi, sake.

$$ - $$$ Carriagehouse Café  15
On Stewart, between Buffalo and Williams.
Elegant American, brunch, BYOB.
http://www.carriagehousecafe.com/

$ The Chapter House  16
Stewart and Williams
Beer, pretzels.
http://www.chapterhouseithaca.com/

Downtown (some are off the map):

$ Hal’s Delicatessen  17
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Jewish deli, breakfast.

$ - $$ Ithaca Ale House  18
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
American, beer, full bar.
http://www.ithacaalehouse.com/

$ - $$$ Sushi O Sake  19
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Sushi, sake, teriyaki.
http://www.ithacamenu.com/sushiosake.PDF

$$ Viva Taqueria  20
$ Viva Cantina (takeout)
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Fresh mex, full bar.
http://www.vivataqueria.com

$ - $$ Asia Cuisine  21
Aurora and Seneca
Korean, Chinese, sushi, sake.

$$ - $$$ Just A Taste  22
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Tapas, wine, brunch. Highly recommended.
http://www.just-a-taste.com/

$$ - $$$. Mahogany Grill  23
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Mostly turf, some surf, full bar.
http://www.mahoganygrill.com/

$$ Blue Stone Bar & Grill  24
Aurora, between the Commons and Seneca
Comfort food, full bar
http://www.bluestoneithaca.com/

$$ - $$$. Madeline's  25
The Commons, east end
Elegant American, full bar, desserts, open late
http://www.madelines-restaurant.com

$ Sammy’s Pizza  26
The Commons, east end.
Pizza, late night favorite.
http://www.sammyspizzeria.com/

$$ Taste of Thai  27
The Commons, east end.
Thai. Highly recommended.
http://www.tasteofthaiithaca.com/

$ - $$ Benchwarmer’s  28
The Commons, midway.
Red-state American, sports, full bar.
http://www.benchwarmersdowntownithaca.com/

$$ - $$$. Moosewood  29
Seneca and Cayuga
Famous among vegetarians.
http://www.moosewoodrestaurant.com/

$$ Café Dewitt  30
Cayuga and Buffalo, inside the Dewitt Mall
Brunch, lunch. Highly recommended.
http://www.cafedewitt.com/

$$ Mustard  31
Cayuga, between the Commons and Green
Comfort food.
http://www.mustardny.com/
Downtown (cont.)

$ - $$ Lost Dog Café  32
Cayuga, between the Commons and Green.
Comfort food, vegan friendly, full bar.
http://www.lostedogcafe.net/

$ Pizza Aroma  33
Green and Cayuga
Tasty pizza, hole in the wall.

$$ New Delhi Diamond’s  34
Green and Cayuga
Indian, lunch buffet.
http://www.newdelhidiamonds.com/

$ - $$$ Maxie’s Supper Club (off map)
On State, between 13N and 13S
Cajun, seafood, comfort food, full bar.
http://www.maxies.com/

$ Ithaca Bakery (off map)
13N (Meadow) and Court St.
Deli, coffee, breakfast, bakery.
http://www.collegetownbagels.com

$$ - $$$ The Boatyard Grill (off map)
On 89N, 0.5 miles north from Buffalo
Surf, turf, canal view.
http://www.boatyardgrill.com/

$$ Dijon Bistro (off map)
Third St., between Hancock and Adams
Delicious French, hard to find.
http://www.dijonbistro.com/

$ - $$$ Joe’s Restaurant (off map)
Buffalo and 13N (Meadow)
Elegant Italian.
http://www.joesithaca.com/

$ Purity Ice Cream (off map)
13N (Meadow) and Cascadilla
Ice cream, muffins, local favorite.
http://www.purityicecream.com/

$ - $$ Taste of Thai Express (off map)
State, between 13N (Meadow) and Plain
Cheaper/faster than it’s namesake, BYOB.
http://www.tasteofthaiexpress.com/

$$ Tamarind (off map)
13N (Meadow) and Esty
Thai, spiciest in town.
http://www.tamarindithaca.com/

$$ - $$$ Thai Cuisine (off map)
13 (Meadow), south of Clinton
Elegant Thai.
http://www.ithacathaicuisine.com/

Elsewhere (all are off the map):

$$-$$-$$$ Heights Café & Grill
903 Hanshaw Rd., just north of campus
American cuisine with global influences
http://www.heightscafe.com/

$$ Hopes Way
Inside Triphammer Mall (SE corner of 13 and Triphammer). Upscale café for 3 meals/day
http://www.hopesway.com/cafe.html

$$-$$$ Kyushu Hibachi & Sushi Bar
2300 N Triphammer Rd
Good sushi, fun “live” Hibachi chef. BYOB.
http://ithaca.citysearch.com/profile/37964153/ithaca_ny/kyushu_hibachi_sushi_bar.html

$$-$$$ Antler’s Restaurant
1159 Dryden Rd. (Rt. 366)
American grilled fare and contemporary pasta entrees
http://www.antlersrestaurnat.com/

$$$ John Thomas Steakhouse
2.5 miles south of Ithaca on 96-B
Fancy schmancy bar and grill.
http://www.johnthomassteakhouse.com/

$$ Plantations Bar & Grill
3.5 miles east of campus on 366
American, beer, full bar.
http://www.theithacaplant.com/

$ Glenwood Pines
4 miles north of Ithaca on 89
Ithaca’s best burgers, full bar, lake view.
http://www.glenwoodpines.com/

$$$ Hazelnut Kitchen
10 miles north of Ithaca on 96
All local comfort food. Highly recommended.
http://www.hazelnutkitchen.com/
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