

Madison has a plethora of restaurants, with highly celebrated chefs on the cutting edge of the farm-to-table dining and local foods movements and an amazing diversity of ethnic cuisines (grad students unable/uninterested to go back to their countries often open restaurants here). There are way too many great places to list here, so we've curated a selection of our favorites close to the conference location (no chains included), indicating the distance and how long it would take to walk there, to help you narrow down the myriad choices. If you have a bike or car, you have even more options. And we're not even addressing the fabulous craft beer scene...

For an outsider's perspective on "this amazing gastronomic town" (and additional recommendations) see <https://travelsquire.com/madison-wisconsin-a-delicious-destination/> or "Why Madison, Wis. is a top foodie paradise" at <http://www.foxnews.com/food-drink/2013/09/13/forget-new-york-why-madison-wis-is-top-foodie-paradise.html>.

Nearby Dining

(less than a 10 minute walk (half mile), good for lunch, arranged in increasing distance from Pyle Center)

Food Carts on Library Mall (400 ft, 1 min) 728 State St

Banzo (small menu of Israeli cuisine with some of the best falafel in town)

Bulgogi Korean Tacos (Korean fusion tacos, burritos, and salads marinated bulgogi-style proteins)

Caracas Empanadas (in various combos of meats, cheeses, and veggies)

Good Food (soups, wraps, low carb options)

and many others, subject to change since they are mobile...and note there is no official seating.

Terrace at Memorial Union (0.1 mi, 2 min) 800 Langdon St, 7:30AM-10PM

Several dining options including Der Rathskeller (German beer hall with burgers, wraps and more), Strada (Italian street food), Carte (sandwiches, salads), Daily Scoop (Babcock ice cream) and Brat Strand at the beautiful outdoor seating area on the edge of Lake Mendota.

Mediterranean Café (0.1 mi, 3 min) 625 State St, 10AM-3:30PM

Serving hummus, falafel & other Mediterranean fare. CASH ONLY! (ATM across the street at the credit union).

Poke Plus and Teriyaki (0.1 mi, 3 min) 615 State St, 10AM-9:30PM

Think build your own sushi salad.

State Street Brats (0.2 mi, 3 min) 603 State St, 11AM-2AM

Wisconsin Badger sports bar featuring red bratwurst, burgers & beer plus a front patio.

Mirch Masala (0.3 mi, 6 min) 449 State St, 11:30AM-9:30PM

Indian classics from curry dishes to biryani whipped up in a casual, compact space with a lunch buffet.

Wasabi Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar (0.3 mi, 6 min) 449 State St, 11AM-2:30PM, 4:30-10PM

Casual eatery serving sushi rolls, noodle dishes & other Japanese staples in simple digs.

Dotty Dumpling's Dowry (0.3 mi, 6 min) 317 N Frances St, 11AM-11PM

Longtime local institution offering specialty burgers, cheese curds & tap beers in quirky digs.

Paul's Pel'meni (0.3 mi, 6 min) 414 West Gilman St, 11AM-11PM

Counter-serve offering Russian beef- & potato-filled dumplings, with sides of sour cream.

Nitty Gritty-Madison (0.4 mi, 8 min) 223 N Frances St, 11AM-midnight

Longtime bar & grill featuring free birthday beer, cocktails or soda plus pub grub & TVs.

HopCat (0.4 mi, 8 min) 222 W Gorham St, 11AM- midnight (happy hour 3-6PM)

Woodwork-filled brew pub with a massive beer list offers creative pub fare & brunch items.

Tutto Pasta State Street (0.4 mi, 9 min) 305 State St, 11AM-8:30PM

Cozy, family-owned trattoria offering classic Italian cuisine, signature pasta dishes & a full bar.

Plaza Tavern (0.4 mi, 9 min) 319 North Henry St, 11AM-2AM

Old-time bar & grill slinging signature burgers & beer until late, with daily drink specials.

Further Afield

Nick's Bar & Restaurant (0.5 mi, 10 min) 226 State St, 10AM-10PM

Greek-American diner with 1959 decor (booths, long bar) for sandwiches, meats & cocktails.

Teddy Wedgers (0.6 mi, 13 min) 101 State St, 7AM-9PM (except Tues to 2PM)

Carryout near the Capitol selling savory Cornish pasties from breakfast to dinner.

The Old Fashioned (0.8 mi, 17 min) 23 N Pinckney St, 7:30AM-1:30AM (except Tues to 10:30PM)

Wisconsin-themed, retro-style tavern offering beers, brats & cheese curds (good, but kind of a tourist trap).

Brocagh Irish Pub & Whiskey Den (0.8 mi, 18 min) 7 W Main St, 11AM-midnight

Festive Irish pub known for upscale pub grub, Irish & Scotch whiskeys & live traditional music.

Sol's on the Square (0.9 mi, 18 min) 117 E Mifflin St, 11AM-2:30PM, 5:00-9:30PM

Excellent Korean fare such as bulgogi & donkatsu. All entrees come with a pickle and kimchi tray.

Babcock Hall Dairy Store (0.9 mi, 19 min) 1605 Linden Dr, 7:30AM-5:30PM

Dairy shop run by the UW-Madison Food Science Department, with ice cream, cheese & cafe eats.

Graze (0.9 mi, 19 min) 1 S Pinckney St #107, 11AM-10PM

Lively gastropub plating farm-to-table comfort fare in a modern glass venue with Capitol views.

Greenbush Bakery (1 mi, 21 min) 1305 Regent St, 6AM-midnight

Family-owned kosher bakery with lots of inventive donut flavors & fillings.

The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company (1 mi, 21 min) 123 E Doty St, 11AM-2AM

A changing roster of craft brews & pub eats served in a lively venue with beer garden & pool tables.

Osteria Papavero (1.1 mi, 23 min) 128 E Wilson St, 11AM-2PM and 5-9PM

Seasonal Italian fare (menu is updated every day) with house-cured salumi & an extensive wine list.

Dinner Only Options

Samba Brazilian Grill (0.3 mi, 2 min) 240 West Gilman St, 5-10PM

Stylish churrascaria featuring a variety of all-you-can-eat meats cut tableside & a large salad bar.

Fresco (0.5 mi, 10 min) 227 State St, 5-9PM

Modern New American on the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art rooftop offering Downtown views.

Cento (0.6 mi, 13 min) 122 W Mifflin St, 4PM-10PM

Farm-to-fork Italian restaurant with housemade pastas & wood-fired pizzas, plus a sizable wine list.

Harvest (0.8 mi, 17 min) 21 N Pinckney St, 5:30-9:30PM

Upscale spot overlooking Capitol Square offering farm-to-table New American fare & a long wine list.

L'Etoile (0.9 mi, 19 min) 1 S Pinckney St #107, 5:30-9:30PM

Upscale farm-to-table spot serving French-inspired American fare, wine & cocktails in an airy venue. \$\$\$\$

Tornado Steak House (0.8 mi, 18 min) 116 S Hamilton St, 4:30PM-1AM

Old-school steakhouse with a rustic, supper-club vibe serving classic chops, seafood & cocktails.

Merchant (1 mi, 20 min) 121 S Pinckney St, 3PM-2AM

Industrial-chic gastropub & liquor store serving seasonal farm-to-table New American fare & craft cocktails.

Natt Spil (1 mi, 21 min) 211 King St (no sign out front), 5PM-2AM

Eclectic, dark, cash-only late night spot with unique drink menu, international small plates, wood-fired pizza.

Want **pizza**? See Mike's Facebook post reviewing a selection of places around the area at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nemgcc/permalink/899676783551163/>

Got other dining questions? Ask Mike (he eats out the most), Susan or Amy!