

# Dining in Iowa City

Listed below are Ryan's recommended local restaurants. There are many other local and chain options which you will find by walking around or browsing [www.yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com). The names are mostly self-explanatory, and I believe all these places have legitimate vegetarian options (i.e. not just fries). I'm always happy to answer questions or further discuss your food options!

**Remark 1.** All below are within 2-3 blocks of the conference site unless otherwise noted.

**Remark 2.** Some places may be closed for lunch or dinner certain days. I can't include hours for every restaurant here, but I tried to note such closures for the further away ones, at least. You may want to check their website before traveling to a further one.

## Counter or Self Service

These are the most casual options, and will be easiest for groups of more than 4.

- **Mesa Pizza** \$ slices with all sorts of crazy toppings (114 E Washington St)
- **Dumpling Darling** \$ dumplings in a variety of international styles (closed Sunday, 213 Iowa Ave)
- **Nodo Downtown** \$ elaborate sandwiches and wraps (5 S Dubuque St)
- **Mama's Deli** \$ sandwiches and soups (Sat. lunch only, closed Sunday, 125 E Washington St)
- **Z'Marik's noodle cafe** \$ mostly noodle and rice dishes (19 S Dubuque St)
- **Bread Garden Market** \$ large variety self-serve hot bar and salad bar, pay by weight (225 S Linn St in the ped mall)
- **Heirloom Salad** \$ massive salads, also soups and sandwiches (211 E Washington St)
- **The Encounter cafe** \$ Breakfast/sandwich+salad+coffee place owned and operated by Mennonites (lunch only, closed Sunday, 376 S Clinton St, 0.4 miles)
- **Oasis Falafel** \$ Great variety of Mediterranean foods (206 N Linn St, 0.5 miles)
- **Big Grove Brewery and Restaurant** \$-\$\$ Very ample seating, good for large groups, diverse food options. Fire pits outside and a variety of games inside. Beers made on site (no lunch Monday, 1225 S Gilbert St, 1.2 miles)
- **La Regia taquería** \$ this is Ryan's favorite but you need a car (closed Monday, 436 Highway 1, 1.4 miles)
- **Local Burrito** \$ fresh, local ingredients (food truck with varying location and hours)
- **Island Vybz Rasta-rant** \$ Jamaican food (food truck with varying location and hours)

## Table Service

- **The Dandy Lion** \$\$ Breakfast and lunch with cocktails/coffee later in the day (111 S Dubuque St)
- **Clinton Street Social Club** \$\$ Gastropub with speakeasy feel and creative cocktails (18 1/2 S Clinton St, easy to miss: the entrance is a small door then go up steep stairs)
- **Short's Burger and Shine** \$\$ variety of fun burgers and craft beers (18 S Clinton St)
- **Basta** \$\$ Italian (121 Iowa Ave)
- **Masala** \$\$ casual Indian (9 S Dubuque St)
- **India Cafe** \$\$ casual Indian (227 E Washington St)

- **Pullman** \$\$ Higher quality Midwest diner food with craft cocktails and beer. *(This place can be very loud inside, 17 S Dubuque St)*
- **One Twenty Six** \$\$-\$\$\$ Bistro serving organic, locally sourced French-American fare in a candlelit brick-walled setting *(126 E Washington St)*
- **Osaka** \$\$-\$\$ Japanese *(122 E Washington St)*
- **Takanami** \$\$ Japanese *(219 Iowa Ave)*
- **Forbidden Planet** \$\$-\$\$ creative pizzas, cocktails, and arcade games *(111 S Dubuque St on the ped mall)*
- **Baroncini** \$\$\$ higher level Italian *(104 S Linn St)*
- **Devotay** \$\$-\$\$\$ classic & inventive Mediterranean small plates plus cocktails & wine *(0.5 miles, 117 N Linn St)*
- **Brix Wine bar** \$\$ charcuterie, sandwiches, salads, and snack, no big entrees *(0.5 miles, 209 N Linn St)*
- **Sanctuary** \$\$-\$\$ very quiet and relaxed with OK food but excellently curated beer selection. Some seating for larger groups. *(0.6 miles, 405 S Gilbert St)*
- **Mosley's BBQ** \$\$ *(Not great vegetarian options, 0.7 miles, 525 S Gilbert St)*
- **Orchard Green** \$\$\$ This is the best restaurant in the area *(0.7 miles, 521 S. Gilbert Street)*

## Coffee/Dessert

- **Yotopia.** We have surprisingly many frozen yogurt places, I guess it's not cold enough outside for some people. This one is locally owned *(132 S Clinton St)*
- **Molly's cupcakes.** People love fancy cupcakes nowadays *(14 S Clinton St)*
- **Cortado.** New coffee place, I haven't been there but it is the closest to the conference site and looks nice through the window *(26 S Clinton St)*
- **Java House.** Classic IC coffee joint, second closest to department now *(211 E Washington St)*
- **Prairie Lights Cafe.** The coffee bar is upstairs. The bookstore is quite well known among people that are really good at reading *(15 S Dubuque St)*
- **High Ground.** My favorite, which is why the conference provided coffee comes from here. They have a ton of other pour-over options in store. Not quick but worth the wait! Especially if you're on your way back from Oasis...*(0.5 miles, 301 E Market St)*