Restaurant Guide to Williamsburg

The Flat Hat

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R — Reservations accepted
WD — Within walking distance
BW — Has won the Best of Williamsburg
C — Chain Restaurant

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For a taste of Americana

From dress-up to hang-out, the variety of the restaurants in Williamsburg satisfy any appetite or fit any budget.

Known for being an impressive place for first date (and guaranteed second date), the Trellis Restaurant is one of the top restaurants in the area. The choice between boneless duck breast, sea scallops and beef tenderloin steak among other delectable dishes is a difficult one. Make sure to bring a credit card or two, because anything from this elegant restaurant is going to cost you.

For those on a budget, Williamsburg offers an array of other items that fit a little more into the price range. America is the melting pot, so when looking for a taste of Americana in Williamsburg, you can get everything from bagels to at Big Apple Bagels to pigeon at the Blue Talon. Independent restaurants abound for you to try duck and lamb, but there's no place like Rudy Tuesdays for an All-American burger. Get a real southern breakfast complete with Virginia ham and eggs and the Chickahominy House, and load up on your starches (grits, potatoes and biscuits) at Cracker Barrel.

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<td>601 Prince George St. 258-8882</td>
<td>Lunch: Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner: Monday to Thursday: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 5:30 to 10:30</td>
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<td>1222 Richmond Road 253-8456</td>
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<td>6925 Richmond Road 220-2910</td>
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Andy’s Pancake House
2227 Richmond Road
220-4786
Call for hours

Capitol Pancake and Waffle House
802 Capitol Landing Road
564-1238
www.pancakehouses.verizonsupersite.com
Open seven days a week 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

International House of Pancakes
1412 Richmond Road
229-9628
www.ihop.com
Open Sunday to Thursday: 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Friday to Saturday: 24 hours

Mama Steve’s House of Pancakes
1509 Richmond Road
229-7613
www.visitwilliamsburg.com/mama_steves.htm
Open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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www.visitwilliamsburg.com/mama_steves.htm
Open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Belgian Waffles
7243 Pocahontas Trail
229-6018
Call for hours.

Gazebo House of Pancakes and Waffles
409 Bypass Road
220-0883
www.thegazeborestaurant.com
Open seven days a week 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Feast on your four-legged friends

Area offers delicious variety of surf and turf

Steakhouses are usually casual places for a weekend meal. Many of the steakhouses around the College, however, don’t fit this description. Many of them are formal and pricey, but there are some that offer a more relaxing atmosphere.

Also, nearly all of the steak restaurants in the area offer seafood selections as well as steak.

The Aberdeen Barn has a reputation for excellence in the area, and it has won several Best in Williamsburg awards. Yorkshire Steak and Seafood has a similar reputation and offers a ten percent off coupon for an entire meal, available at its website.

At the Kingsmill Restaurants, Regatta, Eagles and Bray Bistro also offer high-quality cuts of steak, from salmon to beef. They all offer traditionally elegant choices like lamb chops, veal and swordfish. They cater to unusual diets as well. Bray Bistro offers a vegetarian option in its selection of main entrees, a white bean cassoulet. Eagles has a daily vegetarian special as well, and both restaurants are willing to cook any special as well, and both restaurants are willing to cook any

The only steakhouse within reasonable walking distance from the campus is Cornerstone Grill and Bar, and that restaurant is still slightly over a mile away. Cornerstone is well known for the quality of its bar service and has won several Best in Williamsburg awards for it.

The Cities Grille and

Wine Shop prides itself on “American style” cuisine always prepared in a unique way. They offer much more than steak, including crab cakes, duck and lamb. Its adjacent wine shop also serves as the wine list for the restaurant.

Harvest Grille, located in the Williamsburg Marriot, is a casual restaurant that serves a variety of dishes. It doesn’t really have the feel of a steakhouse, because it serves breakfast as well as dinner.

CB Wood Grill is a reasonably priced buffet-style steakhouse. Their buffet offers pizza, dozens of sides and a salad bar. On its own, the buffet is $7.99 on weekends. If ordered with an entree — chicken, steak, or fish — the buffet is an additional $3.99.

CB has a very casual western theme, and the reasonable prices make it a good choice if the whole family is visiting for parents’ weekend.

Anyone looking for a typical steakhouse atmosphere should consider Outback Steakhouse, Fireside Chop House, or Dakota Bay Grille (formerly Yukon Steak Company). These offer a more casual western atmosphere with moderate pricing.

— J.C.

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ENJOY TASTY TREASURES OF THE DEEP

Of the exclusively seafood restaurants in the area, only Berret’s Seafood Restaurant is within reasonable walking distance of campus, and it is very close, located in Merchant’s Square. This makes it the most convenient seafood choice for parents’ weekend by far.

However, the seafood restaurants farther off-campus should not be ignored. The Whaling Company, Seafare of Williamsburg, and Berret’s have all won Best in Williamsburg awards. Seafare of Williamsburg has also won awards for the best crab cakes in the area for 10 consecutive years. Seafare is one of the most formal restaurants in the area, calling for a specific dress code. Captain George’s Seafood Restaurant offers an extensive seafood buffet. The buffet holds more than 70 items, including crab legs, spiced shrimp, salmon, fresh vegetables, salads and desserts. Red Lobster, Backfin Seafood Restaurant and Raw Bar and Shackleford’s II offer more moderately priced seafood. Shackleford’s II offers specials on certain meals every night of the week, except Friday and Saturday. Backfin Seafood Restaurant is advertised as the locals’ choice for seafood, as they do not cater specifically to tourists. Their fare is also local. The seafood options in the area are abundant.

— J.C.

Captain George’s Seafood Restaurant
5363 Richmond Rd.
565-2323
www.captaingeorges.com
Friday 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 4 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday lunch buffet 12 to 4
dinner buffet 4 to 9:30
$$$ R C

Backfin Seafood Restaurant and Raw Bar
3701 Strawberry Plains Rd
565-2430
www.backfinrestaurant.com
Monday to Saturday lunch 11 to 3
dinner 4:30 to 9
Closed Sundays
$$ R

Seafare of Williamsburg
1632 Richmond Rd.
229-0099
Monday to Saturday 4 to 11 p.m.
Sunday 12 to 10 p.m.
$$$ R BW

The Whaling Company
494 McLaws Circle
229-0275
Open daily
4:30 to 10 p.m.
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Berret’s Seafood Restaurant
199 South Boundary St (in Merchant’s Square)
253-1847
http://berrets.atendesign-group.com
Open daily; lunch 11:30 to 3:30
dinner 5:30 to 10
$$$$ R BW WD

FILL THE BOTTOMLESS PITT

Barbecue and ribs are very popular meal choices for college students because of their availability and generally cheap price tag. Most of the restaurants that specialize in barbecue around the college are too far for walking, so those that don’t have cars miss out on the tasty entrees. For those with cars, however, the restaurants provide an easy alternative to another dinner on campus.

Pierce’s Bar-B-Que is popular among students because it is cheap and portable, not to mention quite tasty. Beyond that, Pierce’s offers reasonably-priced half and full racks of ribs. The atmosphere is casual and comfortable, and even a trip with the whole family on parents’ weekend won’t put too much of a strain on the wallet. The Double D Rib House offers fare in roughly the same price range as Pierce’s, but a different atmosphere.

For a classier (and inevitably more expensive) experience, the Prime Rib House is also nearby. Besides ribs, they offer steak and seafood, from lobster tail to salmon. The Prime Rib House is known for its selection of wines, and the servers will gladly recommend the perfect wine from their impressive selection.

Red Hot and Blue, a chain barbecue restaurant, offers fare that is more moderately priced.

Williamsburg definitely has no shortage of barbecue and ribs, the classic American favorites. Most of these establishments offer pork and chicken barbecue as well as beef, for those who are slightly more health-conscious.

— J.C.
Not your Jewish grandmother’s deli

Students quickly learn that the various delis located off campus aren’t typical delicatessans, but rather they serve a double purpose of restaurant and bar. Paul’s Delly, the Green Leafe Cafe and the College Delly are located within easy walking distance of campus on Scotland Street and Richmond Road. All three hangouts provide students with a relaxed, casual environment for socializing and enjoying delicious off-campus food.

The delis offer an eclectic mix of American and international cuisine, specializing in Italian, Middle Eastern and Greek entrees, with pizza, burgers and seafood among the perennial favorites with both students and community members.

The delis are great places for parents and family members to treat their college students to an excellent, inexpensive meal when they visit on family weekend. The delis do not provide the same high quality and high price experience as the Trellis Restaurant, but these family-friendly establishments provide a great way for people to get a first-hand taste of a local eating tradition and culture.

Later in the evening, the delis serve a more deviant purpose, transforming into local bars where many of-age College students and members of the Williamsburg community can congregate and socialize on the weekends.

— A.Z.
Keeping it simple with made-to-order sandwiches

If you’re interested in getting a great sandwich for lunch in town without spending a lot of time or money in a sit-down restaurant, you should visit one of Williamsburg’s sandwich shops. The four establishments listed below offer varying options for lunch or a light dinner, from scrumptious wraps at Wawa to delicacies like fancy cheese sandwiches at the Cheese Shoppe, with many varieties to excite anyone’s palate.

A plethora of dining opportunities are available at sandwich shops right around campus in Merchant’s Square and surrounding areas of Colonial Williamsburg, and Wawa is located on Richmond Road right across the street from Blow Memorial Hall, making it a convenient place to grab a midnight snack or buy some other convenience store items. You can submit your order via the in-store computer terminal and have it ready by the time you’ve paid.

New to Williamsburg this year is the British Corner Shoppe & Café on Prince George Street. The café replaces Obee’s, another restaurant that specialized in sandwiches, soup and subs. The new restaurant offers an excellent venue to enjoy a great lunch in the center of Colonial Williamsburg and within easy walking distance of campus and local area attractions.

— A.Z.

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- great value meal served at lunch Monday thru Saturday
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757-564-0800
153 Monticello Ave. Williamsburg, VA 23185
(next to Plan 9 in Williamsburg shopping center)
Night on the towne ... colonial style

For a relaxed, casual dining experience, Williamsburg offers many options in the form of tavern style dining. Leave your colonial garments at home; these taverns are not operated like the ones located in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. They provide patrons with great contemporary food and generally feature bars.

These taverns also feature prices that are more appealing than the colonial taverns, while offering hearty favorites like sandwiches, hamburgers and various basket platters. Their quaint, family friendly environments allow students and families alike to enjoy the fare.

Some, like The Pub Restaurant on Richmond Road feature live music to complement the meal and provide a certain ambiance that one might expect from such establishments. The Second Street Restaurant and Tavern gives College students 10 percent off their checks.

Reservations may be made at most of the taverns, and are necessary for Rosie Rumpe’s Regal Dumpe. — A.Z.

Football, hearty, inexpensive meals, and full bars appeal to more than a few college students, and Williamsburg’s assortment of sports bars are popular places to hang out, enjoy a drink or a meal, and watch a game on television.

College students can meet and relax at the bar and enjoy a number of grill items away from dining hall food like a loaded hamburger or a hearty sandwich.

Many of the restaurants are situated in local hotels, such as the Back Nine restaurant in the Holiday Inn Patriot, Bones Grand Slam Eatery in the Sheraton, Pitchers in the Marriott, and 415 Grill in the Hospitality House. While they are billed as bars, and with the exception of Hooters, they all provide exceptional places where families can go to enjoy a wholesome meal.

Hooters was recently added to the community of restaurants despite protests from some Williamsburg residents, providing a popular place for many to dine, especially young College males. — A.Z.
Chocolate, candies and coffee abound in the ‘Burg

Williamsburg has a plethora of avenues for the gourmand to indulge his or her sweet tooth. From savory, gourmet coffee and pastries available at Aroma’s, to heaping specialty ice cream sundaes at Cold Stone Creamery, to delectable chocolates and other fine candies at Wythe Candy and Gourmet Shop, the Freshman 15 is well within any College student’s reach, regardless of class.

While in all these shops, items are available for under $10, some are decidedly fancier, and pricier, than others. Cold Stone Creamery, for example, finds its niche in gourmet ice cream, blending enticing sundaes, while Sno-To-Go offers quality desserts without the expensive price tag. Brusters Ice Cream also provides a great place to seek a cold treat for the last remaining warm days of the year.

Steeps Tea Tavern and Aroma’s are great places to meet friends and enjoy a quick study break. Aroma’s offers lunch and dinner on top of caffeinated drinks, serving entrees, soups, salads, and sandwiches daily. For a lighter fare, Steeps Tea Tavern sells prepared sandwiches and salads for the enjoyment of their customers.

— A.Z. photo by Peggy Newman

Cold Stone Creamery
4615 Monticello Avenue
258-1100
Open seven days a week
11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. to Thurs.
11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fri. & Sat.

Sno-To-Go
2229 Richmond Road
229-0017
Open Seasonally
Closed for the season

Steeps Tea Tavern
110 South Henry Street
Merchants Square
229-8190
Open seven days a week
8:30 a.m. — 9 p.m. Mon. to Sat.
10 a.m. — 6 p.m. Sunday

Wythe Candy and Gourmet Shop
414 Duke of Gloucester Street
229-4406
Open seven days a week
9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cold Stone Creamery Creations

It’s easy to be overwhelmed at the new Cold Stone Creamery. You can create your very own flavor from one of 16 bases and over 30 “mix-ins” (almost any candy, nut, fruit, or baked good you can imagine). Or, choose from one of 34 “Cold StoneOriginals”—delicious combinations already made up for you.

• Get the “like it” size.
• And if you find a creation you like, get a hand-packed pint—it’s less expensive and you can still pick your own base and mix ins.
• If you’re watching the calories, try the “Sinless Sweet Cream” base.
• Of course, reckless experimentation is always more fun than a ready-made flavor.

Some actual Cold Stone creations from W&M students:
• Pink Elephant Implosion — White chocolate base with black cherries, M&M’s, Reese’s Cups and gummy bears.
• Toy Box — Oreo ice cream with hot fudge and strawberries.

— compiled by meghan schulz

Dine in colonial fashion at Williamsburg taverns

Christiana Campbell’s
Colonial Williamsburg
1-800-TAVERN
Tues. to Sun.
Dinner from 5 p.m.

Chowning’s Tavern
Colonial Williamsburg
1-800-TAVERN
Open seven days a week.
Snack Bar from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner from 5 p.m.

King’s Arms Tavern
Colonial Williamsburg
1-800-TAVERN
Wed. to Mon. serves lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner from 5 p.m.

Shields Tavern
Colonial Williamsburg
1-800-TAVERN
Fri. to Tues., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Garden service 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In order to have a truly “colonial experience,” taverns are a must. That is if you can get past the fact that men in tights and “serving wenches” are bringing out your food. And along with a taste of 18th-century dining, taverns offer entertainment such as period music.

Don’t expect to just show up and eat, though. Except for at Chowning’s Tavern, the “September 2004 Guide to Dining and Shopping in Williamsburg” recommends reservations at all taverns and restaurants.

So when your parents are in this weekend, go with them to try out a tavern, and let them pick up the pricey check.

—C.R.

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dd some spice to your daily diet

Diversify your diet with French, Mexican cuisine

Williamsburg offers two fine French restaurants, the White Hall Restaurant and La Yaca, with food that will broaden your horizons in international cooking. Their five-star ratings are well-earned. Their food, service and ambiance provide individuals with the perfect romantic setting. Elaborate dining rooms and table settings leave the patron in awe: not to mention the Chateau-briand. Though worth it, the price is way out of reach for most college students.

For those looking for a more affordable international food option, there are several Mexican restaurants that fit more within the price range of college students. Several even offer student discounts or coupons can be found if one takes a few minutes to search online. They offer traditional food, good service and all the chips and salsa one can eat. Each offers something unique to the hungry diner. As a chain, Chilli’s offer’s a wide range of food items. Casa Maya provides a taste of the Mayan culture and can be brought straight to your doorstep. In addition, the extra cilantro in their salsa that comes with any order gives it a distinct kick. Tequila Rose serves a great Margarita and La Tolteca’s decorations create a festive atmosphere. Though tucked inside the Comfort Inn, it can be hard to spot, but the value one can get for their money is beyond comparison. Sample the cheese sauce at your own discretion. Just be sure to bring your Pepto-Bismol for those prone to indigestion.

— E.I.

Etiquette

Whether you’re at a fancy restaurant, meeting future employers or in-laws, know which utensils to use with which courses. As the utensils are used, let your server take them with your course.

What the fork?
The primary forks will be placed to the left of the plate. The general rule is to start from the outside and work your way in. Two other forks that may or may not be set are a dessert fork and an oyster fork. The dessert fork will be placed above the plate and the oyster fork will be next to the knife.

Spooning with the best
After forks, spoons are relatively easy; there are only about three different types. Spoons for the soup and the fruit cup will be placed at the right of the knife, and coffee spoons will be placed above the plate.

You call that a knife?
At the initial setting, there will usually be one butter knife. It is the closest utensil to the plate’s right side. A serrated meat knife will be provided before the meat course if needed.

Cutting like an American
It is a custom, here in the United States, to switch hands between the cutting and impaling of the cuisine. Diners hold the knife in their right hand and hold the fork in his left, tines down. After the piece is rendered, the fork is then switched to the right hand and the knife placed on the plate.

Posture
Sit up straight. It is only permissible to place your elbows on the table between courses.

— compiled by dan schumacher
ndulge your tastebuds in Italian

As college students it’s easy to get into a routine where SpaghettiOs and Kraft Macaroni and Cheese are as close as some get to Italian cuisine. But someone looking for a friendly atmosphere, hearty servings and endless breadsticks need look no further than some of the local restaurants here in Williamsburg. When looking for good Italian food on campus, the only option is to abandon all hope and go off campus. From homemade gnocchi in vodka sauce to the regular slice of cheese pizza, Italian food is incredibly versatile and aims to satisfy almost every palate. And in Williamsburg there’s a nearly endless list of independent and chain restaurants to hit.

Perfect for a date or just hanging out with a group of friends, the ambiance for any pizzeria or pasta house is relaxed and casual. The food is fresh and there’s usually plenty of it. Sample the Penne Puttanesca from Giuseppe’s or Mirabella’s Tortelloni made from scratch. For consistency in quality and service that is already familiar, try some of the chains like Olive Garden and Uno’s. Each place offers a family friendly environment to treat the kids to.

For those weeknight cravings, it’s not a novel concept to grab the phone and call for pizza when that midnight urge hits, but with so many places that also deliver, why not try something a little different from the take-out menu of places like Sal’s by Victor and Mama Mia’s?

Italian offers a variety of choices from the familiar to the more exotic tastes, from sit-down meals to your front door. Everyone is guaranteed to find something they like that will fill them up, even vegetarians.

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**Practice artful wine choice**

This chenin blanc is crisp, this chardonnay oakly and heavy, this shiraz dark and this pinot noir reminds me inexplicably of Margaret Thatcher. Illustrating the flavor and aroma of a given wine can seem a daunting task but is one that should be approached with far more imagination than trepidation. Any descriptive imagery that you can come up with to convey your wine experience accurately is suitable.

One point further before pairing these flavors with foods — some words, like oaky, have become common in describing various wines and have thus lost their meaning. So how does oaky wine taste? Strangely enough, the source of this flavor is the aging process of certain wines in oak barrels. This process can leave wines (particularly chardonnays, pinot noirs, or cabernet sauvignons) with an earthy, smoky, vanilla-like taste — a soft, sweetish flavor.

All right, so you’re in a restaurant, staring at a menu filled with different wines, trying to figure out what to order with your eggplant parmesan without revealing your ignorance of the wine list. My advice is generally this; go with whatever seems intriguing. “Rules” about pairing white wines with chicken and fish, and reds with beef and tomato-based sauces are a bit overdone, and they are only guidelines in the first place.

If you’re still yearning for structure, try this: drink full-bodied wines (chardonnays, merlots and pinot noirs, to name a few) with robust foods and delicate wines (chenin blancs, white zinfandels, rieslings, etc.) with light foods. You could mix your eggplant parmesan with an elegant riesling to complement the eggplant or a merlot to accompany the rich marinara sauce.

Keep in mind just one rule; be careful not to overpower your meal with your wine or vice versa — a light wine may be overwhelmed by an exceptionally rich steak. However, this is not to say that you shouldn’t give it a try; by all means, mix, match and experiment. When I’m eating a heavy, spicy dish, I like a bold, Margaret Thatcher-esque wine that will add its own flavors and aromas to the overall variety of my meal.

— compiled by Nick Hanzel

*These hints and more can be found in “The Wine Bible” by Karen MacNeil Workman Publishing, New York, 2001.*

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**Jimmy’s Pizza and Pasta**

Restaurant
7201 Richmond Rd
565-1465
Weekdays
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Weekends
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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**Pizza Hut**

1611 Richmond Rd
229-7826
www.pizzahut.com

**Pizzeria Uno Chicago Bar and Grill**

205 Bypass Road
220-5454
www.pizzariauno.com
Sunday to Thursday
11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
11 a.m. to midnight
$ $ $ RC

**Giuseppe’s Italian Cafe**

5601 Richmond Rd
565-1977
www.giuseppes.com
Mon. to Sat.
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Mon. to Thurs., 5 to 9 p.m.
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**Mama Mia’s Italian Family Restaurant**

521 Prince George St.
229-2225
Open seven days a week
at 11 a.m.
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**Mirabella’s Italian**

207 Bypass Road
253-8550
Open seven days a week
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**Sal’s by Victor**

264 McLaw’s Circle
1635 Richmond Road
229-0337
www.williamsburgtickets.com/salbyvictor.htm
Open seven days a week
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**Olive Garden**

2150 Richmond Rd.
259-9170
www.olivegarden.com
Sunday to Thursday:
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**Marino’s Italian Cuisine**

1338 Richmond Rd.
253-1844
www.marinosofwilliamsburg.com
Open seven days a week
at 11 a.m.
$ $ $ R

**Sal’s Ristorante Italiano**

835 Capitol Landing Road
221-0443
Open seven days a week
at 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
$ $ $ C

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**Ledo Pizza**

814 Capitol Landing Rd.
220-3791
www.ledopizza.com
Sunday to Thursday
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
$ $ $ RC

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**Mirabella’s Italian**

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RED TIPPED CLAM NIGIRI - SUSHI
Red tipped clam, rice

SALMON ROLL
Salmon, rice, seaweed

AVOCADO ROLL
Avocado, rice, seaweed

MASAGO NIGIRI-SUSHI
Sweet shrimp roe, seaweed

TAKO NIGIRI-SUSHI
Octopus, rice, seaweed

RAINBOW ROLL
Several different fish on top of the roll, including but not limited to: sweet shrimp, red tipped clam, salmon, tuna, avocado.

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Sushi generously donated by Miyako

Chez Trinh Restaurant
157 Monticello Ave
253-1888
Lunch, Dinner

$5
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Hayashi Japanese
Steakhouse & Sushi Bar
5601 Richmond Rd
253-0282
www.hayashijapanese.com
Lunch Monday to Friday: Dinner seven days

Lunch: $$, Dinner: $$$
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Mr. Liu’s Chinese Restaurant and Lounge
Village Shops at Kingsmill
253-0990
11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Nawab Indian Cuisine
204 Monticello Ave
565-3200
Lunch: Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, Sat. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.
Dinner: 5 to 10 p.m.

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Peking Restaurant
120 Waller Mill Rd
229-2288
Open seven days a week
11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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BW, R

Tops China Restaurant
5251 John Tyler Highway
220-6868
Open seven days a week
4 to 10 p.m.

$5
BW, R

Kyoto
1621 Richmond Road
220-8888
www.visitwilliamsburg.com/kyoto2.htm
Open seven days a week
4 to 10 p.m.

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Red Tipped Clam Nigiri - Sushi
Red tipped clam, rice

Avocado Roll
Avocado, rice, seaweed

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