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Of course, most establishments have websites. It would be good to remember to check them out for specific information or changes.

Restaurant Guide

$ = Inexpensive (under $15)
$$ = Moderate ($15-$30)
$$$ = Expensive (over $30)
$$$$ = Very Expensive

^ = Inferior
^^ = Acceptable
^^^ = Good
^^^^ = Very Good
EMMITSBURG AREA

Carleo Italian Pizza: $, ^^^ Very limited seating, but good carry-out.
101 Silo Hill Road 301-447-1999

Carriage House: $$ to $$$, ^^^^ fine dining, crab dishes are pretty good. Sunday Brunch is quite good. Good place to take visitors if you want to go close by.
200 South Seton Ave. 301-447-2366

Chubby's: $$, ^^^ good barbeque though it is not always made fresh. If you get there on a day when it's freshly made it's great. The other days it's just OK.
North of Mount St. Mary's on Route 15 301-447-3322

The Palms: $, ^ the local Emmitsburg diner. They have a very good breakfast. The rest is normal diner fair, nothing spectacular. Closed Monday and Tuesday.
20 West Main St. 301-447-3689

On the main square 301-447-2625

Shamrock: $$ to $$$, ^^^ mostly steaks and seafood. They have a legendary St. Patrick’s Day Party and regularly feature Irish cuisine. Very similar to the Carriage House.
South of Mount St. Mary’s on Route 15 301-271-2912


THURMONT AREA

Bollinger’s Restaurant: $, ^^^ decent home cooking, family restaurant. Good breakfast. Does not take credit cards.
210 North Church St. 301-271-3500

The Cozy: $$, ^ tired buffet; popular with tour groups and fondly remembered by many priest alumni, but not that great anymore. The “Camp David Museum” located there is a bust.
103 Frederick Road 301-271-7373

Mountain Gate Family Restaurant: $, ^ another “tired” buffet: quantity over quality, better than the Cozy but not by much, still kids love it.
133 Frederick Road 301-271-4373

Thurmont Plaza (CVS) 301-271-7280

Simply Asia: $ to $$, ^^^^ Chinese, Thai, and Japanese. All three cuisines are well represented. Good sushi, too. Now under new management; friendly, attentive service. Worth a visit.
120 Frederick Road 301-271-2857

Thurmont Kountry Kitchen: $, ^^^ family restaurant, good home cooking, broasted chicken and homemade desserts.
17 Water Street 301-271-4071

209 Tippin Drive 301-271-7181

NEW BAKERY OPENS IN THURMONT!

120 Frederick Road 240-281-2801
FREDERICK AREA

Barley and Hops Grill: $ to $$. ^^^ casual American (micro-brewery)
5473 Urbana Pike 301-668-5555

Bangkok Thai Kitchen: $$, ^^^ small but very good Thai menu
1031 W. Patrick St. 301-668-1818

Bonefish Grill: $$ to $$$, ^^^^ great Seafood, can be crowded at dinner. It's actually part of a chain, but is well worth individual mention. No reservations, but you can call before you leave to put your name on the list.
1305 Seventh St. 301-668-1522

Casa Rico: $ to $$, ^^^^ Mexican, very authentic, according to those who have studied in Mexico! Pleasant atmosphere.
Rt 40 West and Waverly Drive 301-663-3107

Clay Oven: $$, ^^^ Indian; very authentic, according to those who should know! Good luncheon buffet, too.
Rt 40 West 301-631-2004

Dutch’s Daughter: $$$, ^^^^ Fine dining, great crab cakes and crab imperial. Very good steaks as well as desserts. If you have guests this is a great place to take them. Best to make a reservation.
581 Himes Avenue 301-668-9500

Famous Dave’s: $, ^^^ Very good Barbeque, pulled pork and chicken. Can be crowded.
1003 West Patrick St. 301-682-6100

Firestone’s: $$$, ^^^ an upscale bar atmosphere which is very noisy on weekends. Food is quite good but pricey. Reservations needed on weekends. Mostly populated by 20 & 30 year olds.
105 N. Market St. 301-663-0330

Gladchuck Brothers: $$ to $$$, ^^^^ fine dining, eclectic continental menu; nice place to take older guests for dinner.
489 West Patrick St. 301-662-7750

Il Porto: $$, ^^^ casual but fine Italian dining. Never a bad meal.
200 South Market St. 301-620-7480

Isabella’s: $$ to $$$, ^ Spanish (tapas, etc.) A bit overpriced for what you get.
42 North Market St. 301-698-8922

Mamma Lucia: $ to $$$, ^^^ Italian; Delicious pastas. Large portions.
1700 Kingfisher Drive 301-694-2600

Mariachi Restaurant: $ to $$, ^^^ Mostly Mexican, but some Spanish cuisine, also. Nice atmosphere.
5854 Urbana Pike 301-418-6367

5640 Urbana Pike 301-662-4233

Mexicali Cantina: $, ^^^ Mexican; good, but nothing too special
467 West Patrick St. 301-663-3800

My Thai: $ to $$, ^^^^ Thai; excellent Thai cuisine, the best around (except for their soups.) Curries are outstanding.
193 E Thomas Johnson Drive 301-846-9999

Nilgiris Indian Cuisine: $$, ^^^ Very fine food in elegant Indian ambiance. Both northern and southern cuisines are offered.
5732 Buckeystown Pike 301-698-9970
996 West Patrick St. 301-663-3030

Roppongi: $ to $, ^^^^ Japanese; Outstanding sushi and Japanese entrees in an authentic atmosphere. Those who have been to Japan recommend it highly! It's difficult to find, but worth the effort.
1080 West Patrick St. 301-682-8661

Tasting Room: $$$$, ^^^^ Regarded as the best in Frederick. Next to, and not as noisy as, Firestone’s. Casual but has superb food. The filet mignon and salmon are the best around. Seasonal menus. Pricey, but worth it if you have a special guest or your parents are in town. A great restaurant!
101 N Market St. 240-379-7772

GETTYSBURG AREA

Appalachian Brewing Co.: $ to $$, ^^ casual American
401 Buford Avenue 717-334-2200

Avenue Restaurant: $, ^ family restaurant, home cooking fare
21 Steinwehr Avenue 717-334-3235

Blue Parrot Bistro: $ to $$$, ^^^^ continental menu, quite good
35 Chambersburg St. 717-337-3739

Casstown Inn: $$, ^^^ Excellent. Very small dining room, but worth the trip. Reservations essential.
1325 Old Route 30, Orrtanna 717-334-9722

Dobbins House Restaurant: $$$, ^^^ fine dining in an historic setting
Dobbins House Tavern: $ to $$, ^^^ light fare (burgers, sandwiches, salads, etc.)
89 Steinwehr Avenue 717-334-2100

Farnsworth House: $$$, ^^^^ fine dining in an historic setting (Civil War era menu)
401 Baltimore St. 717-334-8838

Gettysburg Eddie’s: $$, ^ nothing special, tavern-style menu
217 Steinwehr Ave. 717-334-1100

Golden Menu: $, ^^^ very inexpensive but excellent and authentic Vietnamese cuisine. The pho is outstanding.
1885 Baltimore Pike 717-337-3611

Herr Tavern and Publick House: $$$, ^^^ fine, elegant dining
900 Chambersburg Road 717-334-4332

Hickory Bridge Farm: $$, ^^^^ good local cooking, served family style. Reservations required. Open only Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm.
96 Hickory Bridge Road, Orrtanna, PA 717-642-5261

J’s Restaurant: $$$, ^^^^ great American cuisine, some think it is the best restaurant in Gettysburg. A la carte and a bit pricey
619 Baltimore St. 717-334-9449

La Bella Italia: $ to $$, ^^^ good Italian cuisine
402 York St. 717-334-1978

Lincoln Diner: $, ^ diner fare, great desserts, not what it used to be but still decent.
32 Carlisle St. 717-334-3900

Mamma Ventura’s: $$, ^^^ Italian; standard, but good
13 Chambersburg St. 717-334-5548
Montezuma Restaurant: $$, ^^ popular Mexican restaurant. Don’t let the name put you off! Enjoyable and inexpensive.
225 Buford Ave 717-334-7750

Mayflowers: $, ^^^ Chinese (buffet); not bad, but the chief attraction is the all-you-can-eat buffet.
533 Steinwehr Ave. 717-337-3377
Olivia’s: $$, ^^ casual Mediterranean cuisine, good seafood.
3015 Baltimore St. 717-359-9357

Thai Classic IV: $, ^^^^ Very good Thai food, even if there is not much ambiance. Operated by a Thai Catholic family, very pleasant service.
51 Chambersburg St. 717-334-6736

The Pizza House: $ ^ an old house across from Gettysburg College. Not much for décor but great pizza.
71 W. Lincoln (at Washington) 717-334-1308

The Pub: $ to $$, ^^^ very good casual American, eclectic menu (sandwiches and entrees), been around forever.
21 Lincoln Square 717-334-7100

Sidney at Willoughby Run: $$$, ^^^^ very fine and adventurous dining. Not your regular fare. For those who truly like fine food.
730 Chambersburg Road 717-334-3774

NOTE: There are a number of chain restaurants in the area, which are not listed in this review (e.g., Ruby Tuesdays, T.G.I. Fridays, Red Lobster, Carrabas’, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden, Hoss’ Steak House, Outback, etc.) You can find locations for these restaurants on the web.

OTHER RESTAURANTS

Abbottstown, PA (half hour)
The Altland House: $$$, ^^^^ fine dining
Center Square 717-259-9535

East Berlin, PA (35 minutes)
Sidney: $$$, ^^^^ the best dining outside of DC, Nationally known chef, American cuisine and tavern fare. Expensive (averages $50 per person with everything) but well worth it. Elegant but casual.
101 East King St. 717-259-1319

Hagerstown, MD (40 minutes)
Der Schmankerl Stube: $$$, ^^^^ German; very fine food – worth the trip!
58 South Potomac St. 301-797-3354

Hanover, PA (45 minutes)
Buona Fortuna: $ to $$, ^^^^ Italian, popular with seminarians
648 Frederick St. 717-633-6226

Westminster, MD (half hour)
Liberatore’s: $ to $$, ^^^^ excellent Italian food, pleasant ambiance. 140 Village Shopping Center/521 Jermor Ln.410-876-2121

Mediterraneo: $ to $$, ^^^^ Italian (real gelato!)
8 Westminster Shopping Center 410-857-4646

There are many fine restaurants in DC and Baltimore. Buy the latest Zagat Survey, or go to www.zagat.com and subscribe to the website. It is well worth the price. Msgr. Rohlf’s has copies as well.
If you love pizza there are two pizzerias of note in DC. Both are true Italian thin crust pizza. Both have received national acclaim for their pizzas and are worth a trip to DC. They are very popular and noisy, but once you’ve tasted this pizza you won’t mind it a bit.

**Pizzeria Paradiso:** $$, ^^^^^  Run, don’t walk—the pizza is that good!  Italian menu, mostly pizza and salads.  
[www.eatyourpizza.com](http://www.eatyourpizza.com)

Two locations:
- 3282 M St. NW (between 32nd and 33rd Sts)  202-337-1245
- 2003 P St NW (between 20th and 21st Sts)  202-223-1245

**2 Amy’s:** $$, ^^^^^  Italian menu, but mostly pizza and salads.  
[www.2amyspizza.com](http://www.2amyspizza.com)

3715 Macomb St. NW (Wisconsin Ave)  202-885-5700

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**CAPUCHIN PICKS!**

**A Little Mexico in Thurmont!** Featuring exotic flavors at a reasonable price. Service is fast paced. For those with more domestic tastes, Kentucky Fried Chicken is available by the bucket. Wine list not available. Reservations not required. In Thurmont, across from the Mountain Gate.

** Nobody leaves hungry.** Classic American fare available for dining immediately in the brightly lit and spacious dining area. Special menus for breakfast. Every meal makes you happy. Food cooked to special order on request. No liquor license. Limited dessert menu. Does not accept reservations. Thurmont, across from Mountain Gate and in Emmitsburg across from the Jubilee (next to the Exxon).

**Fratelli’s Pizza in Thurmont** features all the classic Italian comfort foods served at your table by an international staff of waitresses. This busy and popular trattoria offers soup, salad, New York- and Chicago-style pizzas, as well as subs. Offerings limited to Neapolitan specialties served with a distinctive Catoctin spin. Thurmont, across from Mountain Gate.

**Upscale pizza salon** featuring three dining areas and a liquor license (wine and beer by the glass), Rocky knows how to please the crowd turned off by the fast food atmosphere of Pizza Hut. The fold out menu boasts *frutti del mare* as well as the more classical versions of pasta with a variety of sauces and toppings. Sure to please without stretching the budget. No reservations. Thurmont, in the Food Lion Shopping Center.

**The Hut, need we say more.** And there’s cheese in the crust. Lunch menu available, but the real treats are on the full dinner menu designed to attract a clientele which insists that the meal be served at the same exact standard, time after time. Preferred seats at the rear of the spacious and tastefully appointed dining room fill up fast. Salad bar one of the best in the area. Emmitsburg, next to the Carriage House.

**Home of the whopper of a meal,** classic American food served up with classic American fries in a classic American style by classic Americans. Open to those diners who prefer to eat at a later, European hour. An artistic and subtle recreation area provided for younger diners. Thurmont, across from Sheetz.
A dining experience at the “food court” in this local gourmet grocery is not to be missed. Convenient to the produce section, diners can watch their food prepared before their eyes. Thurmont behind the McDonalds New Win Hing Chinese Restaurant. Remembering the Beijing Olympics? New Win Hing wins a gold medal every time. All the Chinese classics cooked by an Iron Chef. Can a billion people be wrong about this cuisine? Dinners accompanied by a steaming cup of Asian tea, served with traditional eating implements or forks for the ethnocentric. No membership required. Thurmont, in the Food Lion shopping Center

Imperial cooking done to order. On the popular “Strip” in suburban Emmitsburg, a skilled team tosses ingredient after ingredient into a succulent blend of flora and fauna. Nothing better outside the Great Wall itself! Your meal comes complete with sauces, dessert cookies and serviettes as well as traditional Hong Kong individualized table service for one. Call ahead for even faster service. No dress code.

Dietician celebrated, always a treat. The small bakery on premises promises freshness in every bite. Whether you prefer your entrée tartar or piping hot, this legendary luncheon spa will also quench your appetite well into the night. Limited seating, get there early! Minutes away from the Seminary. Near the Jubilee grocery store.

Boef au jus en croissant, Salisbury steak, bocadillo de bisteca, whatever you call it, Dave’s got it for you. The dessert smoothie is available nowhere else in suburban Thurmont. Ask your waiter to explain anything on the menu. Dress code: no shirt, no service. In the Food Lion Shopping Center, Thurmont.

A taste of the old western singing cowboy movies features sliced roast beef piled high. No ground meat can compare, but that’s on the menu too along with Fried Chicken and a fixin’s bar. In Thurmont on Route 550, turn right at the light. No live entertainment.

Deli features that you won’t see at Patriot Hall, offerings include Honey Bourbon Chicken, Tuscan Turkey, Baja Chicken. In Thurmont near Simply Asian, this is simply sandwiches.
GROCERY STORES
Jubilee Foods
515 E Main St.
Emmitsburg
301-447-6688

Food Lion
Rt. 15 & Tippin Drive Thurmont (South on Rt. 15, take exit for Rt. 806, turn right at end of ramp)
301-271-9949

Weis
2 Thurmont Blvd.
Thurmont (South on Rt. 15, take exit for Rt. 806, turn left at end of ramp)
301-271-2548

Wegmans
7830 Wormans Mill Rd
Frederick
240-575-7300

WALMART
Supercenter (grocery too)
12751 Washington Township Blvd.
Waynesboro, PA 17268
717-762-2282

1270 York Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-2000

1811 Monocacy Blvd. Frederick, MD
21701
301-644-2440

DRY CLEANERS
Orchard Village Cleaners
209 Tippin Dr.
Thurmont
301-271-0290
(at Food Lion strip mall)

BARBER SHOPS
Seminarian Barber Shop
Shop hours posted. Very convenient but basic cuts only. Donations to Catoctin Pregnancy Center accepted.

Emmitsburg Family Barbershop
19 E. Main St. (On the Square)
Convenient, nothing fancy, no appts. Like Floyd’s in Mayberry.

Gentlemen’s Choice
1219-B W. Patrick St.
Frederick
301-662-5015
Nicer place, longer hours, more barbers, takes appts $16-20.

Thurmont Barber and Styling
1 E. Main St.
Thurmont
301-271-0200
Several barbers, 9-7 pm M-F. 7-2 pm on Sat. Takes appts, $15

PHARMACIES
Med One
101 Silo Hill Road
next to Jubilee Shopping Center
Emmitsburg, MD
301-447-6226

CVS Pharmacy
228 Church St.
Thurmont, MD
301-271-7094

CHIROPRACTOR
Jeffrey Deschamps
198 Thomas Johnson Dr, Ste 8
Frederick 21702
301-663-8707

BOOKSTORES
St. Philomena’s Catholic Bookstore
and the Holy Grounds Café
on the Town Square Emmitsburg
301-447-3833

Barnes and Noble
5500 Buckeystown Pike
Frederick 21703
301-698-0121

PODIATRISTS
Dr. J. Stroh
100 Center St.
Thurmont, MD
301-271-7400

Dr. D. Levine
63 Thom Johnson Dr.
Suite C
Frederick, MD
301-696-0818
(also has an Orthotic Shoe store attached)

OPHTHAMOLOGISTS
Dr. T. Sivendran
Gettysburg Ophthalmology Associates
455 S. Washington St., Suite 24
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-9159

Dr. P. McGann
1003 W. 7th St.
Frederick, MD
301-662-3721

OPTOMETRIST
Dr. J. Higginbotham
Fredericktowne Eye Care
467 W. Patrick St.
Frederick, MD
301-663-8858

UROLOGIST
Dr. R. E. Jones
450 S. Washington Suite D
Gettysburg, PA
717-334-6705
CONFESSIONS
St. Anthony/OLMC
16150 St. Anthony Rd.
Emmitsburg
First Sat. 2:30-3:30
OLMC
103 N. Church St.
Thurmont
Third Sat. 2:30-3:30
301-447-2367

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica
South Seton Ave.
Emmitsburg
Wed., Thur. Fri. Sun. after 1:30 pm
Mass

St. Francis Xavier
22 West High St.
Gettysburg
Sat. 4 to 5 pm
717-334-3919

St. John the Evang.
118 East Second St.
Frederick
Sat. 3:30 – 4:30 pm
After Sat. 7 pm Mass
301-662-8288

St. Joseph
47 DePaul St.
Emmitsburg
Sat. 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Mon. 7 to 7:30 pm
301-447-2326