

= Crab dip =

Crab dip , sometimes referred to as Maryland crab dip , is a thick , creamy dip that is typically prepared from cream cheese and lump crab meat . Other primary ingredients such as mayonnaise may be used . Various types of crab preparations , species and superfamilies are used , as are a variety of added ingredients . It is typically served hot , although cold versions also exist . Hot versions are typically baked or broiled . It is sometimes served as an appetizer . Accompaniments may include crackers and various breads . Some U.S. restaurants offer crab dip , commercially produced varieties exist , and some stadiums offer it as a part of their concessions .

= = Ingredients = =

Fresh , frozen or canned crab meat may be used in the preparation of crab dip . Different types of crab meat may be used , such as jumbo lump , lump backfin , leg and claw , among others . Various types of crab species and superfamilies are also used , such as blue crab , Dungeness crab and Alaska king crab , among others .

Some versions may use mayonnaise , other types of cheese , such as pepper jack cheese , brie cheese or Cheddar cheese instead of cream cheese as primary ingredients . Some may incorporate other seafoods in addition to crab , such as imitation crab , lobster , shrimp and surimi . Additional ingredients may include mushrooms , artichoke , onion , green onion , shallot , green pepper , bread crumbs ( such as panko ) , heavy cream and others . Bread crumbs may be used to top the dish , which may be browned during the cooking process creating a crust . Sometimes Parmesan cheese is combined with the bread crumbs . Some versions use Old Bay Seasoning as an ingredient to add flavor , and some are prepared spicy with the addition of ingredients such as hot sauce and red pepper .

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= = Preparation and service = =

Some U.S. restaurants offer crab dip on their menus . Commercially mass @-@ produced crab dips are also manufactured . Crab dip can be prepared in advance , refrigerated , and cooked at a later time . It may be served in bread that has been hollowed @-@ out , such as a sourdough loaf . Crab dip may be served with crackers , flatbread , pita bread , bread , crostino , pretzels and sliced vegetables , among other accompaniments .

= = Stadium concessions = =

The Nationals Park baseball park in the Navy Yard neighborhood of Washington , D.C. , the home ballpark for the Washington Nationals , offers a sandwich prepared with a half @-@ smoke , Maryland crab dip and Virginia ham called " The DMV " as part of its concessions . It was reported in August 2014 that Byrd Stadium on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park , Maryland planned to offer a large 1 @.@ 5 pound soft pretzel baked with crab dip and melted cheese that serves four people as part of its concessions . Byrd Stadium also offers other foods prepared with crab , such as nachos and " crab fries " .