



Ballard Dining Guide as of 12.1.2023

Ballard is one of Seattle's dining hotspots. You'll find a tremendous variety within walking distance. This list has changed substantially since 2020. Take a look here to ensure your favorite is still open. All of the places listed here are just minutes away on foot. Restaurants will be very busy over the weekend. Go early before the evening rush and make reservations where possible.

American Traditional and Comfort Food

Ballard Cut (5313 Ballard Ave NW, theballardcut.com) Upscale farm-to-table American food and whiskey bar.

Ballard Smoke Shop (5439 Ballard Ave NW, ballardsmokeshop.com). Dive bar on the left, traditional American diner on the right.

Hattie's Hat (5231 Ballard Ave NW, www.hatties-hat.com). Classic dark, loud Ballard dive bar, good menu.

Asian/Asian Fusion

Arashi Ramen (5401 20th Ave NW, arashiramen.com).

CrackleMi Vietnamese Grill and Cafe (5605 22nd Ave NW, <https://order.toasttab.com/online/ballard-cracklemi>).

Golden City (5518 20th Ave NW, www.goldencityseattle.com). Chinese

Kimchi House (5809 24th Ave NW. Korean) Self-service/pickup closed from 3-4 pm on weekends.

Monkey Bridge (1723 NW Market St, themonkeybridge.com). Vietnamese, a 15-minute walk.

Pestle Rock (Isan Thai, 2305 NW Market St, www.pestlerock.com). Northern Thai. No Phad Thai here!

Pho Than Brothers (2021 NW Market St, www.thanbrothers.com) Closed Sunday.

Pink Bee Curry and Sandwiches (2010 NW 56th St, www.pinkbeethai.com) Thai/Malaysian counter service.

Sen Noodle Bar (2307 NW Market St, sennoodlebar.com). Southeast Asian

Sunny Teriyaki (2035 NW Market St, enter from Leary Ave). Closed Sunday.

Thai Thani (2021 NW Market St, thaithanikitchen.com). Mainstream Americanized Thai.

Wero Korean Kitchen (5210 Ballard Ave NW, weroSeattle.com) Dinner only ala carte or 3 course fixed menu.

Breakfast/Brunch/Bowls

Sabine's (5307 Ballard Ave NW, www.sabineseattle.com). Cafe & Bakery with cocktails.

Salt and Sugar Cafe & Bakery (5615 24th Ave NW, www.saltandsugarcafe.com). Breakfast & lunch options.

Rachel's Bagels (5451 Leary Ave NW, www.rachelsbagels.com). Bagels & Burritos 8 am - 1 pm.

Verve Bowls (1764 NW 56th St., www.vervebowls.com) Acai Bowls, Smoothies, etc. grab & go 8 am - 7 pm.

Burgers

8 oz Burger & Co. (2409 NW Market St., www.8ozburgerandco.com).

Katsu Burger and Sushi (2034 NW 56th St, katsuburger.com). Yep, sushi and burgers.

Li'l Woodys (2040 NW Market St., www.lilwoodys.com). Burgers and shakes.

Pike Taproom (5205 Ballard Ave NW, piketaproomballard.com) Burgers, salads, sandwiches.

Scooter's (5802 24th Ave NW, <https://www.facebook.com/Scooters-Burgers-534054006957316/>). Counter service, limited seating.

Coffee or Tea & Baked Goods

Caffe Umbra (5407 Ballard Ave NW.) Artisan coffee, baked goods, light lunch fare. Closes at 6 pm.

Miro Tea (5405 Ballard Ave NW, <https://mirotea.com/pages/cafe>) Tea experience, desserts and pastries.

Wildflower Bakery & Cafe (5404 Leary Ave NW, www.wildflourglutenfree.com/ballard-menu) Gluten-free.

Desserts

Hotcakes Molten Chocolate Cakery (5427 Ballard Ave NW, <https://order.toasttab.com/online/hot-cakes-ballard>). Variety of desserts. Hours 3:30 -10:45 pm.

Pie Bar (2218 MW Market St) A few savory pies, mostly dessert pies. 4 pm - 2 am Fri/Sat

Hawaiian

Poke Square (1701 NW Market St). 10-15 minute walk.

Ice Cream & Gelato

D'Ambrosio Gelato (5339 Ballard Ave NW, www.dambrosiogelato.com)

Salt and Straw (5420 Ballard Ave NW, www.slatandstraw.com)

Indian

India Bistro (2301 NW Market St, www.seattleindiabistro.com) Traditional Indian. Lunch buffet.

Spice Walla (2008 NW 56th St. www.spicewaala.com) Indian street food.

Italian

Palermo Pizza (2005 NW Market St, www.palermorestaurant.com). Pasta and Pizza

Patxi's Pizza (5323 Ballard Ave NW, www.patxispizza.com).

San Fermo (5341 Ballard Ave NW, www.sanfermoseattle.com). Upscale. 5 pm-close dinner.

Mediterranean

Mr. Gyros (5522 20th Ave NW, www.mrgyroseatle.com). Sandwiches, plates, salads. Best in Seattle.

Mexican/Tex-Mex/South American

Asadero Ballard (5405 Leary Ave NW, www.asaderoprime.com). Traditional Mexican steakhouse, fun for sharing dishes, will have a wait. No reservations, get on the waiting list early.

Gracia (5313B Ballard Ave NW, www.graciaseattle.com). Upscale. Carefully sourced ingredients.

La Carta de Oaxaca (5431 Ballard Avenue NW, www.seattlemetsoaxaca.com). Very traditional Oaxacan, will have a wait.

Matador (5410 Ballard Ave NW, www.matadorrestaurants.com). Americanized/Tex-Mex. 21+.

Señor Moose (5242 Leary Ave NW, <http://senormoose.com>). Traditional Mexican.

New American

Hotel Albatross (2319 NW Market St, www.hotelalbatross.com). 21+, opens at 5. Whimsical menu.

Stoneburner (5214 Ballard Ave NW, www.stoneburnerseattle.com). Small/large plates, pizza. Open at 5 for dinner, 11-3 weekend brunch.

Pubs/Cocktail Lounges

Kangaroo & Kiwi Pub (2026 NW Market St, kangarooandkiwi.com). Australian-themed sports bar.

King's Hardware (5225 Ballard Ave NW, www.kingsballard.com). Burgers, appetizers 21+

Little Tin Goods (5335 Ballard Ave NW, www.littletinballard.com). Tiki cocktails, Hawaiian snacks, pupus.

MacLeod's (5200 Ballard Avenue NW, www.macleodsballard.com). Scottish-themed pub. Huge whiskey list, traditional Scottish food, fish and chips. Opens at 4:30. All ages on restaurant side.

Percy's & Co (5233 Ballard Ave NW, www.percyseattle.com) New American small plates and cocktails 21+

Sandwiches/Salad/Soup

Mammoth (5239 Ballard Ave NW) Sandwich shop with alcohol.

The Other Coast Cafe (5315 Ballard Ave NW, www.othercoastcafe.com). Takeout or eat outside.

Seafood

Sailfish Seafood and Small Plates (2221 Market St. sailfishballard.com). Upscale, shared plates.

Southern

Parish Northwest (5327 Ballard Ave NW, www.parishnorthwest.com). Southern dinner and brunch.

Sushi

Billy Beach (5463 Leary Ave NW, billybeachsushi.com). Well-respected sushi chef.

Sam's Sushi Bar and Grill (5506 22nd Ave NW, www.samssushi.squarespace.com). Ballard original.

Shiku (5310 Ballard Ave NW, www.shikusushi.com). Larger than typical izakaya menu.

Moshi Moshi (5324 Ballard Ave NW, www.moshimoshiseattle.com). Sushi & Izakaya.

Tapas Bar

Ocho (2325 NW Market St, www.ochoseattle.com). Traditional and Spanish tapas, cocktails 21+.

Viking

Skal Beer Hall (5429 NW Ballard Ave NW www.skallballard.com). Rustic Viking with meat tapas dishes and a few salads.

Other Options:

The QFC grocery store across the street has a deli with hot food available.

The Ballard Farmers Market 9 am-2 pm Sunday, with vendors making ready-to-eat hot food, along NW 22nd St south of Market, and Ballard Ave NW east of 22nd.