

recommended downtown **Madison** restaurants

1 **The Sett | Union South**

Food, live music, bowling and rock climbing. Burgers, fries, cheese curds, beer, etc.

2 **Harvest Grains | Union South**

Made-to-order flatbread sandwiches, soups and salads, and many vegetarian options.

3 **Ginger Root | Union South**

Asian stir-fries.

4 **Urban Slice | Union South**

New York style slices of pizza, gluten-free option. Italian-inspired dishes like calzones, pastas and salads.

5 **Daily Scoop | Union South**

UW's very own Babcock Dairy ice cream! Try UW's custom flavors, like Union Utopia or Badger Blast.

6 **Food Carts | Geology**

Thai's Cuisine
In-N-Out Empanada
Blowin' Smoke BBQ's
Fortune Cafe: Indonesian food, with a foray into Italian

7 **Mickie's Dairy Bar | 1511 Monroe St**

Known for its giant pancakes!

8 **New Orleans Take Out | 1517 Monroe St**

Southern classics likes jambalaya and shrimp creole.

9 **Pizza Brutta | 1805 Monroe St**

Wood-fired pizza, Italian salads and sandwiches.

10 **Brasserie V | 1923 Monroe St**

French food paired with Belgian beer and noble wines. Signature menu items include Frites, Cheeseboards, and the Brasserie V Belgian salad.

11 **Food Carts | Library Mall (bottom of State St)**

Buraka: East African food
Jamerica: Jerk chicken, jerk pork
Zen Sushi: Good inexpensive sushi
Santa Fe Trailer: Mexican food
Kakilima Indonesian: Chicken kebab with peanut sauce
The Fruit Stand: Fruit (some organic) & delicious smoothies
Hours vary depending on stand.

12 **Dotty Dumpling's Dowry | 317 N Francis St**

Huge burgers, yummy homemade soups, malts and root beer floats.

13 **Mediterranean Café | 625 State St**

Mediterranean classics. Delicious hummus, stuffed peppers, spanakopita.

14 **Kabul | 540 State St**

Afghan-Mediterranean. Great lemon chicken or pita sandwiches, lamb, chicken, beef and seafood kabobs.

15 **Sunroom Café | 638 State St**

Upstairs cafe serving well-made sandwiches, salads, soups and pastries. Full dinner menu of fresh pasta and ethnic dishes.

16 **Short Stack Eatery | 301 W Johnson St**

Twenty-four hour brunch and breakfast joint, Thursday through Sunday. "2015's Best Bloody Mary" of Madison, and every brunch item Turkish and Mediterranean. Husnu's offers something to delight any palate from conservative beef lover to vegetarian purist.

17 **Crandall's | 334 State St**

Gourmet Peruvian and American cuisine. Authentic meals with a menu full of diverse options. Simple, cozy atmosphere.

18 **Himal Chuli | 318 State St**

Nepalese cuisine. Marinated green jackfruit is one of the many exotic tastes to try. Destination for many vegetarians.

19 **Roast | 558 State St**

Rotating seasonal menu with great sandwiches, and great beer.

20 **Takara | 315 State St**

A sushi bar and Japanese restaurant.

21 **Nick's | 226 State St**

Restaurant interior dating back to the post-WWII era. Old-time sandwiches, including roast beef, BLT, Reubens, tuna melts, turkey clubs, various burgers and salads, along with Greek specialties.

22 **Fresco | 227 State St (in the Overture Center)**

American contemporary cuisine. Word is: try the gnocchi. Also check out the seared scallops, and sugar-crusting pear dessert.

23 **Ian's Pizza | 100 State St or 319 N Frances**

Slices with inventive toppings like mac'n cheese & steak dinner, on a textbook-perfect crust. Mixed salad as a side.

24 **The Icon | 206 State St**

Tapas spot on upper State Street with 55 dish-Spanish menu. Plus a regular dinner menu, with a good roasted chicken and braised short ribs.

25 **Samba Brazilian Grill & Cabana Room | 240 W Gilman St**

Salad bar with grilled vegetables and salads, and 10-12 kinds of meat served tableside.

26 **Dayton Street Cafe (in the Madison Concourse Hotel) | 1 W Dayton St**

Contemporary American cuisine with global influences. Lunch specialties: broiled salmon over soba noodles with wasabi and teriyaki lime sauces, chicken pot pie and meatloaf.

27 **The Old Fashioned | 23 N Pinckney**

Wurst plates, mac'n cheese and classic burgers, plus --obviously-- a Friday fish fry with choice of cod, perch or walleye, with perch the favorite. Accompanied by an excellent cole slaw and slender, crispy fries.

28 **Sunprint on the Square | 1 S Pinckney St**

Breads, pastries, desserts. The menu designates lowcarb, vegan, and heart-healthy items. Hot/cold sandwiches, roll-ups, and burgers, chicken, fish and turkey from the grill.

29 **Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co | 123 E Doty St**

Award winning beer. "Pub favorites" include brats and mashers, fish and chips, chicken pot pie, a three-cheese veggie pie, blue corn tortillas stuffed with chicken in a tomatillo-poblano sauce, and a burrito filled with seasonable vegetables.

30 **Marigold Kitchen | 118 S Pinckney St**

Colorful, noisy and cheerful atmosphere. Must tries: Marigold's chutney chicken salad with tomato, aged Cheddar, marinated cucumbers on a bun, or the Asian marinated grilled Mahi, or the smoked turkey on brioche with cranberry mustard, brie, field greens, arugula pesto and toasted almonds.

31 **Brocach | 7 W Main St or 1843 Monroe St**

Madison's authentic Irish pub. Specialties include fish and chips, shepherd's pie, Guinness Irish stew, bangers and mash, and the "Big Irish Breakfast of Champions."

32 **Natt Spil | 211 King St**

New dishes every week, but you might find thin-crust pizza, a must-eat pork sandwich, or an exceptional hoagie.

33 **Johnny Delmonico's | 130 S Pickney St**

New York-style steak house with a '30s club feel. Seafood's great, too.

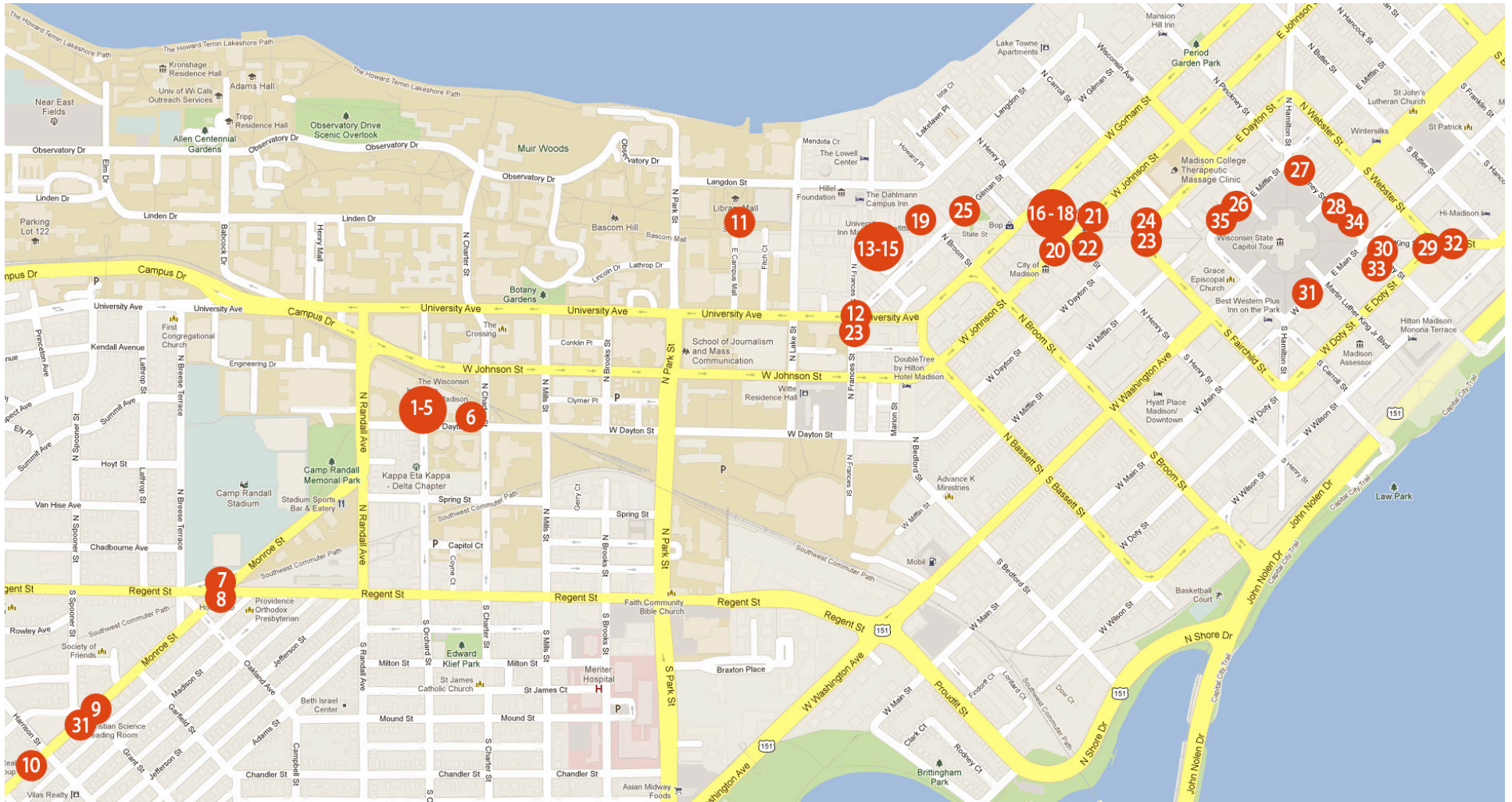
34 **Graze | 1 S Pickney St**

Eclectic menus that source most all of its ingredients from small farms in the Madison region.

35 **Coopers Tavern | 20 W Mifflin St**

Serves craft beer and rustic food in a relaxed atmosphere. Features an outstanding selection of beer & wine from around the world.

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