



Johnson City Local Restaurant Guide

Alta Cucina

For a cozy and romantic evening out, head on over to Alta Cucina for some homemade Italian cuisine. Wine and dine yourself in this cozy restaurant as you relax on the pillowed benches that wrap around the candlelit tables. Complete with excellent service and a tasty menu, this Italian hotspot is perfect for any occasion. Alta Cucina is known for their delicious homemade bread and many other delectable dishes that include seafood, veal, steak, chicken and pasta. For more information, call (423) 928-2092.

Bello Vita

This family-style Italian joint serves hot meals, wine and pizza cuisine at an affordable price. For more information, call (423) 282-8600.

Bistro 105

The Bistro 105 is located in the heart of historic Downtown Jonesborough and offers good food with great charm. At this unique dining establishment, you can enjoy the tasty dishes that include everything from surf and turf, cold cut sandwiches, chicken potpie, portabella mushroom sandwiches, crab cakes and a variety of dishes that feature their very own fried-green tomatoes. For the ultimate experience, sip on a cocktail and enjoy your food on the popular outdoor patio for a tranquil setting. For more information, call (423) 788-0244.

Café One 11

For those looking for a little jazz along with neo-Asian cuisine, Café One 11 offers both. Café One 11 also features an extensive wine list. For more information, call (423) 283-4633.

Café Lola

This restaurant is definitely “New York” style with a wine bar specializing in tapas and other contemporary and vegetarian foods. For more information, call (423) 928-5652.

Café Pacific

Café Pacific is a quaint, intimate atmosphere in a renovated house serving a delicious variety of fusion cuisine. Complete with fireplace and candlelight, this restaurant features an extensive wine list and is known for neo-Asian entrees that include a hint of Asian influence in every dish. Among the most popular entrees are the ahi tuna, lobster, salmon and sea bass. Stop by for a truly unique experience. For information, call (423) 610-0117.

Cootie Brown’s

To fulfill their slogan “Real Food,” Cootie Brown’s serves a variety of favorites, including tamales, Taco-Rito, salads, wings, fire-roasted pizza, burgers, spiral fries and delicious desserts. For more information, please visit www.cootiebrowns.com.

The Cottage

This Johnson City neighborhood bar and burger mecca is guaranteed to suit your need for some good food, fast. With everything from chicken, steak, shrimp, oysters, pizza, burgers, hotdogs, corn dogs burgers and salads, this quaint eatery can accommodate just about anyone. The Cottage is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (423) 928-9753.

Dixie Barbecue

This Southern barbeque location is a sure way to ease your taste buds. Take your pick from the beef or pork barbecue sandwiches, salads and alternative sandwiches that include ham and cheese and roast beef. You can also customize your own plate by adding chicken or rack ribs for a small price. Dixie also accommodates the little ones with a kids menu that includes a barbeque

sandwich, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, ham dog or a hot dog. For more information, call (423) 283-7447.

Firehouse Restaurant

The Firehouse Restaurant, delivering service with true southern hospitality, serves authentic hickory smoked bar-b-que, topped off with homemade side items and desserts. True to its name, the building, originally built in 1930, served the town as the Walnut Street Fire Hall until 1976. Today, The Firehouse Restaurant showcases photographs and firefighting memorabilia from the original fire hall, including a 1925 Seagraves Fire Engine in the restaurant's lobby. For more information, please visit www.thefirehouse.com or call (423) 929-7377.

House of Ribs

Complete with elegant table dressing and fancy ambiance, House of Ribs provides comfortable dining in a unique setting. A varied selection of oysters to prime steaks, prime rib and loin back ribs will leave you feeling satisfied. This restaurant is popular for a reason. For more information, call (423) 282-8077.

Jane's Lunch Box

Enjoy down-home cooking every day, specializing in homemade soups, fresh salads, hardy sandwiches that include BLTs and the real Reuben, honey-mustard ham, a no-meat veggiewich and a superior chicken-salad sandwich on a choice of bread. Or if you prefer a hot lunch, try the meat and three special of the day and top it off with a homemade dessert. For more information, please call (423) 434-2665.

Main Street Café and Catering

Main Street Café and Catering serves gourmet to go in historic downtown Jonesborough. They have classic sandwiches, burgers and salads and also offer some original twists on old favorites. The Main Street Café is open Monday-Friday from 11:00-3:00 and Saturdays from 11:00-4:00. They have both indoor and outdoor seating where diners can enjoy the charm of downtown

Jonesborough. For more information please visit www.mainstreetcatering.net or call (423) 753-2460.

Pal's

Not your typical fast food experience, Pal's is best known for the giant hot dog, hamburger, fries and soft drink covering the roof of each building. Serving oversized portions of fast food, including the Big Pal burger and Frenchie fries, Pals is a Johnson City tradition known for its service by serving "Great Food in a Flash." For menu information, please visit www.palsweb.com.

The Peerless Restaurant

John Kalogeros opened the first Peerless Restaurant in Johnson City in 1938, and it has remained family operated since its beginning. The restaurant offers a variety of steaks including filet mignon, prime rib and New York strip. Visitors not interested in steak can order one of the many items on the restaurant's seafood menu, which includes lobster tail, orange roughy, shrimp and salmon. Other items on the menu include chicken, pasta and sandwiches. For more information, please visit www.thepeerlessinc.com or call (423) 282-2351.

Red Pig Barbecue

"Where you get a hello-handshake & Barb-B-Q" is their motto, and their reputation is nothing less. Expect a friendly handshake as soon as you walk in the door, immediately followed by a fast-paced order process that is quick and courteous. Red Pig offers soup, sandwiches, a variety of side dishes and tasty desserts. Perfect for a casual meal and good time. For more information, call (423) 282-8077.

Russo's

This New Orleans style cuisine offers a variety of delicious appetizers and entrees that will make your mouth water. Among the list of appetizers are stuffed mushrooms and shrimp cocktails, while the entrees feature Cajun classics that include gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice. A

variety of pasta is also offered, ranging from chicken marsala to garlic shrimp pasta. For more information on this restaurant featuring “food with character,” call (423) 928-4441.

Sonny’s Runabout Café

Sonny’s Runabout Café is Boone Lake’s only “over the water” dining experience. The café serves a variety of American favorites including catfish, a variety of burgers and fresh salads. Diners can eat food at the café or take it to go for a picnic out on the boat. During the summer, live music is a regular occurrence, along with many other special events. For more information, please visit www.sonnysmarina.com.

Sunnys Cafeteria

This modest eatery serves top quality, southern-style food with classic entrees to choose from, including fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, or steak and gravy topped with sautéed onions. Sides vary from collared greens, mashed potatoes, fried okra, boiled cabbage and the infamous squash casserole. To top off your tray of food, don’t forget dessert. A plethora of choices include peach, coconut meringue, lemon meringue, chocolate chip pecan and banana pudding. For more information, call (423) 926-7441.

Sushi Blues

This Japanese restaurant has something for everyone; even those not crazy about sushi will appreciate the shrimp, chicken and fish entrees, as well as the delicious desserts. For sushi lovers, try the California and cucumber rolls and you won’t be disappointed. From 8 p.m. to midnight, take advantage of the late night happy hour and receive discounts on beer, wine and martinis. A kid’s menu featuring chicken and fries is also available. For more information, call (423) 232-1289.

Wellington’s

Fine dining in Johnson City is located at Wellington’s, the Carnegie Hotel restaurant, featured in Southern Living’s Taste of the South. Guests at Wellington’s will dine on gourmet meals created

by award winning Chef E. Scott Phillips, while listening to the historic Steinway Baby Grand Piano. Wellington guests can choose from a variety of seating choices, such as eating in a secluded booth or by the large kitchen window and view the chef at work. Wellington's serves breakfast and dinner Monday-Saturday and lunch Monday-Friday. Wellington's also features a piece of history with an antique Chicago bar, serving a diverse selection of liquors and liqueurs, including premium scotches and wines, spirits and cognacs. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehotel.com.