

Your Madison colleagues have some suggestions for your Saturday lunch

(The specific information on each restaurant has been sourced from its respective website, except for the walking directions and map links, which come from Google maps.)

Brocach Irish Pub & Restaurant

7 W. Main St. – 608.255.2015 – <http://www.brocach.com/home.html>

Directions: (5 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Turn left on Main St. when you reach the square.

Comments:

Brocach features full lunch, dinner and late night menus including Irish specialties as well as fine contemporary cuisine and daily lunch and dinner specials. In addition to outstanding food, expect to find great imported beer, including the best pint of Guinness west of Galway, unusual Irish and Scotch whiskeys and regular Irish music sessions.

Paisan's Restaurant

131 West Wilson St – (608) 257-3832 – <http://www.paisansrestaurant.biz/>

Directions: (5 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Turn left on W. Wilson. Walk approx. 1 ½ blocks.

Comments:

Reservations taken for large parties – voted Madison's Best Pizza! Established in 1950, Paisan's Italian Restaurant remains one of Madison's favorites for Thin Crust Pizza, Homemade Pasta and trademark sandwiches. Paisan's also features one of Madison's finest outside dining areas. During our warm months, our patio features a relaxing outdoor environment like no other. A great place for everyone to meet! Located one block west of the Monona Terrace.

Francesca's al Lago

111 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd – 608-255-6000 –
<http://www.miafrancesca.com/static.asp?path=3092>

Directions: (5 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Comments:

Accepts online reservations - Saturday special: Any pizza just \$5 (Lunch only); Cuisine: Northern Italian specializing in the cuisine of Rome and the surrounding areas of Tuscany, Umbria, and Lazio.

Great Dane Brewery

123 E. Doty St – 608.284.0000 – <http://downtown.greatdanepub.com/>

Directions: (6 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Turn right on Doty St. Walk 2 blocks to King St. Great Dane is on the corner of Doty and King.

Comments:

Features their own microbrews, sandwiches, burgers, salads... Very casual, outdoor garden in back.

Graze Restaurant

1 S Pinckney St. – 608.251.2700 – <http://www.grazemadison.com/>

Directions: (8 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. At the square, turn right onto E. Main. In one block, turn left onto S. Pinckney.

Comments:

Inspired by the New York gastropub scene, the menus feature a range of classics executed on a higher level than traditional pub food. We chose the name Graze because grass-fed animals and rotational grazing are important to us. Also, we want the menu to inspire our guests to do just that: graze. There'll always be a variety of dishes and small plates to choose from – the kind of stuff chefs and foodies love to eat. Brunch menu only on Saturdays, 9:30-3:00 – does not take reservations.

The Old Fashioned

23 North Pinckney Street – 608-310-4545 – <http://www.theoldfashioned.com/>

Directions: (9 minute walk)

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Cross Main St. in two blocks and continue into the square itself and up to the sidewalk that skirts the capitol building. Turn right onto this sidewalk and continue 90 degrees around the building, to East Washington. Turn right to leave the grounds of the square and reach N. Pinckney, where you turn left.

Comments:

Come to Our Wisconsin... Inspired by the traditions of Wisconsin taverns and supper clubs, The Old Fashioned exists to pay tribute to the foods and spirits that make our state famous. Here, that means so much more than beers, brats, and cheese. Don't worry, we take all those things very seriously, but we're equally committed to preserving the unique heritage that defines our way of life. When you walk through our doors, you'll not only experience what Wisconsin was, you'll taste what it always will be. "Where Wisconsin is King" - Does not take reservations.

Cooper's Tavern

20 West Mifflin St. – (608) 256-1600 – <http://www.thecooperstavern.com/#hours>

Directions: (10 minute walk)

Leave the Monona Terrace Convention Center over the pedestrian walkway and head towards the capitol, along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. At the square, turn left onto Main St. In one block, turn right onto Carroll. In two blocks, turn right onto Mifflin St.

Comments: (sourced from *Madison Magazine*, Nov. 2013) This Capitol Square hotspot, known for European-inspired dishes and an impressive beer list, recently hosted the third installment of Plough and Barrel, a dinner series by the FairShare CSA Coalition. The group works to connect community-supported agriculture farmers with local consumers, ensuring that the quality and accessibility of CSA shares is steadily increasing. The three-course dinners featured foods from FairShare farms and drinks by local breweries and Wollersheim Winery. All proceeds go directly to FairShare.

Sardine

617 Williamson St—608.441.1600 – <http://sardinemadison.com/>

Directions: (14 minute walk)

Head out of Monona Terrace on Level 1 (the lower level lakefront). Walk east (go left out the doors) on the bike path (watch out for bicycle commuters moving fast). Sardine is located one block ahead at the end of the path right next door to Machinery Row Bicycles. Enter the restaurant on the lakeshore side of the building.

Comments:

Brunch on Sat. 9:00-2:30 (Description provided by MATI member Thais Passos: A gorgeous French bistro meets warehouse space with a fresh innovative menu, great seafood and a fabulous bar.)

State Street – An experience all its own!

A 9-minute walk will take you to the top of State Street, the heart and soul of Mad Town. You'll find a large assortment of coffee shops and ethnic restaurants as you head down State Street toward campus. Hawke's, for example, located at 425 S. State, is a 15-min. walk from the Monona Terrace Convention Center.

Directions to State Street:

Exit Monona Terrace on Level 5. Walk across the pedestrian mall toward the capitol on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Turn left on Main St; walk one block. Turn right on Carroll; walk two blocks.