

MILWAUKEE RESTAURANTS AND MORE, JUNE 2023

\$--dinners under \$15; \$\$--dinners \$15-\$30; \$\$\$--over \$30 per meal

Walking Distance from the Hyatt

The King and I Thai Restaurant: 830 N. Old World 3rd Street (\$\$)

Thai staples right across from the Hyatt.

Third Street Market Hall: 275 W Wisconsin Ave (\$)

Food hall with a variety of local fast-casual eateries, with plenty of gluten free and vegan options, plus a bar.

Mader's Restaurant: 1041 N. Old World 3rd St. (\$\$)

High-end German food in a Bavarian space. Don't miss the signed celebrity photos.

The Bar at Saint Kate—The Arts Hotel: 139 E. Kilbourn St. (\$\$)

Elevated bar food and excellent cocktails in an art-infused space with live music every night.

The Safe House: 779 N Front St (\$)

Beloved local restaurant/bar fully committed to a 60s-era spy theme, complete with passwords, kitschy décor and hidden passages. Kids welcome. Accessed via a flight of stairs.

The Deer District: Vel R. Phillips Ave. at Highland Ave. (three blocks north/one west of the Hyatt, \$-\$\$)

A number of new restaurants and breweries around the new Bucks stadium, with great patios.

Worth A Cab Ride (or longer walk)

Lakefront Brewery: 1872 N Commerce St. (\$)

One of the area's best microbreweries, their Friday night fish fry will exceed all your Milwaukee expectations with fried cheese curds, bratwurst and live polka music. Try the full menu inside or a more limited one at the riverfront tables.

Harbor House: 550 N. Harbor Drive (\$\$\$)

The only restaurant located on Lake Michigan, with excellent seafood and views.

County Clare Irish Inn and Pub: 1234 N Astor St (\$)

Close to the lake, County Clare frequently has live music. Ryan Duns, SJ has been known to grace the stage with his tin whistle!

The Knick: 1030 E Juneau Ave (\$\$)

Another nice option for elevated classics close to Lake Michigan.

Strange Town: 2102 N. Prospect (\$\$)

Stylish vegan plates for sharing, close to bars, breweries and speakeasies along North Ave.

Worth a Cab Ride: Walker's Point

A short cab ride from the Hyatt, historic Walker's Point is home to some of the best dining and drinking in Milwaukee. Those on a budget can eat very well at **Zócalo Food Truck Park** (636 S 6th St) or **La Casa de Alberto** (624 W National Ave). If your budget is under \$10, order the chicken mole at **Conejito's Place** (539 W Virginia St). For more of a splurge, **Odd Duck** (939 S 2nd St) is consistently rated one of the best restaurants in Milwaukee, along with **Movida at Hotel Madrid** (600 S. 6th; in full disclosure, I have never been to Movida, but I'm accepting invitations.) **Mobcraft Brewery** (505 S 5th St) is known for their barrel-aged stouts. Gluten-free drinkers will find lots of great options at **Lost Valley Cider Co.** (408 W Florida St) and those who like their local drinks a little stronger should check out **Great**

Lakes Distillery (616 W Virginia St). These are all in a five-block radius with plenty of other places to eat, drink and see local art (**Var Gallery** has two locations, 643 S. 2nd and 423 W. Pierce). Most have outdoor seating, too.

Fresh Air

The **Milwaukee Riverwalk** is a fully paved mile-long path along the river that is accessible just a block east of the Hyatt. It travels both north and south from the Hyatt, taking in nature, public art and city architecture all at once. It is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers, although the ramps are not always in the same places as stairs.

Miles and miles of paved paths along **Lake Michigan** make for one of the most beautiful places in the state for a walk, bike or roll. The best way to access the lake paths from the Hyatt is to travel east along Wisconsin Ave, which will take you to the Milwaukee Art Museum, designed by Santiago Calatrava. To descend on foot, cross the walkway to the museum and go down the stairs. Elevators are accessible in the parking garage just west of the museum (and then you'll need to use the crosswalk at the lake level) or during museum hours, you can cross the walkway and use the museum elevator to descend to the lake level. Traveling north along the lake (best option for a longer jaunt) will take you past the Eero Saarinen-designed Milwaukee County War Memorial, the marina, beaches, and more interesting architecture and sculpture. If you travel south, bear east to visit Lakeshore State Park, a rewilded stretch of urban prairie with beautiful lake views and great bird spotting.

Bradford Beach (2272 N Lincoln Memorial Dr) is right in the heart of Milwaukee. In the summer, a burger/custard stand and tiki bar are open. Many will find Lake Michigan in June too cold to swim, but you can enjoy a peaceful stroll and the sun and waves of our gorgeous Third Coast.

One More Idea: Polish Fest

Milwaukee's ethnic festivals are a highlight of summers in the city. Polish Fest is taking place at the lakefront Summerfest Grounds (Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N Harbor Dr.) from June 9-11. Enjoy authentic Polish food, beer, and live music from a beautiful lakefront location. Visit www.polishfest.org for details.