

Fort Collins Restaurant Suggestions

List & Opinions (when stated) by George Stanley

General Information:

Google maps is an excellent resource for finding restaurants and food options. The Google restaurant ratings are usually a reasonably good indicator of the food quality and popularity of the restaurant.

Old Town Fort Collins is centered around the intersection of College Ave and Mountain Ave, about 1.2 miles northeast of the CSU Lory Student Center. It is a generally safe and easy walk from the CSU campus. Lots of restaurants and shopping options in this area with a number of food options listed below. Most of the restaurants have websites that will list menus and prices. Some offer reservations either via a phone call or via various on-line services. Reservations for the nicer restaurants are recommended on weekends when they are the busiest.

Prices: reasonable, moderate, and expensive.

Restaurant Recommendations:

Los Tarascos (622 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): This is a Mexican style restaurant that is the closest to campus and an excellent dinner option. Somewhat limited parking, so best to walk to. My wife thinks this is the best Mexican restaurant in the area. Price: moderate. Closed on Monday. Open 11 AM to 9 PM (10 PM on Friday & Saturday) other days.

Selection of Old Town Fort Collins Restaurants:

Choice City Butcher & Deli (104 W Olive St, Fort Collins, CO): Sandwich shop with a long history in Fort Collins. Lunch or light dinner sandwich/deli options. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days a week: Sunday (9 AM to 3 PM), Monday (11 AM to 3 PM), Tuesday (11 AM to 3 PM), Weds-Friday (11 AM to 9 PM), Saturday (9 AM – 9 PM).

Blue Agave Grill (201 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Mexican with an imaginative spin. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (11 AM to 10 PM), Fri-Sat (11 AM to 11 PM), Sun (11 AM to 9 PM).

Philippe French Bistro (133 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner options with a strong French flare. Price: moderate. Closed Monday & Tuesday. Open Weds-Fri (10 AM to 2 PM, 4:30 PM to 9 PM), Saturday (9 AM to 2 PM; 4:30 PM to 9 PM), Sunday (9 AM to 2 PM).

The Crown Pub (134 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): English-style brewpub with full bar and food options. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days (11 AM to 10 PM, 11 PM on Fri-Sat).

Japango (125 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Sushi restaurant. Price: moderate. Open 7 days from 11 AM to 10 PM.

LuLu Asian Bistro (117 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521): Pan-Asian food including Sushi. Price: moderate. Open 7 days Mon-Sat (11 AM to 9:30 PM), Sunday (Noon to 9:15 PM).

Sonny Lubick's Steakhouse (115 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Upscale local steakhouse featuring prime meats and fish options. Located in the basement of this address. Price: expensive. Open for dinner 7 days: Sun-Thurs (4 PM to 9 PM), Fri-Sat (4 PM – 10 PM).

RARE Italian (101 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Excellent upscale Italian restaurant. They make a good bit of their pasta and age many cuts of meat in-house. Price: expensive. Open for dinner 7 days a week (4 PM to 9:15 PM).

Austin's American Grill (100 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Excellent local Colorado style restaurant with wide selection of lunch and dinner options. Price: moderate. Open 7 days a week: Mon-Sat (11 AM to 9 PM), Sunday brunch (10 AM to 9 PM).

Jax Fish House & Oyster Bar (123 N College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Excellent upscale seafood dinner restaurant. Price: expensive. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (3:30 PM to 9 PM), Fri-Sat (3:30 PM to 10 PM), Sun (3:30 PM to 9 PM).

Yampa Sandwich Company (140 N College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Local with excellent breakfast and lunch sandwiches and salads. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Coopersmith's Pub and Brewing (5 Old Town Square, Fort Collins, CO): Very good bar and grill with wide selection of pub-food and locally brewed beers. Price: reasonable to moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Weds (11 AM to 9 PM), Thurs-Sat (11 AM to 10 PM), Sun (11 AM to 9 PM).

Avery Eatery (100 N College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Breakfast/lunch/dinner options. Price: moderate. Closed Monday-Tuesday, Open Weds-Thurs (8 AM to 8:30 PM), Fri-Sat (8 AM to 9 PM), Sun (8 AM to 8:30 PM).

Comet Chicken (126 W. Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Casual fast-food style restaurant. Chicken sandwiches, tenders, and salads. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days: 11 AM to 9 PM (Fri-Sat 10 PM).

Gilded Goat Brewing Company (132 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Bar with good food options. Indoor and outdoor seating. Price: reasonable. Closed Monday. Open: Tues-Thurs (1 PM to 9 PM), Fri-Sat (Noon to 9 PM), Sun (Noon to 7 PM).

Steak-Out Saloon (152 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Bar with good food options and late hours. Recommended by various inorganic faculty at CSU. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days (11 AM to 2 AM).

Rio Grande Mexican (143 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Mexican style restaurant. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Weds (11 AM to 10 PM), Thurs-Sat (11 AM to 11 PM), Sun (11 AM to 10 PM).

Slyce Pizza Company (163 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Pizza restaurant. Price: reasonable. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (11 AM to 11 PM), Fri-Sat (11 AM to 3 AM), Sun (11 AM to 10 PM).

The Regional (130 S Mason St, Fort Collins, CO): Very good homestyle local restaurant with brunch/lunch and dinner options. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs dinner (4 PM to 9 PM), Fri dinner (4 PM to 9:30 PM), Sat-Sun brunch (9:30 AM to 2 PM; dinner 4 PM to 9 PM).

Tasty Harmony (160 W Oak St, Fort Collins, CO): Vegetarian and vegan style restaurant for lunch or dinner. Price: moderate. Closed on Monday. Open Tue-Sat (11 AM to 9 PM), Sun (11 AM to 8 PM).

Penrose Taphouse & Eatery (216 N College Ave #110, Fort Collins, CO): American style restaurant with wide selection of lunch & dinner options. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (11 AM to 9 PM), Fri (11 AM to 10 PM), Sat (9 AM to 10 PM), Sun (9 AM to 9 PM).

Beau Jo's (205 N College Ave, Fort Collins, CO): Colorado style thick-crust pizza and calzones. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (11 AM to 9:30 PM), Fri-Sat (11 AM to 10 PM), Sun (11 AM to 9:30 PM).

Silver Grill Café (218 Walnut St, Fort Collins, CO): Fantastic breakfast & lunch restaurant with the best cinnamon rolls I've ever had. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: 7 AM to 2 PM.

Welsh Rabbit Cheese Shop (200B Walnut St, Fort Collins, CO): Wine, cheese, and charcuterie store and restaurant. Limited seating (~ 5 tables) but very good sandwich, wine, cheese, and charcuterie selections. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: 10 AM to 8 PM.

Union Bar & Soda Fountain (250 Jefferson St, Fort Collins, CO): Full bar and food selections – American style with an imaginative spin. Indoor and outdoor seating. Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday. Price: moderate. Open 7 days: Mon-Fri (10 AM to 10 PM), Sat-Sun (8 AM to 10 PM).

Rodizio Grill Brazilian Steakhouse (200 Jefferson St, Fort Collins, CO): Upscale steakhouse with all the meat and salad you can eat. Price: expensive. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs (4 PM to 9 PM), Fri-Sun (11 AM to 9 PM).

Ginger & Baker (359 Linden St, Fort Collins, CO): Located in a historic mill with a bakery, café, and steakhouse (called The Cache). Breakfast, lunch, & dinner options. Price: reasonable to expensive (The Cache). Closed on Monday. Open Tues-Sun (7 AM to 9 PM).