

A Neighborhood Restaurant for all of Eugene



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Do you remember that certain restaurant that you would go to when you were a kid? The one where your parents knew everyone who worked there, and you always knew what you were going to order beforehand? Mac's is that restaurant.

You might almost miss Mac's because there is only one neon sign outside acknowledging its presence. It's one of those places where you feel like you're cooler than everyone else is because you know of this great restaurant that no one else knows about. Well, I'm going to ruin it and let the secret out.

When we arrived at Mac's, almost every table inside and on the patio was full. Mac's has an interesting setup for a restaurant because in the evenings it turns into a bar with enough space for a dance floor. We grabbed a seat and the waitress was at our table within a matter of seconds. We had arrived right around seven, so there was a good number of people grabbing a drink after work as well as multiple families, giving the place a casual atmosphere.

We browsed the menu which covered everything from sautéed mushrooms (the best I've ever had) to a New York Rueben Sandwich to Chicken Picatta (lightly breaded with mushrooms, garlic and capers, finished with white wine and fresh lemon juice). The Whisky Cured Prime Rib is also amazing, especially when accompanied by a fresh strawberry margarita. Before the meals came, we snacked on the sautéed mushrooms and sampled the sweet rolls made from a family recipe passed on from the owner's grandmother. We finished the meal with chocolate mousse that had a dash of rum in it, a special touch the chef uses to make a classic that much better.

The entrees range anywhere from \$6.00 to \$16.00 depending on your fancy. Don't worry, if you are operating on a college budget and this sounds a little spendy for you, there are dinner specials on Tuesdays for only \$5.00 - just make sure to get there early; it's usually packed.

Mac's is equally good for just hanging out if you're not hungry. Every night of the week, different drinks are featured and beyond that, there are also special nights for bands. Wednesdays feature Bourbon Renewal, one of the best blues bands in Eugene, and Thursdays will give you the opportunity to hear some honky-tonk and rock with Christy McCallum, an excellent local four piece band.

So whether you're out for amazing food, drinks after work, or a down right honky-tonk time, Mac's at the Vet's Club is where it's at.

Listings Directory

AMERICAN

Arby's

435 E. Broadway • 687-2763
Famous roast beef sandwiches and other tasty food made fast for on-the-go. \$

Ax Billy Grill & Sports Bar

999 Willamette St. • 484-4011
Third Floor of the DAC
www.downtownnac.com
Join us for nightly specials: Manic Mondays, Twilight Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1/2 off Pizza Wednesdays, Fridays at 4:00 and Saturday Night Jazz. M-Th 11:30am-9pm. F 11:30am-10pm. Sat 5pm-10pm. \$\$\$

Blamey Stone

86495 College View Rd. • 747-4535
Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Take-out. Liquor served. M-Sat 8:30am-2:30am. Sun 9:30am-12:30am. \$\$

Brail's Restaurant

1689 Willamette St. • 343-1542
Stop by and ask about our daily specials. We serve breakfast any time, the best in town! Open seven days a week. \$

Chelsea Grill & Pub

5th Street Public Market • 686-9199
Great fish & chips, gourmet hamburgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, soup, sandwiches and a wonderful ice cream menu featuring Prince Puckler's Ice Cream. An alcohol-free pub, a wide variety of alcohol-free beers and wines. \$

Diablo's Downtown Lounge

959 Pearl St. • 343-2346
Great burgers, baby back ribs, soups, seafood and appetizers to share. Take-out available. M-F 11am-2:30am. Sat & Sun 4pm-2:30am. \$

Eugene City Bakery

1607 East 19th St.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner. M-F 6am-2pm, 4-9pm; Sat & Sun 6am-9pm. \$\$

Flying Dogs Cafe & Deli

1249 Alder St. • 344-1960
www.flyingdogscfe.com
Breakfast, lunch and dinner. A great mixture of homemade East and West Coast comfort food. 8am-10pm daily. \$

G. Williker's

440 Coburg Rd. • 338-9094
Family-friendly neighborhood restaurant. Full service lounge, outdoor seating available, banquet room. All Oregon lottery games. 2 miles from campus. \$\$

Glenwood Restaurant

1340 Alder St. • 687-0355
2588 Willamette St. • 687-8201
Award-winning locally-owned restaurant near UO and on S. Willamette. The Glenwood offers a menu full of choices at everyday prices in a casual Eugene atmosphere. \$

Good Times Bar & Cafe

375 E. 7th Ave. • 484-7181
Serving lunch & dinner, breakfast on weekends. Daily food specials, to-go orders, 32 beers on tap. Full bar, pool, 15 TVs and live music. \$

Hillside Grill

32981 East Pearl St. • 343-9301
Lunch and dinner. Full bar, 8 pool tables, pinball classic video games. Take-out. Daily 11am-2:30am. \$\$-\$

Hole in the Wall BBQ

3200 W. 11th Ave. • 683-7378
Slow-cooked meats, pork, beef ribs, chicken over wood. True Southern BarB-Q. Generous portions, friendly place. \$\$

Jazzie's Deli & Grill

1869 Pioneer Parkway • 747-8090
Tap beer specials, breakfast served all day, huge Godzilla Sandwich, fresh

handcut french fries, unique atmosphere, Umpqua hard ice cream. \$

The Little "R" Cafe

796 Hwy 99N • 688-4317
We're a small, quaint, neighborhood cafe. Homemade cooking just like Grandma's. We serve breakfast, lunch & dinner. Breakfast all day! Homemade specials! \$

Macafee's on 13th

854 East 13th Ave. • 683-3520
Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Bagel sandwiches, pizza and calzone. Take-out. Campus delivery for pizza and hot sandwiches. M-F 7am-10pm. Sat 8am-10pm. Sun 9am-5pm. \$

Mac's at the Vet's Club

1626 Willamette St. • 344-8600
www.macsatvet.com
Exceptional food, live music four nights (no cover W-Th), full bar, pool tables, lottery games, outdoor smoking. Tu-F 11:30am-2pm. Tu 4pm-10pm. W & Th 4pm-1am. F & Sat 4pm-2:30am. \$\$

Marche

296 E. 5th Ave., 5th St. Market • 342-3612
Northwest cuisine with a French flair. Marche features an exhibition kitchen with wood-fired oven, full bar and large outdoor dining area. \$\$\$