

*"Ask not what you can do for your country.
Ask what's for lunch."
- Orson Welles*

Roake's

18109 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Milwaukie, Ore. 97267
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The 1950s have long gone, but the taste and style continues today. The Milwaukie location of Roake's sits at 18109 SE McLoughlin Blvd, at the border of Milwaukie and Gladstone. The iconic image of the small hole-in-the-wall's wiener dog sign is well known among those who have lived in the area for years.

Roake's boasts a wide selection of American-style cuisine, including their famous short sausage topped with Coney sauce, mustard and onions. Their Coney sauce also tops the Roaker Burger and coney fries, which along with the Deluxe Bacon Cheeseburger, are some of their most popular items. Don't forget to add a shake or malt to your meal for the full drive-in style experience. While they discontinued carhop service in the 1970s, it still feels like a trip back in time.

On my trip, I enjoyed the Ranch Bacon Burger, French fries and a root beer shake. I was fully satisfied, as my taste buds cried for more. Upon ordering, I received a playing card – the seven of clubs – which they called out to specify my order. During the wait, I took a trip around the tiny building to read the small stories upon the wall.

Roake's has been open since the 1930s, and there is no shortage of history here.

It's tasty, it's inexpensive, it's convenient and it's a blast from the past. Roake's is open daily at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Steven Weldon

Mike's Drive-In

905 7th St.
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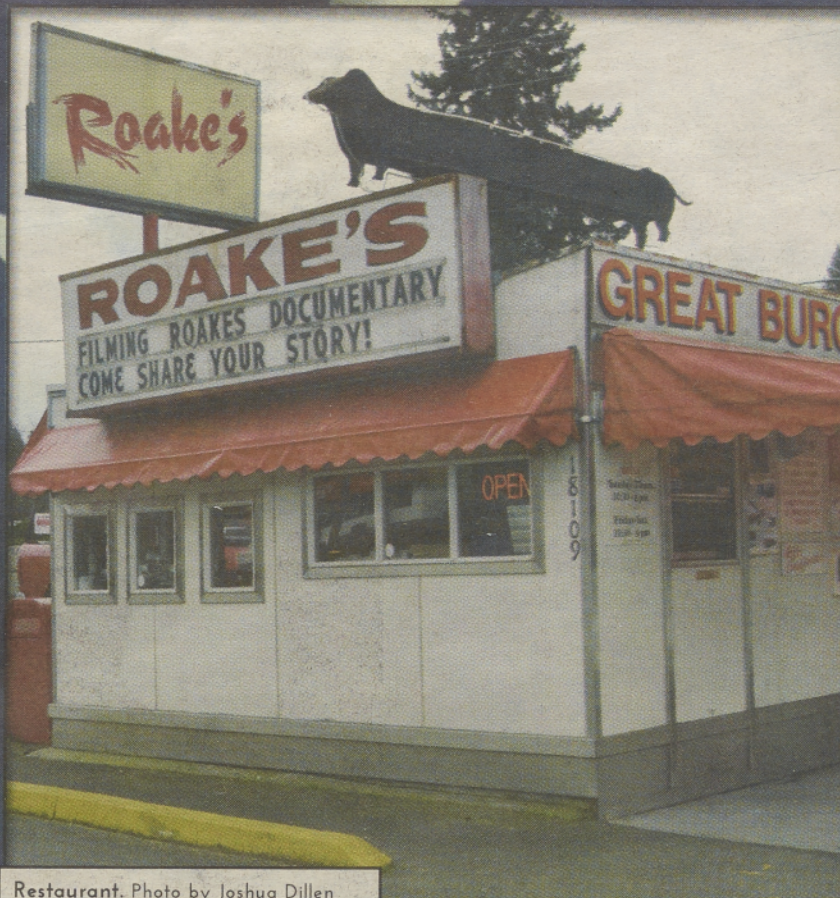
There are very few restaurants where you can order at random and you will be ecstatic by the results. Mike's Drive-in is one of those restaurants. Mike's Drive-In has an assortment of amazing burgers, great hot sandwiches and fantastic specialty baskets like chicken or fish and chips. The prices range from \$5 for just a burger to \$9 for a meal with fries, and a choice of coleslaw, potato salad, or a cookie and 16 oz soft drink. Items like the specialty baskets range from \$7 to \$15. They also have fantastic shakes, malts and floats that start around \$3 to \$5 for a large 32 oz shake.

The service at Mike's Drive-In is fantastic even though it seems like it is constantly busy, but that's for good reason. While the Mike's Special Deluxe is their best burger and is enough to feed you for an entire day, I decided to try the mushroom and swiss burger. I got it with a milkshake and I did not regret either of these choices.

I had trouble putting down the burger once I started munching on it, it was just that good. This allowed the shake to melt a little since they are made thick and with real ice cream; it was super enjoyable.

If you don't know what you want for a late breakfast, lunch or dinner you can't go wrong with Mike's Drive-In. If you're near Oregon City, Sellwood (1707 Southeast Tenino Street, Portland, OR 97202), or Milwaukie (3045 Southeast Harrison Street, Portland, OR 97222) locations you can enjoy this fantastic burger joint at almost anytime with their business hours being 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Lucas Watson



Restaurant. Photo by Joshua Dillen



Restaurant. Photo by Andrew Millbrooke

Red Robin

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Red Robin has made a name for itself offering large portions of burn-your-tongue-fresh fries with burger combos to make you sniff the servers passing by. The classic American foods offered are always perfectly seasoned and you can almost hear the farm out back growing the wholesome ingredients. In addition to the classic burger and fry routine, their really new stuff like the spinach-tortilla wrapped entrees are a perfect way to watch calorie intake. That is, if you have the willpower to abstain from the awesome French fries, and choose to opt for other sides offered like fresh fruit or a side salad. Good luck with that! I definitely chose not to deprive myself.

My personal favorite entree is the River Whisky BBQ burger, and I like it with chicken instead of beef. For me, crispy onion straws, melty Cheddar cheese, and extra sauce on the side make this barrage of tasty goodness always hit a home run. When I ordered, I asked my waitress to cut it in half and box part of it to go and was pleased that I didn't need to repeat this request. In fact, when my 5 year old got to her third refill of strawberry lemonade (extra strawberries of course) there was never a moment of hesitation. A quick smile and fast turnaround even during the busy dinner rush, kept our visit very positive.

With three of her six good sized chicken strips almost gone, the kid and I got ready to go. Of course we had to stay until the group next to us got their birthday song clapped out, but seeing the grins of the kiddos and staff around their table made it worth the wait. Boxes of food in hand with plenty left over for lunch the next day, the ticket was reasonably priced around \$17, and with the great service we received I had no problem rounding up to \$20.

Overall, excellent service, friendly staff, kid friendly environment and kickin' food will definitely keep us going to Red Robin for many moons to come. I also noticed that they have two reserved spaces for to-go orders which could prove dangerous for my home cooked meals. Enjoy!

Caylee Miller

Hog Wild BBQ

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When it comes to barbecue, there are many different views on how it should be done. Spicy, messy and covered in sauce, slow cooked or done up quick on the grill. But no matter how you look at it, good barbecue is good barbecue, and that's exactly what you're going to get at Hog Wild.

Hog Wild is a down south, homestyle barbecue joint that opened up on 82nd Ave next to Home Depot and Wells Fargo. Hog Wild started off as a catering business, then became a food cart, and they recently acquired a building, expanding their menu and service times. Hog Wild has a menu that continues to please many regulars, as well as new customers. Their menu centers around slow cooked meats covered in your choice of mild, medium or hot spice barbecue sauce, along with several down south sides like hush puppies, mashed potatoes, barbecue beans, sweet potato fries and cornbread. They even have a barbecue-fry sauce to serve with your fries.

I personally decided to partake in a barbecue pulled pork platter, which comes with a fair amount of pork, homemade coleslaw, a slice of cornbread and your choice of two sides, all for \$15. Considering the alternative of \$3.50 a side on top of ordering a sandwich (\$7), this would seem to be the logical choice for someone who is hungry. Of course, if you'd prefer a lighter meal, you can order a sandwich and a side of fries for about \$10.50.

The service was friendly and timely, the waitress never missing a beat to take orders, refill drinks and clear the table. She was extremely proficient, from taking our drink order to bringing our food to bringing the check. I was very pleased with their service and applauded them for doing so with the night being extremely busy, with a full house and catering orders to boot.

The meal itself was delicious. The meat was well cooked, juicy and well flavored from being cooked in a smoker for 15 hours. The "medium" barbecue sauce was deliciously tangy with a kick to it. The fries were perfectly crispy and the sauce was an interestingly tangy combination of sweet fry sauce and "mild" barbecue sauce. The cornbread was sweet and warm, well served with butter and the beans were a sweet contrast. The coleslaw was sweet, contrasted by a slight dash of pepper. The whole meal was well accompanied by sinfully delicious southern-style sweet tea. I spent approximately \$17, plus tip. But I considered my meal to be well worth the cost, and will gladly be returning from time to time to indulge my newfound addiction.

Christopher Taylor

*"Pull up a chair.
Take a taste.
Come join us.
Life is so
endlessly delicious."*

- Ruth Reichl

FAMILY NIGHT - TUESDAYS 5pm till Close

Free Cones with all Burger Baskets (49¢ without)

All Burger Baskets \$5.00 & up

Milkshakes \$1.00 extra

Corndogs \$1.00

& More!

's Drive-In



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