

2025 NCPS Meeting Wake Downtown (WKDN)

Restaurant Guide

Directly across the street and the little park:

Barcelona: Burgers, salad, roasted chicken, wine, beer, dessert. **\$\$**. Recommended

Draught and Dram: bar, with a good collection of whiskey.

Alma Mexicana: Mexican food with beer.

Six Hundred: **\$\$\$\$** Contemporary American cuisine. Locally sourced and creative. Good selection of wine. Recommended. (Reservation also recommended.)

On the other side of Bailey Power Plant (the smokestack building):

Incendiary Brewery: Beer mostly. Recommended.

Cugino Forno: **\$\$** Very good pizza. Both of these places also occupy an outdoor space which is crowded and a fun place to hang out when the weather is nice. Highly recommended.

Around the corner on Fifth Street:

Sushi Rose: **\$\$\$** Peruvian-Japanese cuisine. Their leche de tigre – a Peruvian ceviche – is excellent. Everything else is too. Highly recommended. (Reservation is also recommended.)

Diamondback Downtown: **\$\$** at the north end of the little park. Serves lunch only. Sandwich, salad etc.

DeBeen Espresso: Excellent coffee. Perhaps the biggest collection of vegan pastries in town. Also good gelato. Highly recommended.

Around the other corner on Third Street:

Krankies: **\$\$** An eccentric, eclectic, but fun place in an old industrial building. Coffee, drinks, and food. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch. (I don't think they are open for dinner, but not sure.) Their biscuits can be great if you luck out.

The rest are a little bit more of a walk. (You might consider driving for some of the further ones.)

Strolling along 4th Street away from WKDN beginning with the Cardinal.

Katherine Brasserie: \$\$\$\$ Inside the Hotel Cardina. The food is pretty good. Also a good bar. (Reservation recommended.)

Charm Thai: \$\$ Good, dependable, and inexpensive Thai food.

Ramen Mafia: \$\$ Ramen and other Japanese food. Good selection of sake.

Xcaret Mexican Grill: \$\$ Good Mexican food.

Oh Calcutta: \$\$\$ Modern Indian. Quite good. Recommended.

Jeffrey Adams: \$\$\$ Contemporary American cuisine and grill. Well-executed. Some local sourcing.

Mellow Mushroom: \$\$ You probably know this pizza chain.

El Camino: Coffee and bakery. Coffee and pastries are both quite good. Also lunch pastries. Recommended.

Yamas: \$\$ Mediterranean café. Good food.

Quanto Basta. \$\$\$ Excellent Italian food. Recommended. (Reservation is probably not a bad idea.)

Joyner's: \$\$\$ The best cocktails bar in Winston. Highly recommended. But it is much further down 4th St.

(You might consider driving there for the last three.)

There are also many restaurants along Liberty and Trade Streets, parallel to Vine Street (where WKDN is) a few blocks away. I will mention a few:

On Liberty:

Chad's Tea: an outstanding collection of tea. Highly recommended for tea lovers.

Cibo Trattoria: \$\$\$ Good Italian Food. (Reservation is not a bad idea.)

Twisted Pine: \$\$ Sandwiches, Comfort food, wine, beer etc.

On Trade:

Spotted Cow Steakhouse: \$\$\$ Good steaks and not too expensive. Recommended.

Sweet Potatoes: \$\$\$ Good Southern food. Recommended

Mission Pizza: \$\$\$ High-end award-winning pizza. Highly recommended if gourmet pizza is your thing.

Mojito Latin Soul Food: \$\$ Good Cuban food. Recommended.

On Liberty south of 3rd Street:

Thai Harmony: \$\$\$ Serves Thai food and sushi. The Thai menu is quite extensive and includes some dishes that are more contemporary or unusual. Recommended.

What Da Pho: \$\$ If pho is your thing, this is your place. You can't find better Vietnamese rice noodle soup in this part of the world. Highly recommended. It is an adventure to find the entrance. It is in the basement of the building where Thai Harmony is.

Sage and Salt: \$\$\$\$. **Modern American cuisine and grill. Often has live jazz during dinner on weekends. Excellent** wine selection. One of the best restaurants in town. Highly recommended. (Reservation is essential.) This place is a few blocks further down on S. Liberty. May be a good idea to drive there.

If you need any other recommendations for eating or drinking in Winston-Salem, please feel free to contact me at leew@wfu.edu or look for me at the conference.

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