

Elite Eats

2019 Restaurant Guide

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Pork Belly Home Fries at Little Goat Diner. Image © 2019 Mike Oetting. All Rights Reserved

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Notes for the 2019 Edition

Restaurants **listed in green** are new to the 2019 Elite Eats Restaurant Guide. There are over 90 new entries in the 2019 guide.

Mike's Value Picks(**MVP**), are those restaurants which I judge to provide a surprisingly good dining experience for the money.

Notes on the Guide:

- The restaurants mentioned in the guide are sourced from personal dining experiences, research, and recommendations from friends, patrons, and Elite Eats program attendees. I have not been to every restaurant in the guide, though I have been to many, including each of the **Mike's Value Picks** **MVP** recipients.
- **Source Used:** This column in the following tables shows how the restaurant first came to my attention.

One source commonly mentioned is the “**LTH Forum**,” which refers to the website *lthforum.com*. This site has lively discussions of dining in the Chicago area, as well as being the home of the annual GNR (Great Neighborhood Restaurants) Awards (*lthforum.com/bb/viewforum.php?f=28*).

Another source referenced is “Reddit,” which is a massive Internet discussion forum covering a broad range of topics. These are broken into several subtopics, or “subreddits.” For the purposes of the guide, Reddit’s Chicago content consists of two of these subreddits:

- Chicago: <https://www.reddit.com/r/chicago/>
- Chicago food: <https://www.reddit.com/r/chicagofood/>



- **Distance from Hinsdale Public Library:** Typical driving distance from the Library.
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Chinese

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Hua Ting 777 N York Rd Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 789-0505	Gateway Square Chinese eatery.	Elite Eats Guest	1 mile
Yu's Mandarin 665 Pasquinelli Dr Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 325-7800	Chinese cuisine in a nice environment.	Elite Eats Guest	2 miles
Katy's Dumpling House 665 North Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 323-9393	Authentic Chinese noodle dishes... Try the shredded pork stir-fried with pancake.	LTH Forum	3 miles 
Moy Goy Inn 719 W Hillgrove Ave La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 354-5992	No-frills take out in La Grange. Delicious and prepared while you wait. Don't forget your cash.	Yelp	3 miles
Chinese Kitchen 6551 S Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 968-3828	Tasty and authentic Chinese food. Some excellent values in lunch specials.	Yelp	5 miles 
Lao Sze Chuan House 1331 Ogden Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 663-0303	Some of the best Chinese in the suburbs. If you like it hot, try Tony's Three Chili Chicken.	LTH Forum	5 miles
MingHin Cuisine 1633 N Naper Blvd Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 799-3899	Naperville outpost of the well-regarded Chicago area dim sum chain. Bright and airy interior.	HPL Staff	17 miles
Chi Café 2160 S Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 842-9993	This hip and funky Hong Kong Chinese eatery is on the lower level of the Chinatown mall. The sizzling beef tenderloin is a good bet.	HPL Staff	18 miles
Sze Chuan Cuisine 2414 S Wentworth Ave Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 791-1882	This Chinatown restaurant has caught the eye of LTH forum users, who enjoy seek out the fish fillet in red oil and brisket in dry pot.	HPL Staff	18 miles
Go 4 Food 212 W 23rd St Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 842-8688	Chinatown fusion restaurant featured on Check Please. Standout dishes include French beef tenderloin and taco bao.	Elite Eats Guest	18 miles
Happy Lamb Hot Pot 2342 S Wentworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 929-3224	Both a la carte and all you can eat options available for this popular Chinatown hot pot restaurant. Try a couple of flavors of cooking broth.	HPL Staff	18 miles




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Great Sea 3253 W Lawrence Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 478-9129	The spicy chicken wings at this Albany Park Chinese restaurant are justifiably celebrated.	LTH Forum	23 miles
Chengdu Impression 2545 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 477-6256	Extensive Szechuan menu at this Lincoln Park restaurant. Free parking available after 5:30PM.	HPL Staff	26 miles
Sun Wah BBQ 5039 N Broadway Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 769-1254	Uptown Chinese eatery featuring amazing Peking Duck.	LTH Forum	27 miles



Japanese (including Sushi and Ramen)

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Nabuki 18 E 1st St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 654-8880	High quality sushi in downtown Hinsdale, though you'll pay for the privilege. Many creative Maki rolls.	Word of Mouth	1 mile
Sushi House 830 E Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 920-8948	Best sushi in the western suburbs? West Suburban Life thinks so.	HPL Staff	2 miles
Woow Sushi 35 S La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 588-8888	Japanese restaurant featuring sushi and items from the hibachi.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Chiba Japanese 7533 S. Cass Ave Darien, IL 60561 (630) 850-7848	Chiba's larger space on Cass avenue is nicely appointed with modern décor. A step above many sushi houses in the suburbs.	Yelp	5 miles
Dao Sushi and Thai 17W512 22nd St Oakbrook Terr, IL 60181 (630) 279-2888	Specials and Groupons available for this nicely decorated restaurant.	Elite Eats Guest	5 miles
Kai Sushi 2820 S Highland Ave Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 376-6260	Conveyor belt sushi. Plates are priced by color (~\$2-\$7), and you grab them as they pass your table. Menu ordering also available.	Yelp	9 miles
Sushi City 1510A 75th St Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 852-6388	AYCE sushi plus appetizers at dinnertime for \$20, including house specialty rolls.	Elite Eats Guest	10 miles
Sozai Banzai 1089 E Golf Rd Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 758-7328	Japanese favorites like karaage (fried chicken) and takoyaki (octopus fritters) are on the menu at this casual eatery.	Reddit	19 miles
Kuramaya Japanese Kitchen 1201 E Higgins Rd Elk Grove Vill., IL 60007 (847) 437-2222	While there is a sushi bar here, most people come to this suburban sit-down restaurant for the authentic Japanese food.	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles
Izakaya Sankyu Japanese Restaurant 1176 S Elmhurst Rd Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 228-5539	This izakaya (Japanese pub) has a wide variety of dishes, many of them served as small plates. Their ramen is excellent, especially the tongkotsu (pork) and miso (soy).	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles



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Oiistar 1385 N Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 360-8791	Wicker park ramen restaurant with classic as well as interesting fusion variants like those based on pozole (pozolman). Large portions.	HPL Staff	23 miles
Strings 2141 S Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 374-3450	If you're south of the Loop, you're not out of options. This Chinatown ramen spot has you covered.	HPL Staff	23 miles
Hokkaido Ramen Santouka 100 E Algonquin Rd Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 357-0286	For years, this was THE place to get authentic ramen in Chicago, and it's still an excellent choice. Located in the Mitsuwa Marketplace food court, this cash-only stall can get pretty busy on the weekends.	LTH Forum	23 miles
Lawrence Fish Market 3914 W Lawrence Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 267-6838	This carryout spot is home to some of the best values in sushi in all of the Chicago area. Large sushi platters available. Cash-only.	Yelp	23 miles 
Ramen Misoya 1584 S Busse Rd Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 437-4590	Another solid choice in Arlington Heights for traditional ramen.	LTH Forum	24 miles
Umacamon Japanese Kitchen 1673 W Algonquin Rd, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (224) 318-2489	This counter service Japanese restaurant has some great lunch specials. A good place to try Japanese curries and other home-style dishes.	Elite Eats Guest	24 miles
Wasabi 2101 N Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 227-8180	Diners will find a modern space with plenty of wood in this Logan Square ramen shop.	LTH Forum	26 miles





Korean

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
New Korea Garden 204 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 852-1900	This modest Korean BBQ restaurant offers the real deal for a fair price. Grilling your own thinly-sliced meat at the table is a fun experience.	HPL Staff	3 miles
So Gong Dong Tofu & BBQ 18W066 22nd St Oakbrook Terr., IL 60181 (630) 613-8133	Sharing an entrance with Noodles and Co., SGD offers classic Korean dishes like bibimbap and bulgogi, as well as their famous soon tofu soup.	Yelp	6 miles
Mr. Kimchi Korean BBQ 1747 W. Golf Rd Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (847) 378-8621	While the restaurant's name implies Korean BBQ is all that is going on, the Korean-style fried chicken here has many fans.	Reddit	19 miles
Amitabul 6207 N Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60646 (773) 774-0276	This vegan Korean restaurant does not lack for flavor. Lots of spice to enliven the dishes if you want it.	Elite Eats Guest	20 miles
En Hakkore 1840 N Damen Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 772-9880	Casual Wicker Park Korean fusion restaurant serving bibimbap alongside tacos served on paratha bread.	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles
Dancen 5114 N Lincoln Ave Chicago, IL 60686 (773) 878-2400	A Korean take on bar food, Dancen is small and nondescript, but offers a lot of flavor. Guests rave about the fire chicken with cheese.	LTH Forum	25 miles
San Soo Gab San 5247 N. Western Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 334-1589	One of the veterans of the Korean BBQ scene in Chicago, SSGS is known for its absurdly plentiful side dishes (banchan).	Reddit	25 miles
Woochon Chicago 5744 N. California Ave Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 728-8001	While it doesn't generate the buzz of San Soo Gab San and Cho Sun OK, Woochon, is a solid option.	Reddit	25 miles
Cho Sun Ok Restaurant 4200 N. Lincoln Ave Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 549-5555	One of the great KBBQ spots in Chicago, but service can reputedly be a little brusque. Go at off-peak times to avoid long waits.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Crisp 2940 N Broadway Ave Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 697-7610	Tasty Korean-spiced chicken wings in this small Lakeview restaurant.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Susie's Noon Hour Grill 6930 N Glenwood Ave Chicago, IL 60626 (773) 338-9494	It's a one-woman show at this Rogers Park breakfast spot. The kimchi omelet is a surprising delight.	LTH Forum	27 miles

MVP



Thai

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Mai Thai 697 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 455-4298	Good lunch specials in this modest strip mall Thai restaurant.	Elite Eats Guest	3 miles
Thipi Thai 25 W Calendar Ct La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 588-1002	Downtown La Grange Thai restaurant serving standard dishes.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Cida Thai 5435 S La Grange Rd Countryside, IL 60525 (708) 482-0706	Delicious Thai food in a strip mall. Good value.	Yelp	4 miles 
Thai Café 4950 Main St Downers Grove, IL 60417 (630) 515-1471	Small carry-out restaurant a couple of blocks north of the tracks on Main St. Very tasty.	Yelp	5 miles
Fine Thai 9305 Ogden Ave Brookfield, IL 60513 (708) 387-9082	Not much seating in this Thai restaurant that does a brisk carry out business.	Elite Eats Guest	5 miles
Thai First 2249 Maple Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 737-0671	Excellent Thai food in a small strip mall. The décor is a bit eccentric, but the food is not.	Yelp	8 miles
Thai Happiness 1202 75th St Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 241-1914	Neither the exterior nor interior are much to look at, but the dishes are fantastic.	Yelp	8 miles 
Bree Thai Restaurant 5306 S Central Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 767-3200	Small cash-only restaurant near Midway airport. Delicious curries and other traditional Thai favorites dot the menu.	Yelp	10 miles
Mama Thai 1112 Madison St Oak Park, IL 60302 (708) 386-0100	Thai curries are especially solid at this Forest Park restaurant.	HPL Staff	12 miles
Thai Twin 7430 Harlem Ave Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 458-4545	The food in this narrow Thai restaurant is more memorable than the décor. Very friendly service.	Yelp	13 miles
Bangkok Village 22 Chicago Ave #122 Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 369-9757	Solid offerings at this downtown Naperville Thai restaurant. Try the Charcoal Beef Salad for a spicy treat.	Friend	13 miles



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Opart Thai House 1906 S State St Chicago, IL 60616 (312) 567-9898	Thai cuisine a few blocks from McCormick place, so a good choice for conventioners.	Word of Mouth	23 miles
Somsri Thai 27 W 460 Chicago Ave Unit F Winfield, IL 60190	After you've completed jury duty in Wheaton, stop by this modest Thai restaurant and have a great meal.	Yelp	23 miles
Pho's Spicier Thai Cuisine 4638 N Western Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 878-5922	They take their heat pretty seriously here. If it is your first time visiting, it is wise to back off one spice level off of your typical. Even their mildly-spiced dishes are well-prepared.	Reddit	25 miles
Rainbow Thai Cuisine 4825 N. Western Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 754-7660	Darling of the LTH forum. Their Gai Tod (fried chicken) is excellent, as is their Isaan sausage.	LTH Forum	25 miles
Andy's Thai Kitchen 950 W. Diversey Pkwy. Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 549-7821	Former Tac Quick chef opened his own restaurant in Lakeview. A bright, open space.	LTH Forum	25 miles
IMMM Rice and Beyond 4949 N Broadway St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 293-7378	Argyle St restaurant featuring authentic Thai St food. From a co-owner of Spoon Thai.	LTH Forum	27 miles
NaKorn Urban Thai 1622 Orrington Ave Evanston, IL 60201 (847) 733-8424	Lovely date-night suitable Thai spot in Evanston. Inventive dishes which capture the spirit of Thailand, but aren't often found on American menus.	Elite Eats Guest	30 miles




Vietnamese


Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Noodles Pho U 1239 S Main St Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-5878	A good spot to get pho, the Vietnamese noodle soup. Not life-changingly good, but will hit the spot on a cold day.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles
Saigon Pho & Café 726 Lake St Oak Park, IL 60301 (708) 689-0389	Yelp Four-star Vietnamese food in Oak Park.	Yelp	13 miles
Las Vegas Vietnamese 6723 Cermak Rd Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 317-4686	Las Vegas Vietnamese returns to the guide after moving to Berwyn from Cicero. The space is larger and nicer, and the food is just as good.	LTH Forum	14 miles MVP
Luong-Loi 111 N Main St Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-8250	Your pho awaits in downtown Wheaton. Or Chinese dishes if you want something a little more mainstream.	HPL Staff	17 miles
Saigon Sisters 131 N Clinton Ave Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 496-0094	A banh mi (Vietnamese submarine) sandwich spot located in the Chicago French Market below the tracks at Ogilvie Transpt. Center.	LTH Forum	21 miles
HaiSous 1800 S. Carpenter St Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 702-1303	You will find a broad range of elevated dishes at this hot Pilsen eatery. The octopus salad app and whole fluke entrée are top notch.	Yelp	22 miles
Nhu Lan Bakery 2612 West Lawrence Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 878-9898	My favorite banh mi in Chicago. Delicious and inexpensive. All of their sandwiches are great, and quite inexpensive.	LTH Forum	24 miles MVP
Tank Noodle 4953-55 N Broadway Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 878-2253	Argyle St Vietnamese spot serving authentic fare & bubble tea.	LTH Forum	27 miles
Ba Le Sandwiches 5014 N Broadway St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 561-4424	Arguably brought the first banh mi sandwiches to Chicago. Even if that isn't true, they produce a really great product (and cheap too).	HPL Staff	27 miles MVP
Little Vietnam 1132 W Bryn Mawr Ave Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 944-0999	Great value Vietnamese restaurant in the Edgewater neighborhood.	Elite Eats Guest	28 miles



Indian / South Asian







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Shree Indian 655 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 655-1021	Vegetarian Indian food in a strip mall off of Ogden. Lunch buffet available during the week.	Elite Eats Guest	3 miles
Sai Saffron Chat House 6034 S. Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 968-9660	Chat are Indian St snacks, and Sai Saffron has a large variety available. Call before visiting to ensure they are open.	LTH Forum	3 miles
Kama Bistro 9 S La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 352-3300	Elevated Indian food with many gluten free options.	Friend	4 miles
Taste of India 7243 Kingery Hwy Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 323-1333	Large restaurant offering lunch and dinner buffet options.	HPL Staff	5 miles
Shikara 1620 75 th St Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 964-1720	Extensive buffet in this space, which also has banquet hall facilities. Pleasant contemporary décor.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles
The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago 10915 Lemont Rd Lemont, IL 60439 (630) 972-0300	The basement of this temple features a canteen serving delicious south Indian vegetarian food on Saturday and Sunday. Go early for the best selection.	Elite Eats Guest	12 miles 
Indian Harvest 796 Royal St George Dr # 101 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 579-9500	Tastefully appointed Indian restaurant with a reasonably priced buffet.	Elite Eats Guest	13 miles
Khyber Pass 1031 Lake St Oak Park, IL 60301 (708) 445-9032	Centrally located Indian spot in downtown Oak Park. Lunch buffet offers a good value.	Friend	13 miles
Dalicious 1413 S Naperville Plainfield Rd Naperville, IL 60564 (630) 548-9599	Fast casual concept in which you pick a protein, sauce, dal type, bread type, and side. Also various chaat available, along with Indian breakfast items on the weekends.	Yelp	15 miles
The Spice Room 2906 W. Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 360-8689	One of the better Indian food options outside of the Devon corridor. Notable for their willingness to make dishes appropriately spicy.	Reddit	20 miles




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Rangoli 2421 W. North Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 697-7114	A fine Indian restaurant in the Humboldt Park neighborhood	HPL Staff	20 miles
Cumin 1414 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 342-1414	This Michelin Bib Gourmand recipient blends Nepalese and Indian cuisines into a cohesive menu. Lunch buffet available to check out the dishes.	Reddit	21 miles
Sabri Nihari 2502 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 465-3272	Sabri Nihari serves up Pakistani fare in a surprisingly large and well-appointed space on Devon Ave.	Yelp	25 miles
Udupi Palace 2543 W. Devon Ave. #1841 Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 338-2152	A great spot for south Indian veggie fare. Get your dosai and idli here.	Elite Eats Guest	25 miles
Tiffin The Indian Kitchen 2536 W Devon Ave Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 338-2143	Good northern Indian food in a serene and spacious setting. Dishes from the Punjab region well represented. Spice levels toned down a bit.	Elite Eats Guest	25 miles
Ghareeb Nawaz 2032 W Devon Ave Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 761-5300	This cash-only Devon Indian/Pakistani counter service restaurant offers remarkably good food for a pittance.	LTH Forum	25 miles 



Middle Eastern and Mediterranean


Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Albaraka Grill 341 Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 881-9002	Great little casual restaurant in a strip mall on Ogden. Friendly owner will make sure you're satisfied. Great Middle Eastern fare.	Yelp	4 miles
Damascus Falafel 10S410 Kingery Hwy #3 Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 481-4197	Remarkably good Mediterranean fast casual in a tiny strip mall at 91 st St and Kingery Highway.	Yelp	7 miles 
Pinched Med. Grill 2770 S Highland Ave. Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 889-9200	Tasty middle eastern food in an ultra-clean and friendly Lombard restaurant. If you like spicy food, make sure to try the schug sauce.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles 
Pita Pita Mediterranean Grill 211 E Roosevelt Rd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 317-7558	Fast-casual counter service restaurant. Up-to-date décor and modern ordering system makes it feel more polished than many of its competitors.	Yelp	8 miles
Jerusalem Café 300 W Roosevelt Rd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 629-6400	This small Middle-Eastern restaurant has a very homey feel. Counter service.	Yelp	9 miles 
The Best Shawerma 6934 W 79th St Burbank, IL 60459 (708) 233-9220	A tiny and unpretentious carry out spot in Burbank with a great chicken shawerma sandwich for a low price. Cash only. A Steve Dolinsky pick.	LTH Forum	12 miles 
Pita Inn 1835 Abriter Court Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 799-0085	Pita Inn has great lunch specials and pillowy house-made pita at their numerous locations. In Skokie, they even have a market.	LTH Forum	12 miles
Fattoush 10700 S Harlem Ave Worth, IL 60482 (708) 671-9999	If you are willing to try a Middle Eastern breakfast, Fattoush is a good place to do it. The fettet hummus with meat is superb.	Yelp	14 miles
The Nile Restaurant 7333 W 87th St Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 237-0767	The Nile is a great casual middle eastern eatery with fair prices.	Library Patron	14 miles 
Al Bawadi Grill 7216 West 87th St Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 599-1999	Across the St from The Nile, you will find some of the best middle-eastern cuisine in the metro area. Nice, private booths.	<i>Chicago Reader</i>	14 miles
Mediterranean Oasis 357 E Bailey Rd Naperville, IL 60565 (630) 420-9507	The hot food area in the back of this Mediterranean grocery store offers shawarma, kabobs, and other reasonably priced regional dishes.	Library Patron	15 miles 



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NOK 6075 N Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60646 (773) 647-1988	This casual Persian restaurant offers delicious kabobs, wraps, and other dishes. Lunch specials.	Yelp	20 miles
Afghan Kabob 4040 W Montrose Ave Chicago, IL 60641 (773) 427-5041	Afghani specialties as well as beef, chicken, and lamb kabobs are served here.	Yelp	23 miles
Sheba Yemeni Restaurant 3456 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 856-0287	Modest Yemeni spot serving up large helpings of delicious food. The Haneeth and Foul dishes get high marks from diners.	HPL Staff	24 miles
Noon O Kabab 4701 N Kedzie Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 279-8899	NOK's older, more formal, sibling. A Persian friend heartily recommends this Albany Park restaurant.	Friend	24 miles
The Gundis Kurdish Kitchen 2909-11 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 904-8120	Beautiful Lakeview space serving up a rarity – Kurdish food. You will find similarities with other Middle Eastern fare, but it stands proudly on its own.	Yelp	25 miles
Taste of Lebanon 1509 W. Foster Ave Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 334-1600	You would not think a counter-service Middle Eastern joint would have an amazing version of lentil soup. It does.	Yelp	26 miles 



Greek (New for 2019)

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
The Grapevine 9 W Hillgrove Ave La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 482-4774	Greek dishes like pastitsio and dolmades join other items from Italy and elsewhere in the Mediterranean in this casual café.	Yelp	4 miles
Greek Islands 300 E 22nd St Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 932-4545	Suburban location of the famous Chicago Greek restaurant.	Yelp	7 miles
Apolis Greek St Food 1109 Maple Ave Lisle, IL 60532 (331) 775-2135	This new fast-casual Greek restaurant offers fantastic gyros house-made, not Kronos. Really delicious.	Hungry Hound	10 miles 
PapaSpiros 728 Lake St Oak Park, IL 60301 (708) 358-1700	Blue checkered tablecloth Greek institution in Oak Park. Notable dishes include the avgolemono soup and agora salata with chicken.	Yelp	13 miles
Kefi Greek Cuisine + Bar 12200 S Harlem Ave, Palos Heights, IL 60463 (708) 361-9610	You will find all the Greek favorites on the menu here. Pastichio and dolmades are recommended, and don't miss the Greek potatoes.	HPL	15 miles
Covo Greek Street Food 1246 West Boughton Rd Bolingbrook, IL 60440 (331) 318-8720	Greek fast casual concept similar to Chipotle.	Yelp	17 miles
Psistaria Greek Taverna 4711 W Touhy Ave Lincolnwood, IL 60712 (847) 676-9400	You can't go wrong with Greek standards like spanakopita, Grecian chicken, and kalamari. Many feel it is a step up from Greektown spots.	LTH Forum	23 miles
Athenian Room 807 W Webster Ave Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 348-5155	This small Lincoln Park Greek restaurant has a nice neighborhood vibe. The Kalamata chicken is a popular choice. Don't skip the fries.	HPL Staff	26 miles
Just Kabobs 1825 W. Main St St Charles, IL 60174 (630) 443-3400	Chicken, beef, and Pork Kabobs along with the other specialties of the owner, like Greek chicken, Greek potatoes, and baklava.	HPL Patron	32 miles



Italian

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Il Poggiolo 8 E 1st St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 734-9400	Upscale Italian in a beautiful space.	Print Media	<1 mile
ZaZa's 441 West Ogden Ave Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 920-0500	Yelpers praise their appetizers here.	Elite Eats Guest	2 miles
Vincitori 14 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 663-9467	On Cass just north of the Burlington Northern tracks. Food is good, though some wonder about the prices.	Elite Eats Guest	3 miles
Bernard's Café and Deli 14 W 63rd St Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 850-7510	Informal Italian restaurant in a strip mall. Fantastic salad bar and good deli sandwiches in addition to standard Italian fare.	Yelp	3 miles
Dolce's Restaurant and Wine Bar 15 W Quincy St Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 663-0401	Casual Italian eatery with a nice by-the-glass wine selection. Modest-sized menu. Meat and Cheese tray appetizer gets thumbs up at this cozy downtown Westmont spot.	Yelp	3 miles
La Buona Vita 15 W Calendar Ave La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 352-1621	Grilled calamari appetizer gets a lot of praise at this "northern Italian" restaurant. Lovely dining room.	Yelp	4 miles
ItaliAmo 6232 S Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 541-8414	Tiny carry-out and drive thru Italian restaurant with much better food than you would expect given the setting. Lasagna gets high marks.	Elite Eats Guest	5 miles
Antico Posto 118 Oakbrook Ctr Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 586-9200	Featured on Check Please. Good option for tired and hungry mall shoppers.	HPL Staff	5 miles
Roberto's Ristorante and Pizzeria 483 S Spring Rd Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 279-8486	White tablecloth Italian. Food is well-liked, but service can be a little uneven.	Library Patron	8 miles
Francesca's Amici 174 N York St Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 279-7970	Part of a chain of area Italian restaurants serving reliable fare. Each restaurant has a twist	HPL Staff	10 miles



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Gaetano's 7636 Madison St Forest Park, IL 60130 (708) 366-4010	Fabulous Italian in Forest Park. Small, intimate spot suitable for date night. Chef born and trained in Italy.	Elite Eats Guest	11 miles
Freddy's Pizza 1600 South 61st Ave Cicero, IL 60804 (708) 863-9289	Legendary cash-only eatery in Cicero. There is a whole lot more than pizza going on at Freddy's, including fantastic gelato, Italian sandwiches and lots of pasta.	LTH Forum	14 miles MVP
Bruna's Ristorante 2424 South Oakley Ave Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 254-5550	Mostly northern Italian food served in this traditional family-run eatery.	Elite Eats Guest	16 miles
Tufano's Vernon Park Tap 1073 W Vernon Park Pl Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 733-3393	Old-school neighborhood Italian restaurant near UIC. Get your southern Italian classics here.	LTH Forum	19 miles
The Rosebud 1500 W Taylor St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 942-1117	Another long-standing Italian eatery in Little Italy.	LTH Forum	19 miles



Bohemian, German, and Polish




Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Bohemian Crystal 639 Blackhawk Dr Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 789-1981	One of the better-known Bohemian restaurants in the western suburbs.	HPL Staff	3 miles
Westchester Inn 3069 Wolf Rd Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 409-1313	Roast duckling, breaded pork tenderloin, roast loin of pork and other hearty fare fill the menu of this Bohemian restaurant.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant 9200 W. Cermak Rd Broadview, IL 60153 (708) 343-9040	Suburban Polish spot known for its large buffet with broasted chicken. Roast duck available on Sundays.	Yelp	7 miles
Bavarian Lodge 1800 Ogden Ave Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 241-4701	Whether you are in the mood for schnitzel and sausage, or just want to get your mead on, Bavarian Lodge has you covered.	HPL Staff	9 miles
Czech Plaza Restaurant 7016 Cermak Rd Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 795-6555	Bohemian comfort food served in this decades-old restaurant. Prices are low and the portions huge. The breaded pork tenderloin is popular.	Elite Eats Guest	10 miles
Praga Restaurant 229 W St Charles Rd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 495-0470	A more upscale take on Eastern European cuisine.	HPL Staff	10 miles
Old Town Restaurant 113 Stephen St Lemont, IL 60439 (630) 257-7570	This family operated Polish and German restaurant in downtown Lemont offers good food for a great price.	Yelp	13 miles
Red Apple Buffet 6474 N. Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 763-3407	Large Polish-centric buffet with well-labeled dishes. Most diners say it's cash-only (ATM inside).	HPL Staff	20 miles
The Radler 2375 N. Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 360-8639	This rustic, yet hip German beer hall features good vibes, beer, and food. Great sausages and pretzels.	LTH Forum	20 miles
Olde Salem Café 7213 Olde Salem Cir Hanover Park, IL 60133 (630) 855-3596	German food without breaking the bank in Hanover Park.	Yelp	21 miles
Laschet's Inn 2119 W Irving Park Rd Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 478-7915	Authentic German food served in a festive environment.	LTH Forum	25 miles







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Staropolska Restaurant 3030 Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 342-0779	A little slice of Krakow in Avondale. Huge portions and Polish beers on tap.	Elite Eats Guest	25 miles
Resi's Bierstube 2034 W. Irving Park Rd Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 472-1749	Nice outdoor biergarten in back. Potato pancakes and enormous pretzels are lauded at this authentic German pub.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Chef Klaus 20827 S. LaGrange Rd Frankfort, IL 60423 (815) 469-0940	Great German fare in a quirky environment with lots of memorabilia.	Elite Eats Guest	34 miles




Mexican

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Taco Grill and Salsa Bar 111 W Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 353-0964	Delicious Mexican food with an amazing variety of house-prepared fresh salsas.	Word of Mouth	3 miles 
Quesabroso 1805 S Wolf Rd Hillside, IL 60162 (708) 236-0346	My pick for the best authentic taqueria in the western suburbs. Excellent food for very little money.	Yelp	5 miles
Los Dos 2251 Maple Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 297-8337	Great regional Mexican restaurant. Warm and inviting space with friendly staff. Try the salbute – a chicken taco in a puffy shell.	LTH Forum	6 miles 
Yerbabuena 4734 Main St Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 852-8040	Extensive menu, colorful decor and outdoor seating mark this Lisle Mexican eatery.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles
MonteCasino Cafe Grill 53 E St Charles Rd Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 359-3525	Friendly service and excellent food help this Villa Park sit-down Mexican restaurant stand out from the pack.	Yelp	8 miles
Los Arcos Mexican Grill 7451 S. Woodward Ave Woodridge, IL 60517 (630) 434-9877	A surprisingly good Mexican cantina in a strip mall. Be on the lookout for daily specials. Good al pastor tacos.	Yelp	10 miles
Los Corrales 6713 W 26th St Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 484-9063	The very definition of a neighborhood restaurant, Los Corrales has super food for a great price. A good breakfast choice.	Yelp	10 miles 
Henry's Tacos 8420 S 88th Ave Justice, IL 60458 (708) 523-3121	The tacos here are authentic and well-filled. Friendly service and tasty salsas add to the experience.	Friend	11 miles
Antojitos Dona Maria 6121 S Archer Rd Summit, IL 60501 (708) 924-5167	Authentic and inexpensive Mexican fare near I-55 and Archer Ave.	Yelp	12 miles
El Pollo Vagabundo 101 W. Grand Ave Northlake, IL 60164 (847) 288-0713	A fresh salsa bar here provides a nice complement to the charcoal grilled chicken and inexpensive tacos.	Yelp	13 miles
Juanita's Mexican Food 2955 W. 59 th St Chicago, IL 60629 (773) 776-7551	Inexpensive Mexican eats in this Gage Park storefront. Everything from tacos to huaraches is on the menu here.	Elite Eats Guest	14 miles




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La Palapa 2000 West 34th St Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 376-9620	Mexican seafood in the Garfield Park neighborhood. Get your shrimp, langoustines and octopus here, along with ceviche.	HPL Staff	15 miles
A Toda Madre 499 N Main St Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 474-0969	Sister restaurant to Bien Trucha in Geneva, A Toda Madre serves upscale Mexican food	HPL Staff	16 miles
Totopos Mexican Rest. 2048 Aurora Ave Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 637-0418	Tortas are heavily represented on the menu here, but you'll find tacos, sopes, pozole, and cemitas.	HPL Staff	16 miles
La Rosita (taqueria inside market) 500 North Ave Glendale Hgts, IL 60139 (630) 534-6890	Best bang-for-your-buck tacos I've found in the Chicago metro. Amazingly large for the price.	Yelp	18 miles 
Birrieria Zaragoza 4852 S Pulaski Rd Chicago, IL 60632 (773) 523-3700	Surprisingly non-gamey goat tacos are featured here. Great stop if you're flying in to Midway (or picking up an out-of-town guest).	LTH Forum	18 miles 
El Milagro Taqueria 3050 W. 26 th St Chicago, IL 60623 (773) 847-9407	This busy counter-service taqueria next door to the tortilla factory has great food for a modest check size.	Elite Eats Guest	20 miles 
Carnitas Uruapan 1725 W 18th St Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 226-2654	This staple of the Pilsen neighborhood has been serving delicious pork for over four decades. Chicharrones are available too.	LTH Forum	20 miles 
El Taco Azteca 2151 W Cermak Rd Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 247-1103	This taco spot is a cut above most in the Pilsen neighborhood. You'll find Arabe (Puebla style) and cochinita pibil (Yucatan style) tacos here.	Yelp	21 miles
Carnitas Don Pedro 1113 W 18th St Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 829-4757	A half portion of carnitas (pork tacos) is more than enough for one person. It's all about the food here.	The Infatuation Blog	21 miles
5 Rabanitos Restaurante & Taqueria 1757 W 18th St Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 285-2710	Authentic Mexican in Pilsen with great flavor and beautiful plating in from a former Xoco chef. Try the torta ahogada.	LTH Forum	22 miles
XOCO 449 North Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 723-2131	Grab an inexpensive breakfast or lunch from Rick Bayless. The churros with thick dipping chocolate are really something.	Serious Eats	22 miles



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Topolobampo and Frontera Grill 445 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 661-1434	Rick Bayless' flagship restaurant, Topolobampo and less formal Frontera Grill have enchanted diners for years.	LTH Forum	22 miles
Big and Little's 860 North Orleans St Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 943-0000	Childhood friends skip culinary school and open a restaurant. Not exactly Mexican, but the fusion tacos here are great.	Serious Eats Blog	22 miles
Torteria San Lenchito 4810 N Drake Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 654-1547	Not many Mexican places hang their hat on torta sandwiches, but this Kimball neighborhood mainstay does so with good reason. You'll find about 20 varieties!	Yelp	23 miles
Bien Trucha 410 W State St Geneva, IL 60134 (630) 232-2665	Upscale delicious Mexican food. Truly a destination restaurant.	Elite Eats Guest	25 miles
Cemitas Poblanas 715 High St Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 801-8012	Replenish your energy after outlet shopping at this authentic Mexican spot. Try a cemita, a torta-like sandwich on a sesame seed bun.	Yelp	26 miles 




Cuban / Puerto Rican / Dominican

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Caribbean Corner 970 Warren Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 541-8641	Everything I've eaten at this Cuban restaurant has been great. They catered a Cuban-themed After Dark event for the Library in 2016.	Yelp	5 miles
Café Caribe 6138 W 26th St Cicero, IL 60804 (708) 548-8025	Great place to grab a Cubano, jibarito, or lechon (roasted pork) sandwich.	Yelp	10 miles
Morena's Kitchen 5058 W. Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60639 (773) 622-7200	Everything about this neighborhood spot in Belmont-Cragin is welcoming. Their <i>pica pollo</i> fried chicken bites are a must-try..	The <i>Chicago Reader</i>	17 miles 
Diana's Food and Restaurant 1000 N Francisco Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 235-9218	Casual Puerto Rican spot in Humboldt Park serving popular items like stewed chicken, Cubano sandwiches, and empanadas.	Yelp	19 miles
La Bomba 3321 W. Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 394-0106	Logan Square Puerto Rican joint with a varied menu, including lechon sandwich, blood sausage, and mofongo (stuffed plantains)	HPL Staff	20 miles
Punta Cana 2200 N. Kimball Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 292-7400	Dominican restaurant in Logan Square serving basic tasty fare. Try mangu for breakfast (mashed plantains with sautéed onions).	Yelp	21 miles
Cafecito 26 E Congress Pkwy Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 922-2233	Bustling café near Michigan Ave and Congress. Serve fabulous Cubano sandwiches as well as other exotic choices.	LTH Forum	21 miles
90 Miles Cuban Café 2540 W Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 227-2822	This BYOB spot in Logan Square offers a fun vibe. Tip: they offer sangria service using your wine. Outdoor seating.	Library Patron	27 miles
La Unica Food Mart 1515 W Devon Ave Chicago, IL 60660 (773) 302-2705	Cuban market with an attached café serving Cuban and Puerto Rican food. Has a cult following for its fair prices and authentic offerings.	LTH Forum	28 miles




Cajun / Creole

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Pappadeux Seafood Kitchen 921 Pasquinelli Dr Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 455-9846	You'll not find alligator on a menu closer to Hinsdale.	Word of Mouth	2 miles
Chuck's Southern Comforts Café 8025 S Cass Ave Darien, IL 60561 (331) 431-4000	Chuck's offers a number of Cajun dishes on the menu including etouffee and jambalaya. Great for breakfast too.	LTH Forum	6 miles
Heaven on Seven Wabash 111 N Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 263-6443	Located on the seventh floor of an office building, heaven on seven offers delicious Cajun food to hungry Loopers. Another location on Michigan Ave north of the river and one in Naperville.	Word of Mouth	22 miles
Maple Tree Inn 18849 S Dixie Hwy Homewood, IL 60430 (708) 388-3461	You'll find everything from beignets to jambalaya at this popular Cajun-Creole restaurant in the south suburbs.	Reddit	21 miles
The Cajun Connection 897 E Rt. 6 Utica, IL 61373 (815) 667-9855	Perhaps the best Cajun food you'll find in the Midwest. A good dining option close to Starved Rock State Park.	LTH Forum	75 miles 



Other Cuisines

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Nando's Peri-Peri 523 Oakbrook Ctr Oakbrook, IL 60523 (630) 230-4348	South African flame-roasted chicken chain. On the higher end of fast casual. Nice décor. A variety of spice levels available.	LTH Forum	5 miles
Dunav 8801 W Ogden Ave Brookfield, IL 60513 (708) 255-5218	Serbian fare served up in large portions in a rustic, unpretentious setting. Carnivores will rejoice.	Yelp	5 miles
Irish Times 8869 Burlington Ave Brookfield, IL 60513 (708) 458-8787	Great spot for Irish pub food with a charming back patio for al-fresco relaxation.	Yelp	6 miles
Tropical Times 1117 S 1st Ave Maywood, IL 60153 (708) 338-2003	This humble and brightly colored restaurant serves fantastic jerk chicken and other Caribbean favorites.	Yelp	10 miles 
Rica Arepa 4253 W. Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60639 (773) 543-3000	A fantastic introduction to the South American flatbread sandwich (Arepa). The Venezuelan owners are incredibly friendly.	LTH Forum	18 miles
Uncle Mike's Place 1700 W Grand Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (312) 226-5318	Filipino food is hot right now, and this breakfast and lunch restaurant is a good place to get the real deal. Try the Longanisa and Tocino.	LTH Forum	19 miles
La Serena Clantestina 954 W Fulton Market Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 226-5300	It is hard to find Brazilian food outside of the big churrasco steakhouses, but this elegant spot in the West Loop may be just the hip and romantic spot you seek.	Yelp	20 miles
Urbanbelly 1524 N Damen Ave. Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 904-8606	Rice, dumplings and noodles of all varieties at this Wicker Park Asian fusion restaurant.	LTH Forum	20 miles
Fat Rice 2957 W. Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 661-9170	Featuring cuisine from Macau, this restaurant fuses Portuguese, Chinese, India, Southeast Asia, and Africa into a delicious blend.	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles
Pa Lian 254 E Geneva Rd Wheaton, IL 60187 (331) 716-7905	The tea leaf salad is a popular menu item at this Burmese restaurant. The friendly owners are happy to guide newcomers through the menu.	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles
SanguChe 535 Fairway Dr Naperville, IL 60563 (331) 701-7175	Fast casual Peruvian sandwiches like Lomo Saltado, Also ceviche, while supplies last.	Yelp	22 miles



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Tanta 118 W Grand Ave Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 222-9700	Upscale River North Peruvian fusion restaurant by a chef with culinary outposts around the globe.	Reddit	23 miles
Astoria Café and Bakery 2954 W Irving Park Rd Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 654-1033	You'd have a hard time finding a heartier and more delicious breakfast dish than the komplet lepina at Astoria Café.	LTH Forum	24 miles MVP
Isla Pilipina 2501 W Lawrence Ave Unit D Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 271-2988	This neighborhood restaurant serves up Filipino comfort food. You'll find many of the classic dishes, including sisig, longanisa, lechon, and halo-halo.	Elite Eats Guest	24 miles
Tuquoise Restaurant 2147 W Roscoe St Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 549-3523	This Roscoe Village restaurant offers kabobs, a wide variety of salads, and hearty lamb dishes.	Elite Eats Guest	27 miles
Ras Dashen Ethiopian 5846 N Broadway St Chicago, IL 60660 (773) 234-9954	Delicious Ethiopian restaurant with a laid-back vibe. The sega wat entrée will satisfy those who like their beef more than a little spicy.	Friend	29 miles
Demera Restaurant 4801 N. Broadway St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 334-8787	A solid spot for Ethiopian if you do not want to make the long trek uptown.	Friend	30 miles
Maison Parisienne 3307 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 857-1636	Small counter service French café known for its coffee, quiche, and pastry. Pleasant outdoor seating on the back patio.	Elite Eats Guest	31 miles



Small Plates

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Davanti Enoteca 800 Hillgrove Ave W. Springs, IL 60558 (708) 783-1060	Italian small plates and wine are the focus of this hip rustic eatery.	Elite Eats Guest	2 miles
El Tapeo 2100 Spring Rd Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 828-2044	Spanish Tapas restaurant on the 9 th Floor of the Hotel Le Meridien.	Yelp	5 miles
Emilio's Tapas 4100 Roosevelt Rd Hillside, IL 60162 (708) 547-7177	Get a small-plates flavor of Spain here. Famous for its patatas con alioli (garlic potato salad).	HPL Staff	7 miles
Autre Monde Café 6727 W Roosevelt Rd Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 775-8122	Upscale Mediterranean restaurant in Berwyn serving small plates and other dishes. Outside seating available.	Elite Eats Guest	13 miles
Meson Sabika 1025 Aurora Ave Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 983-3000	Enjoy tapas and other Spanish fare in this historic mansion built in 1847.	Yelp	14 miles
Café Ba-Ba-Reeba! 2024 N Halsted St Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 935-5000	Lincoln park tapas restaurant also makes great paella. Bacon-wrapped dates are great.	Friend	22 miles
Ada Street 1664 N Ada St Chicago, IL 60642 (773) 697-7069	Hip upscale restaurant featuring small plates and well-crafted cocktails. Interesting small plates like fried black-eyed peas.	Four-square	23 miles
Tapas Barcelona 1615 Chicago Ave Evanston, IL 60201 (847) 866-9900	This Evanston mainstay for tapas and sangria has a warm and funky vibe. Outdoor seating is great when weather permits.	HPL Staff	29 miles



BBQ




Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Uncle Bub's BBQ 132 S Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 493-9000	Family-friendly BBQ restaurant in Westmont. Good pulled pork. Patron raved about their catering.	Elite Eats Guest	3 miles
Q-BBQ 70 S La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 482-8700	Can approximate regional styles with their variety of sauces (e.g., South Carolina mustard sauce, Carolina vinegar sauce, etc.)	Yelp	4 miles
Real Urban BBQ 2119 Clearwater Dr Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 908-4380	Order your barbeque at the counter at this casual dining spot. Choose from a plethora of side dishes.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
City Barbeque 1034 Ogden Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 869-1313	You will find all the BBQ standards here, along with inventive sandwiches. It's an up-to-date fast-casual concept.	LTH Forum	5 miles
Steamboat BBQ 322 E Geneva Rd Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 665-6227	You might not expect to find real BBQ in Wheaton, but the Chicago area food scene is full of surprises. This is worth the drive.	Yelp	15 miles
Sharko's BBQ 1715 Freedom Dr Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 857-3863	Tasty BBQ in comfortable, fast-casual surroundings just off I-88 in Naperville.	Yelp	17 miles
The Hog Wild 14933 S. Pulaski Rd Midlothian, IL 60445 (708) 371-9005	Cash only barbeque joint perhaps best known for its pork chop. Busy spot with loyal customer base.	Elite Eats Guest	20 miles
Green St Smoked Meats 112 N Green St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 754-0431	Warehouse-chic ambiance with picnic tables and a hip vibe. You might want to get spicy pickles or Frito pie to accompany your brisket at this West Loop restaurant.	HPL Staff	21 miles
Honky Tonk BBQ 1800 S Racine Ave Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 226-7427	Memphis style BBQ joint in the Pilsen neighborhood. They have bacon candy. Isn't that reason enough?	Eater Blog	22 miles
Smoque BBQ 3800 N Pulaski Rd Chicago, IL 60641 (773) 545-7427	Some say this is the best BBQ spot in Chicago.	LTH Forum	23 miles
Baobab BBQ 2301 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625 (872) 888-8922	BBQ with South African flair. Some of the spices and sauces are South African, but you'll find plenty that's familiar on the menu here.	HPL Staff	25 miles



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Honey 1 BBQ 746 E 43 rd St Chicago, IL 60653 (773) 285-9455	Specializes in pork cooked using an aquarium smoker.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Bombers BBQ 439 Ridge Rd Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-2662	By many accounts, some of the best BBQ in the entire metro area. Worth the trek to “The Region” (Northwest Indiana.)	Friend	34 miles



Breakfast / Diners

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Page's Restaurant 26 1/2 E Hinsdale Ave, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-9058	Tiny local favorite for traditional American breakfast and lunch classics. Apple cider donuts are a big hit here.	HPL Staff	<1 mile
Golden Basket 2 W Naperville Rd Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 960-0626	A nearby spot with reliable diner fare. The country benedict is a popular choice.	Yelp	3 miles
Blackberry Market 36 S La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 571-2221	Quick stop for a fresh breakfast – including sandwiches, avocado toast, and oatmeal.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Baked Apple Breakf. Co. 1224 Ogden Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 515-9000	Delicious breakfast spot in Downers Grove. The Company French Toast is remarkably good.	Yelp	5 miles
Butterfields 1 S 616 Midwest Rd Oak Brook Terr., IL 60181 (630) 495-2291	Large breakfast menu in a large and attractive space. Orange juice is freshly squeezed.	HPL Staff	5 miles
Country Cup Restaurant 6301 Joliet Rd Countryside, IL (708) 354-5282	This downscale diner is attached to a bowling alley and offers an incredibly cheap and tasty breakfast. Open 24-hours.	Yelp	8 miles 
JR's Place 4920 Lincoln Ave Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 986-5025	A classic diner found inside the Lisle Lanes bowling alley. Surprisingly good food here at the right price. Decent amount of seating.	Yelp	9 miles 
Les Brothers 7730 W 95th St Hickory Hills, IL 60457 (708) 233-0333	Great for breakfast (Dutch baby pancakes) and lunch. Inexpensive, but there can be a wait at peak times.	Elite Eats Guest	11 miles
Lily's Café 415 Crescent Blvd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-7755	A great neighborhood diner in Lombard. Good food and friendly service. Known for their chilaquiles.	Yelp	11 miles 
Buttermilk 1715 Freedom Dr. Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 423-6551	This popular breakfast spot in Naperville fills up quickly on weekends. The food is great, as is the well-maintained dining room.	Yelp	16 miles
Lou Mitchells 565 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 939-3111	Legendary diner a few blocks from Union Station. Lots of seating inside, though tightly packed.	Word of Mouth	17 miles



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The Palace Grill 1408 W Madison St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 226-9529	This Blackhawks-friendly diner is known for its friendly service and great breakfasts, but don't sleep on the Reuben.	Yelp	19 miles
Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits 2051 N California Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 276-8888	Logan Square bakery offering a number of savory breakfast biscuits. Get a slice of pie to go for later in the day.	LTH Forum	20 miles
Breakfast House 1800 W Grand Ave Chicago, IL (312) 997-2400	This homey breakfast spot in West Town has a mix of sweet and savory items on the menu along with Intelligentsia coffee.	Yelp	20 miles
Little Goat Diner 820 W Randolph St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 888-3455	Celebrity chef Stephanie Izard's upscale diner on the booming Randolph Street corridor is sure to impress.	Eater Chicago	20 miles
Cellar Door Provisions 3025 W. Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 697-8337	By some accounts, the best croissants you can get in Chicago. Great quiche.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Dove's Luncheonette 1545 N Damen Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 645-4060	Cozy and hip Tex-Mex diner in the heart of Wicker park serving fare like smoked brisket hash and chicken fried chicken.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Valois 1518 E 53rd St Chicago, IL 60615 (773) 667-0647	This cafeteria-style Hyde Park joint has been serving great food for decades. Count former mayor Harold Washington and President Obama among its devotees.	Reddit	22 miles
Bryn Mawr Break. Club 3348 W. Bryn Mawr Ave Chicago, IL 60659 (872) 208-7079	Hip north-side breakfast spot which updates breakfast classics with a quarter twist	Reddit	24 miles
The Southern Café 1819 Knapp Rd Crest Hill, IL 60403 (815) 744-9001	While this breakfast spot near Plainfield requires a bit of a hike, those who make the drive will get tasty down-south menu items in ample portions.	Yelp	24 miles
Café Vienna 2523 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 244-9922	Cozy café and breakfast spot in Lincoln park offering delicious pastries and hot chocolate to die for. A good value for the neighborhood.	Yelp	25 miles
Mortar & Pestle 3108 N Broadway St Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 857-2087	This small and chic Lakeview brunch spot brings global influences into its breakfast dishes. The indulgent will want to try their foie gras and eggs.	Yelp	25 miles


MVP



Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
M. Henry 5707 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60660 (773) 561-1600	A popular Edgewater breakfast spot, M. Henry offers up great food in a colorful atmosphere.	Yelp	27 miles
Tiztal Café (Chicago) 4631 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 271-4631	Their back patio offers beautiful breakfast dining during pleasant weather. Those in the know will add an oatmeal shake to their order.	HPL Staff	27 miles







Pub Food / Bar and Grill (New for 2019)

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Fuller House 35 E First St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 568-5466	Since opening in 2015, Fuller House has been a great success. It's dual-level interior and classic menu items have garnered many fans.	HPL Staff	< 1 mile
York Tavern 3702 York Rd Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 323-5090	A local institution featuring tasty pub fare. Burgers and pizza are particularly good.	Library Patron	1 mile
Neat Kitchen + Bar 246 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 541-9657	Neat's modern and inviting interior and elevated bar food set it apart from other spots in Westmont. Their unique taco selection is popular.	Yelp	3 miles
Pierce Tavern 5135 Main St Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 869-5333	The sister to Fuller House, Pierce Tavern has a rustic vibe to complement its all-American comfort food menu.	Yelp	5 miles
More Brewing Co. 126 S Villa Ave Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 501-1519	Located in sleepy downtown Villa Park, this modern brewpub breathes fresh air into the surroundings. You'll find everything from poutine to cheese curds on the menu here.	Yelp	8 miles
Ike & Oak Brewing Company 6315 Main St Woodridge, IL 60517 (331) 998-2907	Short-rib grilled cheese, Neapolitan-style pizzas, and pimento cheese dip are a few things that accompany the house-made beer.	Yelp	9 miles
Babcock's Grove House 101 W St Charles Rd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 613-8920	Babcock's flies under the radar in downtown Lombard. It's a great comfort food spot, with tasty sandwiches, burgers, and salads.	Yelp	10 miles 
Maize + Mash 430 North Main St Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 547-2540	The beautiful wood-accented interior sets the tone here, where you'll find craft cocktails, sandwiches, and comforting deserts.	Yelp	14 miles
Dusek's Board and Beer 1227 W 18th St Chicago, IL 60608 (312) 526-3851	This gastropub next door to Thalia Hall in the Pilsen neighborhood serves up brunch, lunch, and dinner with a hip, but not hipster, attitude.	LTH Forum	17 miles
Pleasant House Pub 2119 S Halsted St Chicago, IL 60608 (773) 523-7437	If you prefer your pubs on the British side, make sure to check out Pleasant House, where you will find Scotch eggs and savory pies.	Elite Eats Guest	17 miles



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Scofflaw 3201 W Armitage Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 252-9700	This gin-focused cocktail bar in the Logan Square neighborhood has a great reputation for snacks including charcuterie, bone marrow, and ice cream sandwiches.	HPL Staff	20 miles
The Gage 24 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 372-4243	You'll find a lot of good bar food on the menu at the Gage, which overlooks Millennium Park. Of course you'll also find 45-day dry-aged steaks, which help to distinguish the menu.	Elite Easts Guest	21 miles
Horse Thief Hollow 10426 S Western Ave Chicago, IL 60643 (773) 779-2739	The Southern-inspired menu of this brewpub features BBQ, gumbo, and burgers from grass-fed beef.	HPL Staff	23 miles
Band of Bohemia 4710 N Ravenswood Ave Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 271-4710	The first brewpub to receive a Michelin star, Band of Bohemia is justifiably proud of its kitchen. The adventurous will want to try the tasting menu.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Hopleaf 5148 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 334-9851	This Belgian gastropub has a lot to offer its Andersonville neighborhood residents, as well as those from well beyond. From steak frites to mussels, Hopleaf will please diners.	HPL Staff	29 miles
Three Floyds Brewery & Pub 9750 Indiana Pkwy Munster, IN 46321 (219) 922-3565	Famous for its limited release beers, Three Floyds also has a well-regarded dining menu. It's not a place for quiet conversation or quiet reflection, however. Heavy metal fans will find a lot to love here.	Former HPL Staff	36 miles

Sandwiches

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Fontano Subs 9 S Lincoln St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 789-0891	Good spot for classic Italian submarine sandwiches.	HPL Staff	<1 mile
Mojo's East Coast Eats 2758 Maple Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 796-2832	Seriously good Philly cheesesteak joint near I-355 on Maple.	Yelp	8 miles
Mr. Broast 833 E Roosevelt Rd Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 889-1188	If you like your sandwiches to have a little kick, try the peri chicken sandwich here. It's delicious. Also try the "zinger burger."	Yelp	8 miles 
Zenwich 416 N York St #B Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 359-5234	Delicious sandwiches with an Asian flair can be found in this small strip mall eatery on the north side of Elmhurst.	LTH Forum	10 miles
Big Guys Sausage Stnd. 7021 Roosevelt Rd Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 317-5213	Exceptionally good house-made sausage sandwiches here. Live a little and pair one with BG (butter and garlic) fries.	LTH Forum	12 miles 
Gene & Jude's 2720 River Rd River Grove, IL 60171 (708) 452-7634	Serves the best hot dog in the country, per <i>Every Day with Rachel Ray</i> and <i>Serious Eats</i> (topped with fresh-cut fries).	LTH Forum	14 miles 
Ellie's Deli 924 W 75th St, Ste 108 Naperville, IL 60565 (630) 355-3354	This sandwich and salad shop has something for everyone here, including panini, burgers, and veggie options.	Yelp	15 miles
Super Sub and Gyro 2810 W Marquette Rd Chicago, IL 60629 (773) 434-2222	The Jim Shoe, a South Side specialty sandwich, is made particularly well at this Marquette Park neighborhood fast food joint.	LTH Forum	20 miles
Cellar's Market 141 W Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 427-9833	Enormous fried fish sandwich offered on Wednesday and Friday. Found in the basement of the Chicago Board of Trade.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Mr. D's Shish-Kabobs 6656 W Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60707 (773) 637-0042	This Chicago neighborhood spot near Elmwood Park offers simple, but fantastic steak sandwiches accompanied by some of the best fries you can get in the area.	LTH Forum	21 miles 
Jim's Original 1250 S. Union Ave Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 733-7820	This is the place to get a Maxwell St Polish sausage sandwich – where it was invented.	Reddit	23 miles



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Merichka's Restaurant 604 Theodore St Crest Hill, IL 60435 (815) 723-9371	This Joliet-area institution is famous for its steak poorboy sandwich on a garlic "butterine" bun. It has old-school dark-wood paneled vibe, but that is part of its charm.	HPL Staff	23 miles
Monti's 4757 Talman Ave Chicago, IL 60625 (773) 942-6012	Great Lincoln Square spot for a Philly cheesesteak sandwich. They use the proper bun, according to Philadelphia transplants.	LTH Forum	24 miles
Steve Buresh's Cheesecake Store & Sandwich Shop 14210 S Rt 30 Unit 100 Plainfield, IL 60544 (815) 267-6785	While the Mason-jar cheesecakes get most of the attention at this charming strip-mall café, the sandwiches here are excellent. Definitely worth a stop if you're in the area.	Yelp	24 miles
Hot "G" Dog 5009 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 209-3360	The heir apparent to Hot Doug's. House made specialty sausages abound here. Duck fat fries on the weekends.	Yelp	27 miles





Steak

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Amber Café 13 N Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 515-8080	The few steaks on the menu here are well-prepared.	Library Patron	3 miles
Al's Char House 32 S. LaGrange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 354-6255	This western-themed steakhouse offers a lot of meat for the money in a rustic space.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Ditka's 2 Mid America Plz #100 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 (630) 572-2200	Steakhouse recommended by program Attendee. Available for special events (baby showers, baptism parties, etc.).	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Swift & Sons 1000 W Fulton Market Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 733-9420	The second-highest rated steakhouse in Chicago Magazines November, 2017 issue, Swift & Sons gets high marks for attentiveness and personalization.	Chicago Mag.	21 miles
Bavette's Bar and Boeuf 218 W Kinzie St Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 624-8154	Top-rated steakhouse in Chicago Magazine's recent list. Bone-in 42 day dry-aged Ribeye is specifically identified for praise.	Chicago Mag.	21 miles
Erie Café 536 W Erie St Chicago, IL 60686 (312) 266-2300	Delicious steaks served near the riverfront.	LTH Forum	22 miles
Chicago Chop House 60 W Ontario St Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 787-7100	Has that classic Chicago steakhouse feeling.	LTH Forum	22 miles
Maple & Ash 8 W Maple St Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 944-8888	Wood-fired steaks and a playful attitude are the calling cards of this Gold Coast steak house, ranked third in Chicago Magazine's top steakhouses article.	Chicago Mag.	23 miles




Italian Beef

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Paul's Pizza & Hot Dogs 3044 Wolf Rd Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 531-9080	Italian beef is one of the popular menu items in this strip mall casual restaurant. "Paul" is a former mayor of Westchester. Italian beef on garlic bread is an option here.	HPL Staff	4 miles
Little Joe's Restaurant 20 E Plainfield Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 352-9696	Quintessential burger and beef joint with a blue-collar vibe. The beef sandwich is tasty, though.	Yelp	4 miles
Portillos 7195 Kingery Hwy Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 789-0909	You can get a reliable Italian beef sandwich here. Multiple locations in the metro area. The drive-through is a model of efficiency.	Word of Mouth	5 miles
The Original Chickie's 4152 Roosevelt Rd Hillside, IL 60162 (708) 449-1000	Occupying a corner spot in a strip mall formerly occupied by Carm's. The staff is friendly; the food is good, though the giardiniera is unusual.	LTH Forum	5 miles
Bill's Place 1146 N Maple Ave La Grange Park, IL 60526 (708) 352-6730	A solid beef sandwich for a fair price. Also burgers, hot dogs, ice cream etc. They've catered a few HPL Staff events.	Library Staff	6 miles
Franco's 821 E. Chicago Ave Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 364-2854	This little casual restaurant sits by itself in a residential neighborhood, but those who find it will be rewarded by a sizable and tasty beef sandwich.	Yelp	13 miles 
Duke's Drive In 8115 S Harlem Ave Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 599-0576	Come for the beef, stay for the classic cars which congregate in the large parking lot on summer weekend nights.	LTH Forum	14 miles
Johnnie's Beef 7500 W North Ave Elmwood Park, IL 60707 (708) 452-6000	My choice for the best of the best. As good as the beef is, the combo (Italian beef with a sausage link) is even better. Don't miss the lemon ice on a hot day.	LTH Forum	14 miles 
Al's No. 1 Italian Beef 1079 W Taylor St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 226-4017	Al's on Taylor St is an iconic Chicago institution. The atmosphere is fantastic and old school. Check out the celebrity photos on the wall while you eat. During the summer, Mario's Italian Ice is open across the street.	LTH Forum	20 miles




Fried Chicken

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket 645 Joliet Rd Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 325-0780	Famous stop on Route 66 for great fried chicken.	LTH Forum	5 miles
Harold's Shrimp, Chicken, and Pizzeria 1400 Butterfield Rd Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 519-5152	Harold's has been a Chicago institution for years. This spot pairs their signature chicken (don't forget the hot sauce) with pizza.	HPL Staff	7 miles
Mini Hut 6659 W Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 586-2115	The chicken here is amazing, but the atmosphere is less so. They brine their birds and serve them piping hot from the fryer. Call ahead.	LTH Forum	8 miles 
Fry The Coop 623 W North Ave Ste 7, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 359-5223	If you like chicken sandwiches, you are in luck, because that is what they do best here. Even more so if you like it spicy.	Yelp	8 miles
White Fence Farm 1376 Joliet Rd Romeoville, IL 60446 (630) 739-1720	Sprawling, quaint, old-fashioned restaurant serving fried chicken and other classic dishes.	Word of Mouth	14 miles
Mandy's Soul Food Kitchen 431 N Bolingbrook Dr Bolingbrook, IL 60440 (630) 485-7291	If you like your fried chicken accompanied by legit soul food sides, Mandy's is a great place to go. Upstairs in a bi-level strip mall.	Yelp	14 miles
The Roost Carolina Kitchen 455 N. Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 877-5738	The chicken here is served crispy and hot, and is available spicy. They serve breakfast chicken sandwiches on biscuits for early risers.	Reddit	20 miles
The Budlong Revival Food Hall 125 South Clark St Chicago, IL 60603 (773) 770-6175	If you've been waiting for Nashville-style hot fried chicken, it's arrived. The Budlong has a stand in this popular weekday Loop food court location in the National Building.	Time Out Chicago	21 miles
Honey Butter Fried Chk. 3361 North Elston Ave Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 478-4000	Heavily breaded and deboned fried chicken served with honey butter on the side.	LTH Forum	24 miles
Chicken Shack 1925 Ridge Ave Evanston, IL 60201 (847) 328-9360	Named 1 of the top 21 fried chicken restaurants in the country per the Thrillist blog.	Eater Blog	29 miles








Seafood



Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Parker's Restaurant & Bar 1000 31st St Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 960-5700	While there are plenty of meat and poultry options here, seafood is king. Superb wine list. Excellent happy hour deals to be had (half-off items, including oysters).	Friend	6 miles
Shrimp Shack 6601 West Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 229-0700	Good spot for fried shrimp and other seafood choices. Also notably good fried chicken.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles
Troha's Chicken & Shrimp House 4151 West 26th St Chicago, IL 60623 (773) 521-7847	Best fried shrimp in Chicago? Taste for yourself at this legendary shrimp shack.	LTH Forum	11 miles
Catch 35 35 S Washington St Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 717-3500	Naperville outpost of the shellfish-centric seafood restaurant. Meat lovers can also feast on beef and lamb dishes. Nice décor.	Elite Eats Guest	13 miles
Hagen's Fish Market 5635 West Montrose Ave Chicago, IL 60634 (773) 283-1944	Fresh, smoked, and fried seafood on offer. The "salmon candy" (smoked salmon with the harshness taken away by maple sugar) is a must-try.	HPL Staff	22 miles 
Calumet Fisheries 3259 East 95th St Chicago, IL 60617 (773) 933-9855	Winner of a James Beard American Classic's award, Calumet Fisheries smoke fish like nobody's business. Carry-out only.	LTH Forum	28 miles



Burgers

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Country House 241 W. 55th St Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 325-1444	Come for the burger, stay for the haunted 2 nd floor.	Word of mouth	2 miles
Grill 89 800 E Ogden Ave #21a, Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 570-5889	The burger here is solid, and dressed traditionally. Other notable options include pot roast nachos, fish tacos, and the brisket sandwich.	Elite Eats Guest	2 miles
Standard Market Grill 333 E Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 366-7040	Prepared using quality ingredients sold in the store.	Library Patron	3 miles
Bakersfield 330 East Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 568-3615	This restaurant is owned and operated by the Standard Market/Grill people.	Elite Eats Guest	3 miles
Burger Antics 3740 Grand Blvd Brookfield, IL 60513 (708) 255-5182	Stop here to get your energy back after a trip to the zoo with these creative burgers. The brave may risk the “hotter than hell” burger.	Word of Mouth	6 miles 
Nicky's Hot Dogs 6142 S Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 585-3675	If you haven't had a famous “big baby” burger, this is the place to get one. It's no ordinary double cheeseburger!	WBEZ Curious City	9 miles 
Nick's Tavern 221 Main St Lemont, IL 60439 (630) 257-6564	Nick's has been serving up huge burgers for years. The half-pounder still rings in at around \$10, making for an excellent value.	Yelp	13 miles 
Paradise Pup 1724 S River Rd Des Plaines, IL 60018 (847) 699-8590	Serve their burgers and dogs backyard style-with some tasty char. Merkt's cheese fries offered. Good post-flight hunger buster.	LTH Forum	18 miles
Fatso's Last Stand 2258 W Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 245-3287	While Fatso's reputation has mostly grown on the basis of late-night dining, their burgers and fries hold up very well to sunlight.	LTH Forum	19 miles 
The Loyalist 177 N Ada St Ste 001 Chicago, IL 60607 (773) 913-3774	The Loyalist's cheeseburger was named one of the top three burgers in America by Bon Appetit magazine.	Reddit	19 miles
Top Notch Beefburgers 2116 W 95th St Chicago, IL 60643 (773) 445-7218	Old-timey burger joint in the Beverly neighborhood. No fancy burgers here. Do not skip the fries (unless you're a vegetarian).	LTH Forum	19 miles 



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Au Cheval 800 W Randolph St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 929-4580	Best burger in America per bon appétit. Hipster hangout in West Loop.	Eater Blog	21 miles
Gilt Bar 230 W Kinzie St Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 464-9544	If you'd rather not wait in line for the Au Cheval burger, you can get essentially the same burger at River North's dark and elegant Gilt Bar.	Eater Blog	21 miles
Max's Take Out 20 E Adams St Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 553-0170	A good spot for Loop fast food 1.5 blocks from the Art Institute. Try the gyro cheeseburger for a change of pace. Counter seating only.	Serious Eats Blog	21 miles
Owen & Engine 2700 N Western Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 235-2930	English-style pub which serves an excellent burger.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Redhot Ranch 3057 N Ashland Ave Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 661-9377	No frills burger spot serving them "smashed" style. Some see similarities to In-N-Out burger here.	LTH Forum	21 miles 
Schoop's 16703 Harlem Ave Tinley Park, IL 60477 (708) 781-9715	This Northwest Indiana fast food burger chain griddles them till they are thin and crispy on the edges.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Benny's Chop House 444 N Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 626-2444	A fantastic and huge \$10 burger. What a bargain at that price— includes fries.	LTH Forum	22 miles 
Boba Burger 8530 Waukegan Rd Morton Grove, IL 60053 (847) 410-7779	Interesting array of Asian-influenced burgers featuring toppings like kimchi and BBQ lechon. The hot dogs here get similar treatment.	Yelp	22 miles
Small Cheval 1732 N Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60647	The burgers are slightly smaller, less costly, and use thinner-cut bacon, but the effect is still yummy.	Eater Blog	22 miles
Shake Shack 1950 Spring Rd Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 413-1017	NYC import. Thin burgers, crinkle fries, and amazing shakes. Try the Bang Pie concrete (made from local pie product).	LTH Forum	23 miles
Kuma's Corner 2900 W Belmont Ave Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 604-8769	Heavy metal burger bar often cited on best burgers in Chicago lists.	LTH Forum	25 miles



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Edzo's Burger Shop 1571 Sherman Ave Evanston, IL 60201 (847) 864-3396	Legendary Evanston burger shack is the only location after their Chicago location closed.	Eater Blog	29 miles
Little Bad Wolf 1541 W. Bryn Mawr Ave Chicago, IL, IL 60660 (773) 942-6399	The Wolf Burger is a delicious three- pattied beast—served with onion straws and fried egg.	Thrillist Blog	34 miles



Pizza

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Baldinelli Pizza 114 S Washington St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 654-4600	It's hard to go wrong with Baldinelli's. The Library has used them numerous times for staff events with great feedback.	Word of Mouth	<1 mile
Giuliano's Pizza 40 Village Pl Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 734-1500	Tasty pizza in downtown Hinsdale. Not open for lunch, though.	HPL Staff	<1 mile
Altamura 9 W 1st St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 755-5252	Upscale take-and-bake pizza shop offering imported Italian crust. Other items for sale, including gelato, salads, and imported olive oil.	HPL Staff	< 1 mile
Lou Malnati's 4700 Gilbert Ave Western Spr., IL 60558 (708) 246-3400	Good deep dish pizza with a cornmeal crust. This location is carry out/delivery. Several other locations both in and out of Chicago.	HPL Staff	2 miles
Brama La Pizza 34 S Prospect Ave Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 320-2222	Pizza by the slice here is a really good value (\$5 with a drink). Popular with kids and families.	HPL Staff	2 miles
Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria 19 W Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 413-0126	Design your own individual pizza, they fire it for 90 seconds, and you're ready to eat.	Library Event Donor	3 miles
Giordano's 641 Plainfield Rd Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 325-6710	Another trustworthy small chain. This one features stuffed pizza.	HPL Staff	3 miles
Lucca's Pizzeria 108 W Burlington Ave La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 354-9990	Friendly staff and solid food in this cozy and charming La Grange eatery.	HPL Staff	4 miles
Ledo's Pizza 5525 S La Grange Rd Countryside, IL 60525 (708) 354-4500	Good pizza by most accounts. Dine-in ordering system is a bit confusing. Order first, and then seat yourself.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Zazzo's Pizza and Bar 7360 Rt 83 Darien, IL 60561 (630) 655-4788	Specializes in thin crust pizza. Lunch buffet on weekdays. Half priced appetizers 4-6 P.M.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Antonino's Ristorante 701 W Hillgrove Ave La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 579-9191	Friendly, but small neighborhood Italian joint with outside seating. Hand-tossed and pan crusts available.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles



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Angelo's Pizza 1001 Curtiss St Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 969-4394	Delicious pizza a block of Main St in Downers Grove. My current pizza of choice in the area.	Yelp	5 miles
Gulliver's Pizza & Pub 17 W 517 Roosevelt Rd Oakbrook Terrace, IL (630) 691-1888	Serve both thin crust and pan, but the pan is said to be better (eat on-site for best results).	HPL Staff	6 miles
Bricks Wood Fired Pizza 2770 S Highland Ave #7130, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 613-8830	This thin and crispy crust pizza joint has an Industrial-rustic vibe. Gluten-free crust available.	HPL Staff	7 miles
Home Run Inn 7521 Lemont Rd Darien, IL 60561 (630) 739-9696	Reliable Chicago chain of pizzerias.	Word of Mouth	7 miles
Pazzi Di Pizza 105 South York St Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 279-2323	Wood fired pizza and Italian favorites.	Elite Eats Guest	7 Miles
Pizza Track 10S650 Kingery Hwy Willowbrook, IL 60527 (630) 655-3375	The South-Asian fusion pizzas here are something special. If you like it hot, the Spicy Hunter Beef pizza may be the stuff of your dreams.	Yelp	8 miles
Armand's Pizzeria Victory Tap 346 Yorktown Center Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 785-3155	Pizzeria specializing in thin crust. Sizeable bar space for beer lovers.	HPL Staff	8 miles
Villa Nova Pizzeria 6821 Pershing Rd Stickney, IL 60402 (708) 788-2944	A great rendition of cracker-thin sausage pizza can be found here.	LTH Forum	8 miles
Q's Restaurant and Pizzeria 4841 Butterfield Rd Hillside, IL 60162 (708) 449-7488	Walking into this place is a step backward in time. The atmosphere is neighborhood Italian, and the pizza is good. They specialize in thin crust.	LTH Forum	8 miles
Little Pop's NY Pizzeria 1819 Wehrli Rd Naperville, IL 60565 (630) 210-8084	If you think Chicago can learn a thing or two about pizza from New York City, you'll be happy to check out Little Pop's.	Yelp	14 miles
Vito and Nick's Pizzeria 8433 S Pulaski Rd Chicago, IL 60652 (773) 735-2050	The locals call it "Nick and Vito's," but by any name, their thin and crispy pizza is delicious. A South Side staple.	LTH Forum	17 miles



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Flo & Santos 1310 S Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60605 (312) 566-9817	This curious melding of pizza joint, bar, and Polish restaurant has been a favorite of South Loopers for years.	LTH Forum	19 miles
Bonci Pizzeria 161 N Sangamon St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 243-4016	This trendy Randolph Street pizza shop sells rectangles of pizza cut-to-measure and fired on demand. Interesting and tasty toppings.	HPL Staff	20 miles
Phil's Pizza 1102 W 35th St Chicago, IL 60609 (773) 523-0947	This cash-only Bridgeport pizza joint reportedly has some of the best thin crust in Chicago. Primarily take out.	Reddit	21 miles
Piece Brewery & Pizzeria 1927 W North Ave Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 772-4422	This Wicker Park spot serves up New-Haven style thin crust pizza.	HPL Staff	23 miles
Spacca Napoli 1769 W Sunnyside Ave Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 878-2420	Pizza the way they make it in Naples, Italy. Simple, high-quality ingredients make for a good pie.	LTH Forum	26 miles



Locally Sourced

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Vie 4471 Lawn Ave Western Spr, IL 60558 (708) 246-2082	Hinsdale's resident Paul Virant's use of local and seasonal ingredients has led to a near rock-star chef status.	LTH Forum	2 miles
Lula Café 2537 N. Kedzie Blvd. Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 489-9554	This Logan Square farm-to-table veteran (nearly 20 years) is a great option for brunch or a Monday night prix fixe farm dinner.	HPL Staff	20 miles
Harvest Room 7164 W 127th St Palos Heights, IL 60463 (708) 671-8905	This surprising strip-mall gem packs a local punch, sourcing ingredients from regional producers, including a farm in Chicago Heights.	HPL Staff	20 miles
Farmhouse 228 West Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 280-4960	Small but popular farm to table restaurant. Opened a second location in Evanston.	Yelp	22 miles
North Pond 2610 North Cannon Drive Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 477-5845	Upscale Lincoln Park (literally) eatery with many ingredients sourced from area farmers.	HPL Staff	24 miles
Arbor 2545 W Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (312) 866-0795	Offer a Midwestern omakase tasting menu on Thursday-Saturday nights.	Yelp	25 miles
Longman & Eagle 2657 North Kedzie Ave Chicago, IL 60647 (773) 276-7110	Logan square mainstay featuring a nose-to-tail concept. Guest rooms available.	Zagat Guide	25 miles



Food Courts

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
International Mall 665 Pasquinelli Dr Westmont, IL 60559	Modest Asian mall with several good stalls in the food court.	LTH Form	2 miles
Richland Center Food Court 2002 S Wentworth Ave, Chicago, IL 60616	This basement-level food court in Chinatown has a good number of Asian vendors. It's not fancy, but it is authentic.	Reddit	18 miles
Chicago French Market 131 N Clinton St Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 575-0306	Several food vendors vie for your attention in the space below the Ogilvie Transportation Center tracks. Notable options include Frietkoten (Belgian Fries) and Pastoral (cheese and sandwiches).	LTH Forum	21 miles
Latinicity 108 N State St 3 rd Floor Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 795-4444	You'll find this nice Latin-flavored food court in the Block 37 mall development. Several options available.	Elite Eats Guest	21 miles
Revival Food Hall 125 S Clark St Chicago, IL 60603 (773) 999-9411	Impressive array of upscale food vendors in this beautiful space. Find everything from Nashville hot fried chicken to poke here.	Eater Blog	21 miles
Eataly 43 East Ohio St Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 521-8700	Italian food Disneyland. Enormous space with numerous drinking and dining stations.	Eater Blog	22 miles
Wells St Market 205 W Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 614-4176	The latest entry into the Loop's food hall trend, the WSM across the river from Merchandise mart is open on weekdays until 7pm. About half the square footage of Revival Food Hall.	Eater Blog	21 miles
Mitsuwa Marketplace 100 Algonquin Rd Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 956-6699	Massive Asian market with notable food court serving authentic cuisine.	LTH Forum	23 miles







Gluten Free / GF Friendly

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery 13 West 1st St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 908-7175	Great local gluten free bakery with friendly staff. Famous for their cupcakes, but you can even get gluten free trail mix. Also in Glenview.	HPL Staff	< 1 mile
WoodGrain Neapolitan Pizzeria 19 W Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 541-9249	(See Pizza Section). Offers a gluten free crust option.	Library Event Donor	3 miles
Protein Bar 2040 York Rd Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 990-7350	Numerous GF options at this healthy-eating chain. Vegan choices too. The smoothies are reportedly fantastic.	HPL Staff	4 miles
Prasino 93 South La Grange Rd La Grange, IL 60525 (708) 469-7058	A number of gluten free items available at this contemporary American restaurant. Use locally sourced ingredients where possible.	HPL Staff	4 miles
Wildfire 232 Oakbrook Center Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 586-9000	Large gluten free section on the menu. They will even provide gluten-free rolls.	HPL Staff	5 miles
Wok 'N Fire 590 Village Center Dr Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 323-5100	Offers a special gluten free menu.	HPL Staff	5 miles
NU Crepes 115 W. Schiller Ct. Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 577-7558	Sweet and savory crepes on offer at this downtown Elmhurst restaurant. Gluten free options for most items on the daytime-focused menu.	HPL Staff	7 miles
LYFE Kitchen 413 North Clark St Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 836-5933	Gluten free menu makes for a good lunch option in this chic River North space.	Yelp	22 miles



Delicatessens

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Kramer Foods (Deli) 16 Grant Square Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-0135	While grocery store delis are a bit out-of-bounds, Kramer's deserves an exception. Their customer service and quality are top notch.	HPL Staff	<1 mile
Shell Food Mart 210 E Ogden Ave Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-2477	Who would ever have guessed that you could get a great deli sandwich in a gas station? Not me. At the SE corner of Ogden and York.	HPL Staff	1 mile
Solty's Deli and Meats 305 W Ogden Ave Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 434-9129	Good neighborhood Polish deli with a number of hot items, including pork cutlets and potato pancakes.	Elite Eats Guest	4 miles
Berto's Deli & Pasta Shop 5004 Main St Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 493-0643	Neighborhood Italian deli in downtown Downers. Offer 6", 9", and 18" subs. Cannoli and tiramisu available to satisfy your sweet tooth.	HPL Patron	4 miles
Schmaltz Delicatessen 1512 N Naper Blvd Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 245-7595	Jewish delicatessen in Naperville. Portions are hefty, but so are the prices. Their new stuffed BLT (with beef bacon) is a hot seller.	Elite Eats Guest	11 miles
Al & Joe's Deli 10348 Addison Ave Franklin Park, IL 60131 (847) 678-6788	This Italian deli also has some of the best sub sandwiches you'll ever eat. Pick up some of their homemade giardiniera while you're there.	Yelp	14 miles 
Alpine Food Shop 10712 W. 31st St Westchester, IL 60154 (708) 483-6171	Check out Alpine's legendary deli sandwiches at this Westchester location. The mothership is in Elmwood Park.	LTH Forum	14 miles 
Conte di Savoia 1438 W Taylor St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 666-3471	Great Taylor St market and deli with made to order sandwiches, as well as a variety of imported Italian goods.	LTH Forum	19 miles 
Bari Foods 1120 W Grand Ave #1 Chicago, IL 60642 (312) 666-0730	Neighborhood Italian deli with excellent sub sandwiches. House-made giardiniera is superb.	LTH Forum	20 miles 
J.P. Graziano Grocery 901 West Randolph St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 666-4587	A classic Italian market with a great deli counter.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Manny's 1141 S Jefferson St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 939-2855	This Chicago institution serves famous corned beef and pastrami sandwiches cafeteria style. Good for breakfast as well.	LTH Forum	23 miles



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Steingold's of Chicago 1840 W Irving Park Rd Chicago IL 60613 (773) 661-2469	New artisanal Jewish deli not far From Graceland Cemetery. They use the highest quality ingredients. Limited hours.	LTH Forum	26 miles
New York Bagel & Bialy 4714 W. Touhy Ave Lincolnwood, IL 60172 (847) 677-9388	This is THE place to go if you are looking for a New York style bagel.	Reddit	27 miles
Max and Benny's Restaurant 461 Waukegan Rd Northbrook, IL 60062 (847) 272-9490	Jewish Deli and restaurant with a surprisingly large menu. Everything from matzo ball soup and pastrami sandwiches to various chicken salads are available.	HPL Patron	30 miles




Donuts (New for 2019)

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
BB's Baby Donuts 4472 Lawn Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558 (708) 246-1212	Miniature donuts made with a fun machine in front of you. Novel toppings and a cute design make for a very pleasant place to stop.	Yelp	2 miles
D & D's Place 8324 S Kedzie Ave Chicago, IL 60652 (773) 778-7007	D & D's place may have the best apple fritter in the metro area, and its standard donuts and "Texas sized" variants are well-regarded.	Reddit	18 miles
Do-Rite Donuts & Chicken 181 N Morgan St Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 624-8878	This up-and-coming local chain has amassed a devoted following in a short time. If you're not in the mood for a donut, you can try a chicken sandwich!	Reddit	20 miles
The Doughnut Vault 401 1/2 N Franklin St Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 285-2830	The doughnut vault was making fancy donuts in River North before it was cool to do so. Still a great choice.	LTH Forum	21 miles
Old Fashioned Donuts 11248 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60628 (773) 995-7420	According to many, this is THE best donut shop in all of Chicago. While it is not exactly convenient, it may be worth the drive.	Reddit	29 miles
Fresh Donuts 1188 E States St Ste A Geneva, IL 60134 (630) 208-0286	Wide selection of both classic and inventive (froot loops) donuts. Breakfast sandwiches also available for heartier appetites.	Staff	31 miles
Home Cut Donuts 815 W Jefferson St Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 727-3511	This very old-school donut spot in Joliet has delicious offerings at great prices. Anything with "angel crème" in the name is a sure bet.	Reddit	33 miles
Munster Donuts 8314 Calumet Ave Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-1709	Family owned shop offering tasty donuts for a great price. Some of the best in the Northwest Indiana region.	Staff	34 miles

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Bakeries (New for 2019)


Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Kirschbaum's Bakery 825 Burlington Ave Lower 1 Western Springs, IL 60558 (708) 246-2894	Serving the area for over 60 years, Kirschbaum's is known for their smiley face cookies, coffee cakes, German chocolate cake, and donuts.	HPL Staff	2 miles
Kirsten's Danish Bakery 94 Burr Ridge Pkwy Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 655-2066	This bakery offers everything from pastries to wedding cakes. And kringle!	Elite Eats Guest	5 miles
Ingram's Busy Bee Bakery Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 968-8830	Reliable choice for cakes, donuts, and pastries in downtown Downers Grove.	HPL Staff	5 miles
Weber's Bakery 7055 W Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 586-1234	Classic Chicago bakery in Garfield Ridge neighborhood. Large parking lot for the crowds which flock here to get cakes, donuts, and bread.	LTH Forum	8 miles
Kuppie's Bakery 42 S Villa Ave Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 832-0929	Great little bakery next to the Villa Park Ace Hardware. Cake and donuts are notably good. Go early for the best selection.	LTH Forum	8 miles
Pticek's & Son Bakery 5523 S Narragansett Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 585-5500	Old-world bakery near Midway Airport offering kolacky, sour cream cheesecake and other delicacies.	Elite Eats Guest	8 miles 
Cali Girl Cakes 681 W Boughton Rd Bolingbrook, IL 60440 (630) 863-7935	The pastries and desserts at this posh bakery are as beautiful as they are delicious.	HPL Staff	16 miles
Dinkel's Bakery 3329 N Lincoln Ave Chicago, IL 60657 (773) 281-7300	The weekend crowds at this German bakery can get a little out of hand, but the ticket system keeps it moving. Check out the stollen (a Christmas bread), the chocolate donuts, and pretzels. Sit-down café here too.	LTH Forum	28 miles



Specialty Food Resources

Restaurant Name, Address and Phone	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Hinsdale Fruit Store 26 W 1st St Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 655-1893	Excellent quality fresh produce here. You can also get smoothies, soups, and salad. Bring cash.	Word of mouth	<1 mile
Burhop's Seafood Market 12 Grant Square Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 887-4700	Known primarily for their high-quality fresh fish, Burhop's also has some made-to-order items available for carry out, including lobster rolls.	Word of Mouth	<1 mile
Prime 'N Tender Meats 777 N York Rd Ste 4 Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 887-0088	Gateway Square high-end butcher shop where only the best proteins can be found.	Yelp	1 mile
Whole Grain Fresh Market 665 Pasquinelli Drive # C Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 323-8180	Good source for hard-to-find Asian ingredients (Thai chilies, palm sugar, etc.) They are not putting profits into interior design, however.	Word of mouth	2 miles
Caputo Cheese Market 1931 N 15th Ave Melrose Park, IL 60160 (708) 450-0469	Excellent selection of cheeses, especially those imported from Europe. Pair this with a trip to Johnnie's Beef and you are a boss.	LTH Forum	14 miles
The Nut House 7281 West 87th St Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 233-6887	Top-notch nuts and confections in this Bridgeview strip mall. They roast all of their nuts on site. Particularly good pistachios.	Yelp	14 miles
Patel Brothers 1568 Ogden Ave, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 857-3440	A remarkable array of Indian groceries and goods at the Naperville outpost of the Patel Brothers chain, which began on Devon Avenue in Chicago.	LTH Forum	15 miles
Gaelic Imports 6346 W Gunnison St Chicago, IL 60630 (773) 792-1905	Great variety of Irish and Scottish goods on sale here, including meat pies, candy, and snacks. This is where I get my Curly Wurly and Crunchy candy bar fix stateside.	Yelp	20 miles
Winston's Market 7961 W. 159 th St Tinley Park, IL 60477 (708) 633-7500	An Irish market, bakery and deli. You'll find everything from black and white pudding to rashers and soda bread. They offer catering as well.	Library Patron	21 miles
Seafood City 5033 N Elston Ave Chicago, IL 60630 (773) 295-1658	Huge Filipino market. Jollibee fast food store located at front of the building, and a good food court treats shoppers inside.	Elite Eats Guest	22 miles



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Fresh Farms 5740 W. Touhy Ave Niles, IL 60714 (847) 779-7343	While perhaps best known for its massive produce department, Fresh Farms has a remarkable variety of ethnic prepared and packaged foods from around the globe.	LTH Forum	25 miles
Middle East Bakery and Grocery 1512 W Foster Ave Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 561-2224	If you're in Andersonville, make a stop at this neighborhood bakery and grocery to pick up delicious pita, hummus and baba ghannouj.	LTH Forum	26 miles
Rogers Park Fruit Market 7401 N Clark St Chicago, IL 60626 (773) 262-3663	Look no further for your Caribbean and African grocery needs than this neighborhood market. You'll find plantains, jerk seasonings, hot pepper sauces,	LTH Forum	27 miles
Joong Boo Market 3333 N. Kimball Ave Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 478-5566	The small food stall inside his Korean market offers a good value, but the stand outside, which sells buns as big as your fist, is legendary.	LTH Forum	30 miles 



Food Festivals

Name and Location	Notes	Source Used	Distance from Hinsdale Public Library
Taste of Randolph St 900 W. Randolph St Chicago, IL 60607	3-day weekend (Fri-Sun) in mid-June https://www.starevents.com/event/taste-of-randolph/		20 miles
Windy City Ribfest W. Lawrence Ave & N. Broadway., Chicago, IL	Last weekend in June (limited historical info) https://www.windycityribfest.com		26 miles
Naperville Ribfest Knoch Park 724 S. West St Naperville, IL 60540	First weekend in July http://www.ribfest.net/		13 miles
Hungarian Gulyás Festival Norridge United Church of Christ 8260 W. Foster Ave Norridge, IL 60706	Weekend after July 4 th https://www.gulyasfestival.com/		17 miles
Taste of Evanston Dawes House 225 Greenwood St Evanston, IL 60201	Early to mid-July https://www.tasteofevanston.org/		34 miles
Big Greek Food Fest of Niles Holy Taxiarchi & St Haralambos Church 7373 N. Caldwell Ave Niles, IL 60714	3-day weekend (Fri-Sun) in mid-July https://www.biggreekefoodfestofniles.org/		21 miles
Pierogi Fest 119 th St between Central Ave & New York Ave Whiting, IN	Last weekend in July https://www.pierogifest.net/	LTH Forum	37 miles
Taste of Chicago Columbus Ave between Monroe St & Balbo Ave, Chicago, IL 60602	5 Days annually in July https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/taste_of_chicago.html	Word of Mouth	25 miles
Ginza Holiday – Japanese Cultural Fest 435 W. Menomonee Chicago, IL 60614	Annually in August https://ginzaholiday.com/ (In Old Town)		24 miles
SerbFest 5701 N Redwood Dr. Chicago, IL 60631	Annually in early August. Benefit for Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church. https://www.serbfestchicago.com/	LTH Forum	17 miles



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Taste of Greektown S. Halsted St at W. Van Buren St Chicago, IL 60607	Last full weekend in August https://www.chicagoevents.com/events/tasteofgreektown/		20 miles
Taste of Melrose Park Melrose Park Village 25 th Ave & Lake St Melrose Park, IL 60160	Labor Day weekend https://www.melrosepark.org	HPL Staff	10 miles
Taste of Polonia Copernicus Cultural & Civic Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave Chicago, IL 60630	Labor Day weekend https://topchicago.org/		21 miles
Chicago Food Truck Festival LaBagh Woods W. Foster Ave & N. Cicero Ave Chicago, IL 60630	Next to last weekend in September (limited historical info) https://www.chgofoodtruckfest.com/		22 miles
Oktoberfest Chicago 1429 W. Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	Last weekend in September (limited historical info) https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/nghdfest30.html		25 miles

