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Hamilton Restaurants

Westdale Village
10 – 20 minute walk from McMaster University

$ Saigon Asian – 1024 King Street W.
Vietnamese soups (pho) and other dishes. Satay beef vermicelli is one of BDG’s favourite’s. Good quality, remarkably cheap. Easy walk from campus (~ 10 minutes) Beware: They do not have a liquor license.

$$ Bean Bar - 1012 King St. W.
Eclectic menu, salads, upscale burgers, pasta, seafood, amazing desserts. Best place to eat in Westdale Village. Don’t take reservations for dinner. Local success story.

$$ Dragon Court – 988 King Street W.
Good Chinese restaurant.

$$ Montfort - 1019 King Street W.
A Mediterranean cuisine chain restaurant.

$$ Valentino’s – 824 King St. W
Italian restaurant with very good desserts (Sicillian canolli highly recommended) and gelato. At far end of Westdale (~ 25 minute walk from campus), on King Street, near Highway 403.

$$ Koosh Bistro – 1047 King Street W.
Very nice, but small bistro. Easy walk (10 minutes from campus). More reasonably priced than either 1010 or Quatrafoil.

$$$ 1010 Bistro – 1010 King St. W.
Significantly more expensive than the Bean Bar or Koosh, especially for dinner, but similarly eclectic. No burgers but pasta, seafood, game dishes.

Coffee Shops in Westdale Village (all about a 10 – 15 minute walk from campus):

My Dog Joe – 1020 King Street W.
Easy walk from McMaster. Good coffee - mostly a student hang out, but nice. Light meals and even beer as well!

Second Cup – 1004 King Street W.
Nice patio.
Dundas

4.5 kms from McMaster, too far to walk for most people

$$$$ Quatrefoil – 16 Sydenham St., Dundas
One of the best restos in southern Ontario (including Toronto and the Niagara peninsula)
Imaginative seasonal menus. Excellent wine list including many local wines by the glass. Probably worth a Michelin star (my opinion). Chefs (and husband and wife) Fraser Macfarland and Georgina Mitropoulos trained in Europe in Michelin starred places and in Toronto at Scaramouche.

$$ Bangkok Spoon Deluxe – 57 King Street W., Dundas
Very nice Thai restaurant. Not too expensive.

Locke Street

4.5 kms from McMaster, may be a bit too far to walk most people

$$ Il Fiasco – 182 Locke St. South (905)522-8549
Bistro-style food with a neighborhood feel. Some good beers on tap as well as wines by the glass or bottle. Great specials. Closed Mondays.

$$ Siam Dish – 137 Locke St. South (905)393-2525
Thai food: a new addition to Locke St. Open for lunch and dinner.

$$ Chuck’s Burger Bar 194 Locke St. South (905)525-1000
Gourmet burgers and the like. 60 different toppings and 9 different types of poutine! Poutine, for the uninitiated consists of French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy. At Chuck’s you can get braised short ribs, wild mushrooms and other high end toppings.

$ West Town Bar & Grill – 214 Locke St. South (905)570-1412
A mid-size bar with a decent food selection. Lots of TV’s if the playoffs are still going strong.

$$ Earth to Table Bread Bar 258 Locke St. South (905)522-2999
Artisan bakery and pizzeria. Great local and often organic ingredients. Also has burgers and a range of specials at dinner.

$ NaRoma Pizza Bar 215 Locke St. South (905)525-6699
Variety of Roman-style pizzas. Now has outdoor (and indoor) seating.
James Street North
6 kms from McMaster, too far to walk for most people

Little Portugal, several traditional and more modern Portuguese restos.

$$ Acclamation – 191 James North
One of the more modern Portuguese cuisine types.

$$ Wild Orchid – 286 James North
A more traditional Portuguese menu. Gigantic portions. Seafood a specialty.

$$ Ventura’s Signature Restaurant – 178 James North
The most traditional of the bunch. Seafood specialists. Feature “bacalhou” (salt cod) prepared several ways. Portuguese cheeses, chorizo, caldo verde, etc.

Indian food! James North is also home to one of Hamilton’s best Indian Restos.

$$ Gate of India – 201 James North
Bangladeshi style, tandoori dishes a specialty. Have been in same location since 1987, so they are doing something right.

James Street South

$$ Bistro Parisiene – 150 James South
Traditional French bistro dishes. escargots bourgogne, coq au vin, steak frites, ris de veau (sweetbreads), pâte lapin, moules provençal, etc. Prix Fixe menu good value. Dishes you won’t find anywhere else in Hamilton.

$$ Boo’s Bistro and Wine Bar– 164 James South
“Fusion cuisine”. Asian and western influenced food. Chef is Malaysian. Very eclectic menu.

$$ Piazza Allegro – 180 James South
Chef Mark Farrugia and the resto have been around since 1997. In a city with a sizeable Italian population (mostly from Sicily) this is a standout place. Huge selection of pastas and traditional dishes such as osso buco, saltimbocca alla romano, etc.