

# DINE/DRINK

2025

DOWNTOWN CARBONDALE, IL



THREE DOZEN SPOTS TO EAT & MEET

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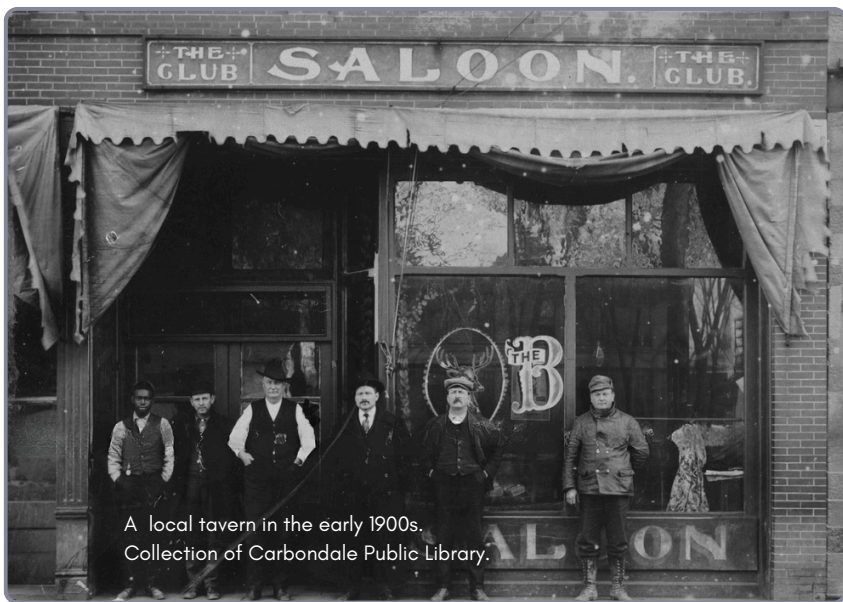
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MAIN STREET**

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# A HISTORY OF HOSPITALITY



Why does Carbondale, IL offer such a wide variety of bars and restaurants? First, Carbondale has been a transportation hub since the city's founding in the 1850s. Secondly, we're home to Southern Illinois University. We've been welcoming and feeding hungry travelers and students for decades.

In addition, Carbondale is one of the most diverse cities in our region. This diversity of cultures and cuisines has created a dynamic bar and restaurant scene. From long standing pizza shops and diners to bars, bakeries, and cafes, you're going to find what you want to eat and drink in downtown Carbondale!

# DOWNTOWN'S PIZZA TRAIL



A family gets ready to enjoy  
pizza at Quatro's.

Locals have their favorite, and it leads to good natured arguments. Each of our four independent downtown pizza places offers something unique. Do you want to grab a Big Red at Pag's before a ballgame? Do you prefer the old-school deep pan pizza at Quatro's? Other times Italian Village hits the spot, especially if you enjoy a salad bar with your slice. Finally, there are the new guys at Rip's making artisanal pizzas and brewing beer in-house. All in all, this sounds like the makings of a great long weekend in Carbondale!



## Italian Village

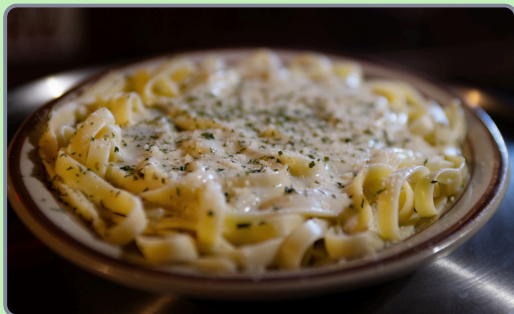
405 S. Washington St.

618-457-6559

Sun.-Thu. 11am-8pm

Fri.-Sat. 11am-9pm

***Classic pizza joint with  
salad bar.***



## Pagliai's

509 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-0321

Tue.-Sat. 11am-9pm,

Sun.-Mon. 4-9pm

***A favorite for more than  
70 years.***

## Quatro's

218 W. Freeman St.

618-549-5326

Everyday 11am-10pm

***Renowned deep pan  
pizza with iconic yellow  
cups.***



## Rip's Brick Oven Pizzeria

817 S. Illinois Ave.

618-438-7477

Wed.-Sun. 11am-10pm

***The new kid on the strip  
with a giant brick oven.***

# AN EVENING OUT



Whether spending an evening out with your friends, your family, or your significant other, downtown Carbondale has a number of great places to choose from. Underground Public House and Global Gourmet offer creative cuisine in comfortable settings. Tres and Buckwater provide upscale bar food and welcoming environments. All four of these warm and convivial establishments are open to guests of all ages, making them perfect for your next social engagement or family gathering.



A performer takes the stage at Tres.

## Buckwater Brew Works

213 E. Main St.

618-549-0282

Tue.-Wed. 3pm-11pm

Thu.-Sat. 3pm-12am

***A friendly bar and grill.***



## Global Gourmet

102 E. Jackson St.

618-549-0771

Wed.-Thu. 4:30pm-9pm

Fri.-Sat. 4:30pm-10pm

***Creative cuisine with  
worldly influences.***

## Tres Hombres

119 N. Washington St.

618-457-3308

Sun.-Thu. 11am-12am,

Fri -Sat. 11am-2am

***Great sandwiches with  
the freshest salsa.***



## Underground Public House

717 S. University Ave.

618-490-1586

Wed.-Sat. 5pm-9pm

Sun. 12pm-8pm

***Beautiful plates and  
dreamy cocktails.***





A bartender makes  
cocktails at  
Underground.

# COFFEE & CONFECTIONS



Tempting cupcakes at Branch.

Whether you're looking for coffee or a sweet treat, Carbondale has you covered. Both Cristaudo's and Branch Cafe & Market offer great coffee and baked goods, in addition to their full menus at breakfast and lunch. The Big Chill has been serving its famous ice cream on the Strip for decades. Blend is a favorite of students and locals alike. Alchemist's Brew is a recent addition in a unique location. Yummy Donuts and Lost Forest Coffeehouse & Pub are coming to soon.

## Alchemist's Brew

212 S. University Ave.

Mon. & Wed.-7:30am-10am

Tue. 1 pm - 3:30pm

Thur.- Sat. 9am - 12:30pm

***A little coffeeshop with  
magical flair.***



## Big Chill

508 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-5346

seasonally 12pm-10pm

***The best sundaes,  
shakes, and cones in  
southern Illinois.***



## Blend Tea & Crepe

719 S. University Ave.

618-319-1441

Everyday 11am-9:15pm

***Popular sweets spot for  
students & locals.***

## Cristaudo's

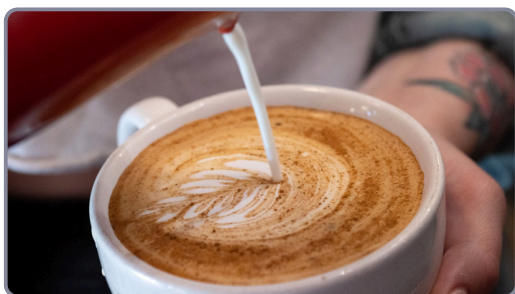
209 S. Illinois Ave.

618-529-4303

Wed.-Fri 8am-3pm

Sat-Sun 10am-3pm

***A Carbondale staple  
for more than 40 years.***



## Branch Cafe & Market

100 E. Jackson St.

618-529-4488

Wed.-Sun. 9am-3pm

***Reinvented & cozy spot  
for a coffee or a meal.***



# Lost Forest

520 S. Illinois Ave.

***Check online for  
opening schedule.***




## Yummy Donuts

606 S. Illinois Avenue  
in University Plaza

***Check online for  
opening schedule.***

Nutella crepe at Blend.



A woman with long dark hair is seated at a wooden table in a restaurant. She is looking off to the side with a relaxed expression. The background features a vibrant red wall with horizontal wooden slats. Several mirrors are mounted on the wall: a large rectangular one at the top, a smaller square one in the center, and a large ornate oval one on the right. The oval mirror reflects a sign that says "OPEN". In the foreground, the back of a wooden chair with a decorative lattice pattern is visible. On the table, there is a glass of beer, a bowl of food, and some napkins.

A guest relaxes  
at Cristaudo's.



# DOWN HOME DINING



Guests order breakfast at Mary Lou's.

The local diner is alive and well in downtown Carbondale. Harbaugh's and Mary Lou's are popular breakfast and lunch spots offering up some of the region's best homestyle cooking. From biscuits and gravy to frittatas, you can't go wrong with either choice. Maybe you just have to eat two breakfasts. Keep in mind, both restaurants close at 2 p.m.



Located between them along Illinois Avenue, you will find This n' That, which is open from lunch until 10 p.m. and late nights on weekends. This N' That offers American classics and soul food favorites like chicken and waffles.



## Harbaugh's

901 S. Illinois Ave.

618-351-9897

Mon.- Sat. 7am-2pm

Sun. 8am-2pm

***Close to campus with  
fantastic brunch food.***



## Mary Lou's

118 S. Illinois Ave. #5

618-457-5084

Tue.-Sat. 7am-2pm

***Great breakfast &  
daily lunch specials.***

## This N' That

709 S Illinois Ave

618-319-1142

Tue.-Thu. 11am-10pm

Fri. 11am-2am

Sat. & Sun. 8am-later

***New to The Strip with  
a homestyle menu.***



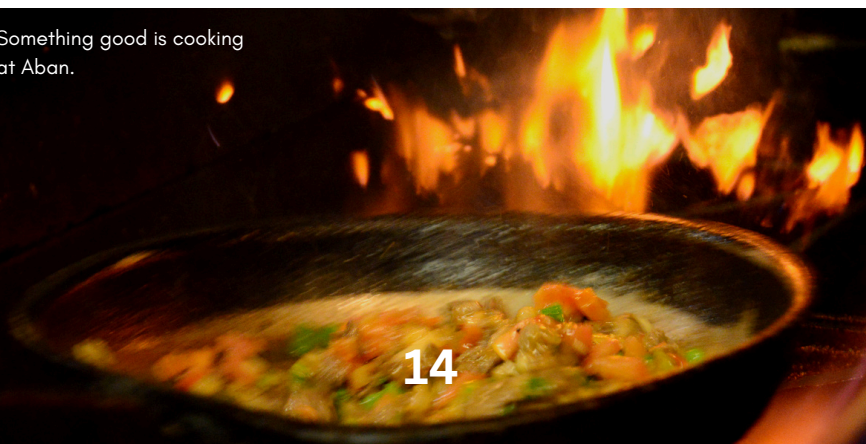
Chicken & waffles  
at This n' That.

# INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS



Yes, there's a lot of great American food in downtown Carbondale, but don't sleep on our international offerings. Thai Taste offers some of downtown's best Thai Cuisine (3 is hot enough for the author). On the next block, Aban's serves fresh Yemeni cuisine. Bombay Olive is a great spot for Indian, and the Chicken 65 is fabulous. Hidden behind groceries, Doña Camila serves up some of the best tacos and pozole that you're going to find. Chango's is a popular spot for burritos and nachos, and Pandería La Unica offers an array of pan dulces and other treats.

Something good is cooking  
at Aban.



## Aban Kitchen

114 S. Illinois Ave.

618-490-1455

Tue.-Sun. 4pm-8pm

***Fresh and fabulous Yemeni  
cuisine.***



## Bombay Olive

518 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-6680

Mon.-Sat. 11am-2pm, 5-9pm

***Some of the region's best  
Indian cuisine.***

## Chango's

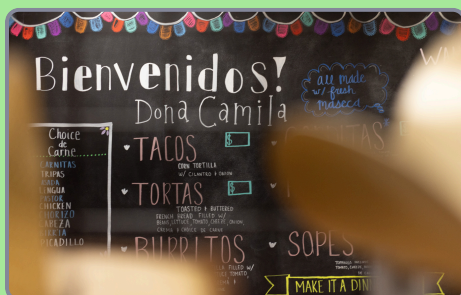
519 S. Illinois Ave.

618-534-5947

Mon.-Wed. 11am-10pm

Thu.-Sat. 11am-2:00am

***Carbondale's favorite  
fast casual Mexican.***



## Doña Camila

100 W. Jackson

618-457-0435

Everyday 9am-8pm

***Legit tacos, posole,  
and more.***



# Panadería La Unica

213 W. Main Street

618-521-9025

Mon.-Sat. 8am-5pm

***Fantastic breads &  
pastries.***



## Thai Taste

100 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-6900

Tue.-Thu. 11am-2pm, 5-8pm

Fri.-Sat. 5pm-9pm

***How hot do you want it at  
this incredible Thai cafe?***

Quiet moments before  
opening at Thai Taste.



# HOT SPOTS, COOL DRINKS



The crowd at PK's.

Are you looking for a cold beer or a colorful cocktail? Do you want to see your favorite local band? Are you looking for the perfect place to meet friends, both old and new? Downtown Carbondale has you covered. PK's, Traxx, and The Cellar are three over 21 Carbondale classics, each with their own unique styles. PK's and The Cellar both offer pleasant outdoor seating, and PK's also offers great bar food. In addition, Hangar 9, another longstanding favorite on The Strip, will be reopening under new ownership in the coming months. Indigo offers a great downtown space for events of all sorts.

## The Cellar

101 W. Monroe

618-529-9510

Mon.-Thu. 3pm-2am

Fri.-Sat. 1pm-2am

Sun. 11:30am-2am

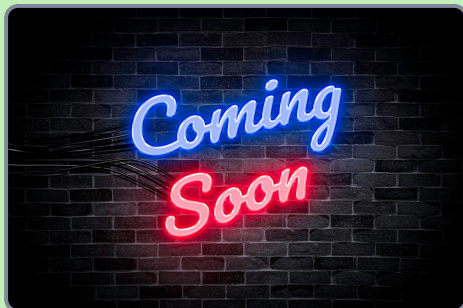
***Iconic sports bar with a  
great patio.***



## Hangar 9

511 S. Illinois Ave.

*Check online for  
reopening schedule.*



## Indigo

227 W. Main St.

618-457-0969

Open Mon. & Thur.-Sun.

Hours vary each day.

***A perfect spot for events,  
including live music.***

## PK's

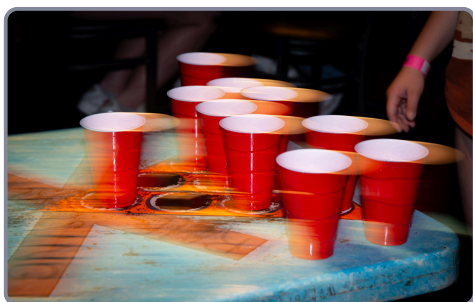
308 S. Illinois Ave.

618-529-1124

Sun.-Fri. 11am-2am

Sat. 9am-2am

***Open every day with cold  
beer and great burgers.***



## Traxx

206 W. Freeman St.

618-457-7599

Tue. 8pm-2am

Wed.- Sat. 3pm-2am

***A popular spot where  
you're sure to have fun.***





Fun at  
The Cellar.

# SUBS, DOGS, & SALADS



Chicago hot dogs  
make you happy.

Between college students, travelers, and active downtown workers, Carbondale is a place on the move. Whether you take out or take a seat, our downtown offers great quick bites. Grab a traditional Chicago hot dog, a Sal's special, a famous Booby's sub, or late-night gyro at Sam's. Regardless of what you choose, we promise that you won't be disappointed.



A beautiful  
lunch at Sal's.

## Booby's

406 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-3366

Mon.-Wed. 11am-9pm

Thu.-Sat. 11am-2am

***A Carbondale classic is  
reborn.***



## Chicago Hot Dogs

903 S. Illinois Ave.

618-434-2843

Mon.-Sat. 11am-8pm

***A southern taste of the  
Windy City.***



## Sal's Bistro

519 ½ S Illinois Ave.

618-549-0137

Mon.-Sat. 11am-7pm

***Fresh, fast, and delicious.***



## Sam's Cafe

521 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-2234

Open Tue.-Sun

Hours Vary

***Open for lunch and late  
when you've had a few.***





# NATIONALLY KNOWN

## Insomnia Cookies

704 S. Illinois Ave.

618-614-5648

Open Daily, Hours Vary

***Great cookies near campus.***

## Jimmy John's

515 1/2 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-3334

Everyday 10:30am-12am

***Tasty subs on The Strip.***

## Pizza Hut

310 E Walnut

618-503-9555

Sun.-Thu. 10:30am-11pm

Fri.-Sat. 10:30am-12am

***Longstanding American chain.***

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Scotch eggs at  
Underground  
Public House.

