

DINE/DRINK

DOWNTOWN CARBONDALE, IL



THREE DOZEN SPOTS TO EAT & MEET

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Carbondale Main Street's mission is to enhance and promote the economic and social vitality of Carbondale's Main Street district through the ongoing cultivation of a unique and quality atmosphere that attracts businesses and shoppers to our downtown.

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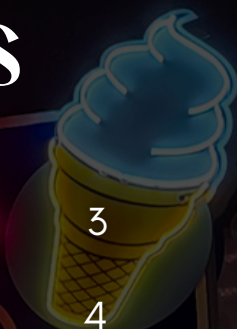
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A HISTORY OF HOSPITALITY



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 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 creative 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

Everyday 11am-8pm

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



Pagliari's

509 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-0321

Mon.-Fri. 11am-2pm, &

4pm-10pm

Sat. 4pm-10pm,

Sun. 4pm-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

Open Daily

Hours vary seasonally

***Artisan pizzas made in a
giant brick oven.***

Artisanal brick oven pizza from
Rip's Brick Oven Pizzeria



AN EVENING OUT



An evening crowd gathers at Buckwater.

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 Hombres

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.-Sat. 4:30pm-9pm

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

Tres Hombres

119 N. Washington St.

618-457-3308

Every day 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 Public House

COFFEE & CONFECTIONS



Fresh cup of coffee made at Lost Forest

Whether you're looking for coffee or a sweet treat, Carbondale has you covered. Both Cristaudo's and Branch Cafe & Market offer excellent coffee and baked goods, in addition to their full breakfast and lunch menus. The Big Chill has been serving its famous ice cream on the Strip for decades, while Chilly Jilly's brings a fresh take with homemade ice cream made from local ingredients. Blend is a favorite of students and locals alike. Lost Forest offers unique coffees, specialty drinks, and a variety of fun events. Yummy Donuts serves fresh donuts, but you'll want to get there early because they sell out fast!

Big Chill

508 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-5346

seasonally 11am-10pm

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





Blend Tea & Crepe

719 S. University Ave.

618-319-1441

Everyday 11am-9pm

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

Chilly Jilly's

606 S. Illinois Ave.

618-608-0335

Mon. -Thu. 11am-8pm

Fri. & Sat. 11am-10pm

Sun. 12am - 6:00pm

***Fresh made ice cream, with
locally sourced ingredients.***



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 Coffehouse & Pub

520 S. Illinois Ave.
618-605-9080

Mon.-Thu. 8am-10pm

Fri. & Sat. 8am-11pm

Sun. 9am-6pm

***A great place for coffee
and to hang out.***



Yummy Donuts

606 S. Illinois Ave. Ste 2

in University Plaza

618-490-1111

Mon.-Sat. 5am-1pm

Sun. 5am-12pm

Freshly made donuts.

Nutella crepe at Blend Tea & Crepe.



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. In front of her is a glass of beer and a wire mesh bowl containing food. The background features a red wall with horizontal wooden slats and several mirrors of different shapes and sizes. A large oval mirror on the right shows a reflection of a sign that says "OPEN".

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. Keep in mind, both restaurants close at 2pm. Looking for a hearty meal later in the day Sausea's serves seafood favorites from crab legs to fried catfish. Making it a great stop to satisfy your comfort food cravings.



Cooking up eggs at Harbaugh's Cafe



Harbaugh's Cafe

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.***



Sausea's Seafood

611 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-2449

Mon.- Sat. 7am-2pm

***Serving flavorful
seafood favorites.***

Early morning at Harbaugh's.



INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS



Interior signage at Thai Taste.

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 downstate's best Thai Cuisine. On the next block, Aban 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 Nina's Panadería offers an array of pan dulces and other treats.

Something good is cooking
at Aban.



Aban Kitchen

114 S. Illinois Ave.

618-319-1000

Sun., Tue.-Thu. 4pm-8pm

Fri.-Sat. 4pm-9pm

Fresh and fabulous Yemeni cuisine.



Bombay Olive

518 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-6680

Everyday 11am-9pm

Some of the region's best Indian cuisine.

Chango's

519 S. Illinois Ave.

618-534-5947

Mon.-Wed. 11am-11pm

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

Carbondale's favorite fast casual Mexican.



Doña Camila

100 W. Jackson

618-457-0435

Everyday 10am-8pm

Legit tacos, posole, and more.

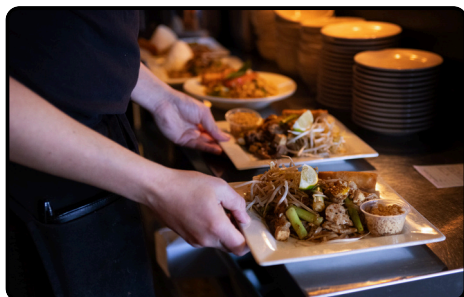
Nina's Panadería

213 W. Main Street

618-203-4074

Mon.-Sat. 8am-5pm

Fantastic breads & pastries.



Thai Taste

100 S. Illinois Ave.

618-457-6900

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

Sat. 5pm-9pm

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

Grocery items available at
Doña Camila



Cake made to order from Nina's Panadería



HOT SPOTS, COOL DRINKS



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 style. PK's and The Cellar both offer pleasant outdoor seating, and PK's also serves great bar food. Hangar 9 is a longtime downtown staple and popular gathering place for students and music fans, known for its live music and strong connection to the Carbondale community. Indigo offers a great downtown space for events of all sorts.

The Cellar

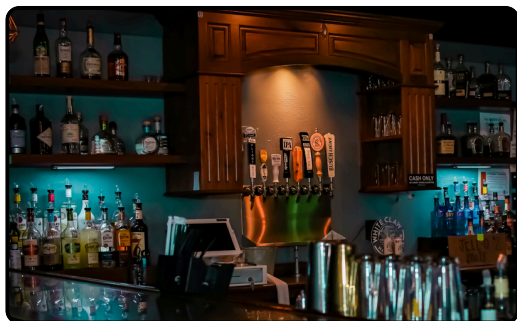
101 W. Monroe

618-529-9510

Mon.-Thu. 3pm-2am

Fri.-Sun. 1pm-2am

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



Hangar 9

511 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-4999

Tue.-Sat. 3pm-2am

***Live music, cold drinks,
and an energetic vibe.***



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.***



The Cellar's famous Bloody Mary



SUBS, WINGS, & SALADS



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.



Booby's

406 S. Illinois Ave.

618-549-3366

Mon.-Wed. 11am-9pm

Thu.-Sat. 11am-2am

Great Food. Great Drinks.

Great times.



Wadeyyy Wings

216 N. Washington st.

618-496-7202

Wed., Fri., Sun. 4pm-8pm

Crispy, fresh and flavorful chicken. No sauce needed.

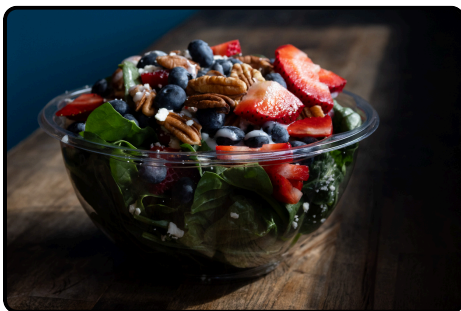
Sal's Bistro

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.

Wings fresh out of the fryer at Wadeyy wings



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.

Bandanas BBQ

704 S. Illinois Ave.

618-614-5648

Every Day 11am-9pm

Delicious Southern Style BBQ.

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Scotch eggs at
Underground
Public House.

