

Conference Organizer Favorite Eateries in the Area

These suggestions are for groups who would like to try some of the wonderful places available in the area off campus. For these, you would need to gather together with others in a car and drive. Only one is more than a ten-minute drive. Some, like Fiddler's Hearth and the others in downtown South Bend, are about a five-minute drive.

There are obviously dozens of other restaurants in the area; many of them are very fine. There are, for example, some really authentic Mexican food places west of South Bend in the Mexican neighborhoods. Explore. Enjoy. There are also some nice places for an evening alcohol beverage, if that is something that interests you. I have listed a few at the very bottom.

Fiddler's Hearth

127 N. Main Street, South Bend

- Wonderful Irish Pub

Bruno's Pizza

131 S. Michigan St., South Bend

-or-

2202 E. Mishawaka Ave., Mishawaka

- Glorious, cheesy pizza

Woo Chi

119 N. Michigan St., South Bend

- Very good sushi and Asian food

CJ's Pub

236 S. Michigan, South Bend

- Tremendous burgers, great pub food

Crooked Ewe Brewery and Ale House

1047 Lincoln Way East, South Bend

- Great BBQ and spicy tacos and they brew their own beer

South Bend Brew Works

321 S. Main Street, South Bend

- Another fine brew pub with fine brew pub food

Evil Czech

3703 N. Main Street, Mishawaka

- Another fine brew pub with fine brew pub food; but it's in the other direction, east toward Grape Road, rather than in downtown South Bend

Polito's Pizza

401 N. Hickory Rd., South Bend

- Although in South Bend, it is also out east of campus toward Grape Road, rather than in downtown. Unfussy joint offering thin-crust and stuffed pizza, sandwiches and Italian eats such as baked ziti. If you want a calzone or to sample an incredible stuffed pizza slice (both of which are highly recommended unless you are gluten intolerant), then this is a good place.

For somewhat more upscale dining:

Café Navarre

101 N. Michigan, South Bend

- Very nice restaurant in a re-done 1920s bank building

LaSalle Grill

115 W. Colfax, South Bend

- Probably the nicest restaurant in town, except for:

The Carriage House Restaurant and Gardens

24460 Adams Rd, South Bend

- This is a place for foodies, but it is about a twenty-minute drive outside of town into the countryside. Their restaurant is excellent, but you might also want to consider sitting outside in the back garden, where they serve somewhat less expensive specialty burgers and pizza. You might also want to check and make a reservation because they just re-opened after a renovation of some sort. It also a bit hard to find out in the countryside unless you have GPS on your phone guiding you.

Corndance Tavern

4725 Grape Road, Mishawaka

- Farm-to-table restaurant, locally sourced food; pleasant ambience, not too expensive (depending on what you get, obviously)—or, to put this another way, not *as* expensive as some of the other upscale places. The only place I know where you can get a piece of meat with a huge sword through it.

Roselily

701 S Main St, South Bend

- Newer place; I've never been, but everyone who has says it is superb—like, best in town superb.

Local Bars Where You Can Get an Adult Beverage

If you just want a beer, you might just as well stop off in Fiddler's Hearth. There is usually live Irish music, and it's just a very pleasant place to sit and talk.

If you want a Manhattan, Old Fashioned, or something of that sort, you might try:

Hammer and Quill

613 E. Jefferson, South Bend

- These guys make the best cocktails in town; smallish, pleasant place, not fussy.

The Exchange Whiskey Bar

112 W. Jefferson Blvd

- This is the nicest looking place in town, in the lobby of former bank, 1920s look and feel

LaSalle Grill has a very nice bar on the third floor of the building

Rohr's, in the Morris Inn on campus, has a full bar and comfortable patio out back; it's particularly convenient for folks staying in the dorms. See if you can catch Notre Dame legend Murph behind the bar.