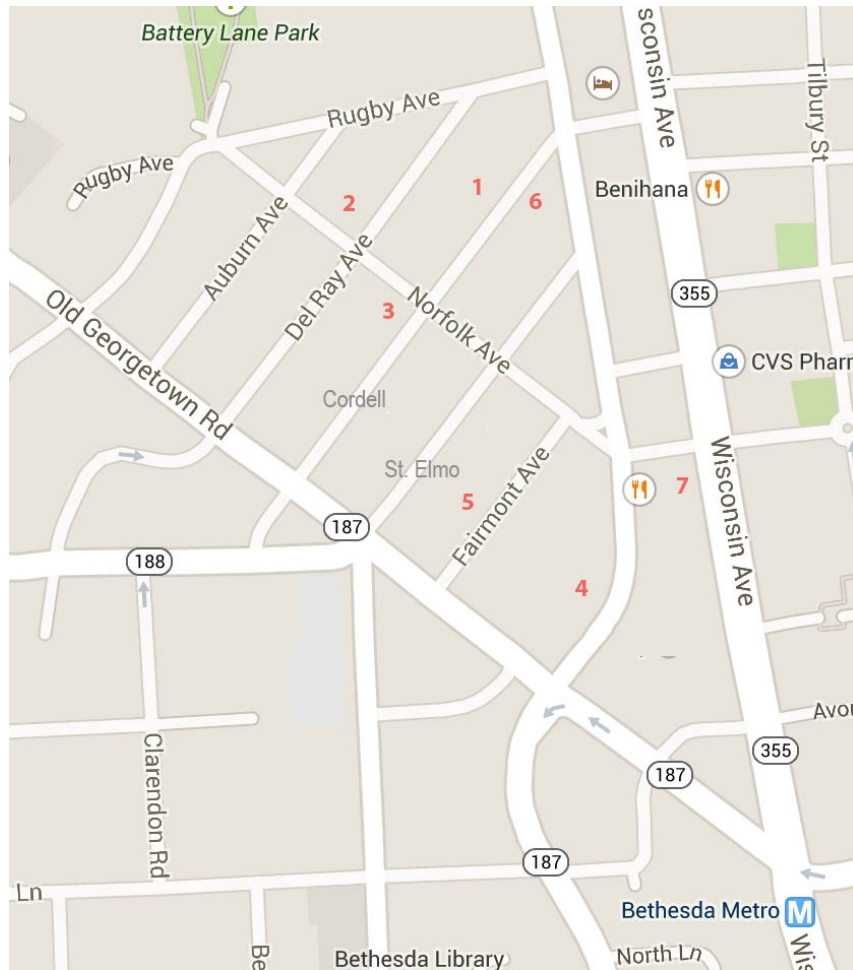


# Bethesda Restaurant Districts

There are two Bethesda Restaurant districts in walking distance from the Bethesda Metro. A free circulator bus connects the two areas.

## ***Bethesda Row or Bethesda West***

The more trendy one is south, Bethesda Row or Bethesda West. Walk about 3 blocks south of the Bethesda Metro station (at the Hyatt) along Wisconsin and 2 blocks west to reach the Bethesda restaurant district known as "Bethesda Row". The numbers indicate a few of the restaurants in that area that are described below.



- All restaurants along this street have both sidewalk dining and indoor dining*
1. American Tap Room – casual, burgers, sandwiches, beer, loud
  2. The Mussel Bar – good selection of Belgian and other ales on tap, mussels, flatbread. Trendy
  3. \*Raku – Asian fusion, one of our favorites
  4. Tandoori Nights – recently replaced the prior Indian restaurant that was good. We haven't eaten at this new restaurant yet.
  5. \*Jaleo's – Tapas, bistro very lively atmosphere, loud, a favorite. Trendy

6. Mon Ami Gabi – steak frites, bistro. Sometimes musicians in the bar
7. Deluxe café – modern American food, lamb sandwiches. Popular happy hour in the bar.
8. Mama Lucia's – pasta, Italian, relatively inexpensive.
9. Lebanese Taverna – middle eastern food, big tables for groups, moderate prices, but the food is always a little disappointing to me
10. \*Redwood – new American food, big restaurant with many large tables indoors and outdoors. Not too loud. Wine specials, music certain days, entrees in \$25-30 range. Good for group dinners.
11. Many less expensive restaurants are on this block
  - a. Nando peri-peri (rotisserie chicken; counter ordering, bring to table)
  - b. Sweetgreens (salads; counter ordering)
  - c. 5 guys (burgers; counter ordering)
  - d. Cava – (gyros, falafal; counter ordering)
  - e. Georgetown cupcake
  - f. Tara Thai (table service). Moderate cost, good food.

#### Outside the “row”

12. \*Food Wine and Company -Modern american bistro, raw bar, charcuterie. \$20-30 entrées. A current favorite
13. Ruth's Chris steakhouse (expensive)
14. \*Pines of Rome (inexpensive, family style Italian, no reservations taken, very old Bethesda restaurant, not trendy but a favorite of ours)
15. Cesco Osteria (italian, expensive, reservations recommended). We haven't eaten here since it moved and went upscale. Reputation for good food.
16. Morton's the steak (expensive)
17. The very large arrow points to the Bethesda Crab House about 1 block further down Bethesda Ave. Whole crabs on newspaper with mallets on outdoor picnic tables - a Maryland tradition, Chesapeake Bay blue crabs. The menu is very limited: crabs, shrimp, beer and occasionally soda crackers.

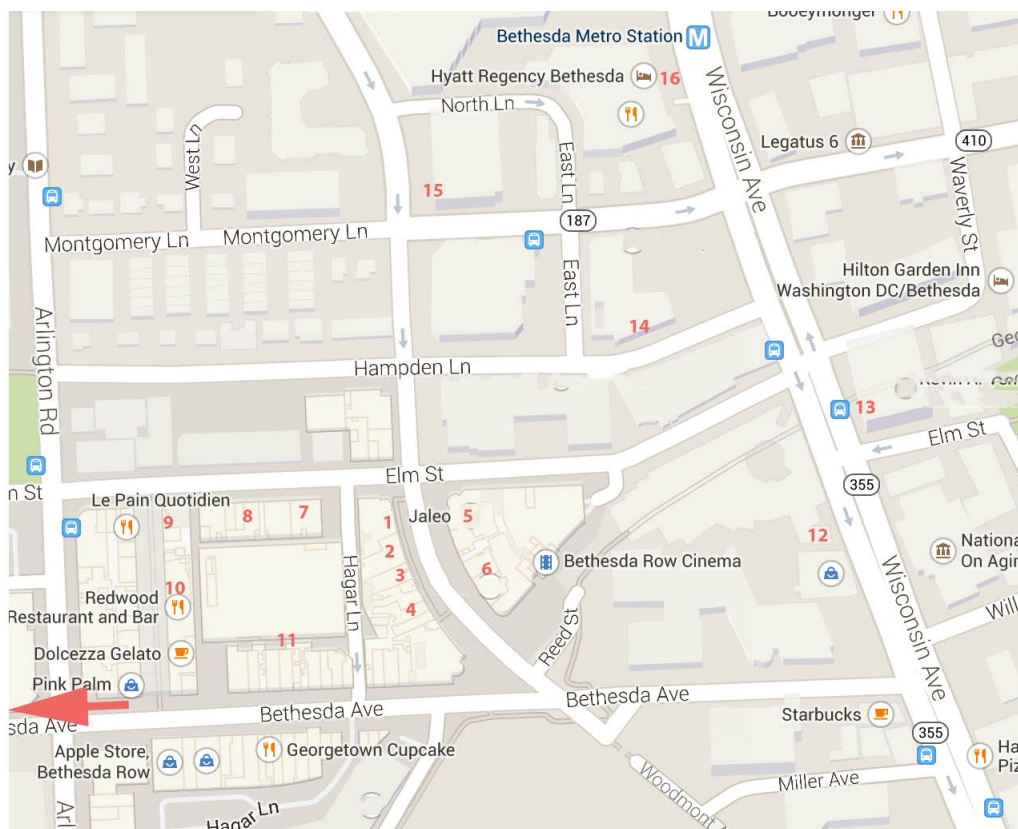
A few other favorites, not marked on the map:

- Rock Bottom—Pub, beer brewed on site, pub food, loud, long tables. 7900 Norfolk Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 652-1311
- Taste Diner—Classic greasy spoon diner. Not particularly good but authentic. 30+ years 7731 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 652-3970

### *Cordell Triangle*

The other restaurant district is Cordell Triangle, north of the Bethesda Metro. To reach this area, walk 2-3 blocks north on Old Georgetown Road, and turn right on any of the little streets. Turn left on Norfolk to reach the “epicenter” at Cordell and Norfolk. There are about 30 restaurants within a few blocks that run the gamut of price (burger, pizza, burritos, Chinese at the low end), some good mid-range restaurants (Italian, Indian, cajun, thai, a brewpub ) and a couple of foodie type-restaurants (Blacks, Grapeseed, Bistro Provence). Here are a few:

1. \*Grapeseed – dishes are created to complement wines. Changing seasonal menu. Moderately expensive. (a favorite, on Cordell Ave)
2. Steamers – another crab house with picnic tables and mallets, somewhat classier and less authentic than the Bethesda crab house, and more extensive menu.
3. Roof – a new restaurant in this area on an open roof. American food – haven't eaten here yet but menu looks good.
4. \*Black's bar and grill – One of Jeff Black's restaurants (local famous chef) raw bar, good seafood, good happy hour deal. Moderately expensive
5. Bisto Provence – Yannick Cam's restaurant (famous chef) French, reservations essential, very expensive. Good reputation but we have not eaten here...
6. Harp and Fiddle – Irish pub/sports bar. Outdoor area for smoking.
7. \*Tako grill – Japanese sushi and robataki, moderate prices. A favorite



A few other favorites, not marked on the map:

- Chef Tony's is on St. Elmo between Old G'town and Norfolk– seafood
- Aji-Nippon—Small pleasant “neighborhood” Japanese restaurant. Booths for 4, a few larger tables. 6937 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 654-0213
- Persimmon—American, very good, “classy”, must have reservations. 7003 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (301) 654-9860