



## Ballard Dining Guide as of 1.23.2026

Ballard is one of Seattle's dining hotspots. You'll find a tremendous variety within walking distance. We've tried to ensure this guide is as up-to-date as possible, but make sure to check that your favorite establishment is still open. All of the places listed here are just minutes away on foot. Restaurants will be very busy over the weekend. Go early before the evening rush and make reservations where possible.

### **American Traditional and Comfort Food**

Ballard Cut (5313 Ballard Ave NW, [theballardcut.com](http://theballardcut.com)) Upscale farm-to-table American food and whiskey bar.

Ballard Smoke Shop (5439 Ballard Ave NW, [ballardsmokeshop.com](http://ballardsmokeshop.com)). Dive bar on the left, traditional American diner on the right.

Hattie's Hat (5231 Ballard Ave NW, [www.hatties-hat.com](http://www.hatties-hat.com)). Classic dark, loud Ballard dive bar, good menu.

### **Asian/Asian Fusion**

Arashi Ramen (5401 20th Ave NW, [arashiramen.com](http://arashiramen.com)).

CrackleMi Vietnamese Grill and Cafe (5605 22nd Ave NW, <https://order.toasttab.com/online/ballard-cracklemi>).

Kimchi House (5809 24th Ave NW. Korean) Self-service/pickup closed from 3-4 pm on weekends.

Monkey Bridge (1723 NW Market St, [themonkeybridge.com](http://themonkeybridge.com)). Vietnamese, a 15-minute walk.

Nua Thai Restaurant & Bar (5410 17th Ave NW, [nuaseattle.com](http://nuaseattle.com)).

Pestle Rock (Isan Thai, 2305 NW Market St, [www.pestlerock.com](http://www.pestlerock.com)). Northern Thai. No Phad Thai here!

Pink Bee Curry and Sandwiches (2010 NW 56th St, [www.pinkbeethai.com](http://www.pinkbeethai.com)) Thai/Malaysian counter service.

Sen Noodle Bar (2307 NW Market St, [sennoodlebar.com](http://sennoodlebar.com)). Southeast Asian.

Spoonful Ballard (5107 NW 20th Ave NW, [spoonfullballard.com](http://spoonfullballard.com)) Thai street food.

Sunny Teriyaki (2035 NW Market St, enter from Leary Ave). Closed Sunday.

Thai Thani (2021 NW Market St, [thaithanikitchen.com](http://thaithanikitchen.com)). Mainstream Americanized Thai.

### **Breakfast/Brunch/Bowls**

Sabine's (5307 Ballard Ave NW, [www.sabineseattle.com](http://www.sabineseattle.com)). Cafe & Bakery with cocktails.

Salt and Sugar Cafe & Bakery (5615 24th Ave NW, [www.saltandsugarcafe.com](http://www.saltandsugarcafe.com)). Breakfast & lunch options.

Rachel's Bagels (5451 Leary Ave NW, [www.rachelsbagels.com](http://www.rachelsbagels.com)). Bagels & Burritos 8 am - 1 pm.

Verve Bowls (1764 NW 56th St., [www.vervebowls.com](http://www.vervebowls.com)) Acai Bowls, Smoothies, etc., grab & go 8 am - 7 pm.

## **Burgers**

Li'l Woodys (2040 NW Market St., [www.lilwoodys.com](http://www.lilwoodys.com)). Burgers and shakes.

Scooter's (5802 24th Ave NW, <https://www.facebook.com/Scooters-Burgers-534054006957316/>). Counter service, limited seating.

## **Coffee or Tea & Baked Goods**

Caffe Umbra (5407 Ballard Ave NW.) Artisan coffee, baked goods, light lunch fare. Closes at 6 pm.

Miro Tea (5405 Ballard Ave NW, <https://mirotea.com/pages/cafe>) Tea experience, desserts and pastries.

Salt and Sugar Cafe & Bakery (5615 24th Ave NW, [www.saltandsugarcafe.com](http://www.saltandsugarcafe.com)). Breakfast & lunch options.

## **Desserts**

Hotcakes Molten Chocolate Cakery (5427 Ballard Ave NW, <https://order.toasttab.com/online/hot-cakes-ballard>). Variety of desserts. Hours 3:30 -10:45 pm.

Pie Bar (2218 MW Market St) A few savory pies, mostly dessert pies. 4 pm - 2 am Fri/Sat

## **Hawaiian**

Poke Square (1701 NW Market St). 10-15 minute walk.

## **Ice Cream & Gelato**

Salt and Straw (5420 Ballard Ave NW, [www.slatandstraw.com](http://www.slatandstraw.com))

## **Indian**

India Bistro (2301 NW Market St, [www.seattleindiabistro.com](http://www.seattleindiabistro.com)) Traditional Indian. Lunch buffet.

Spice Walla (2008 NW 56th St. [www.spicewaala.com](http://www.spicewaala.com)) Indian street food.

## **Italian/Pizza**

Ballard Pizza Company (5205 Ballard Ave NW, [ballardpizzacompany.com](http://ballardpizzacompany.com)) Famous Chef Ethan Stowell's "New York-style pizza with a northwest twist."

Palermo Pizza (2005 NW Market St, [www.palermorestaurant.com](http://www.palermorestaurant.com)). Pasta and Pizza

San Fermo (5341 Ballard Ave NW, [www.sanfermoseattle.com](http://www.sanfermoseattle.com)). Upscale. 5 pm-close dinner.

Stoneburner (5214 Ballard Ave NW, [www.stoneburnerseattle.com](http://www.stoneburnerseattle.com)). Small/large pasta plates, pizza. Open at 5 for dinner, 11-3 weekend brunch.

## **Mediterranean**

Mr. Gyros (5522 20th Ave NW, [www.mrgyroseattle.com](http://www.mrgyroseattle.com)). Sandwiches, plates, salads. Best in Seattle.

## **Mexican/Tex-Mex/South American**

Asadero Ballard (5405 Leary Ave NW, [www.asaderoprime.com](http://www.asaderoprime.com)). Traditional Mexican steakhouse, fun for sharing dishes, will have a wait. No reservations, get on the waiting list early.

El Moose (5242 Leary Ave NW, <http://senormoose.com>). Traditional Mexican.

Gracia (5313B Ballard Ave NW, [www.graciaseattle.com](http://www.graciaseattle.com)). Upscale. Carefully sourced ingredients.

La Carta de Oaxaca (5431 Ballard Avenue NW, [www.seattlemetsoaxaca.com](http://www.seattlemetsoaxaca.com)). Very traditional Oaxacan, will have a wait.

Matador (5410 Ballard Ave NW, [www.matadorrestaurants.com](http://www.matadorrestaurants.com)). Americanized/Tex-Mex. 21+.

### **Pubs/Cocktail Lounges**

Kangaroo & Kiwi Pub (2026 NW Market St, [kangarooandkiwi.com](http://kangarooandkiwi.com)). Australian-themed sports bar.

King's Hardware (5225 Ballard Ave NW, [www.kingsballard.com](http://www.kingsballard.com)). Burgers, appetizers 21+

MacLeod's (5200 Ballard Avenue NW, [www.macleodsballard.com](http://www.macleodsballard.com)). Scottish-themed pub. Huge whiskey list, traditional Scottish food, fish and chips. Opens at 4:30. All ages on restaurant side.

Percy's & Co (5233 Ballard Ave NW, [www.percyseattle.com](http://www.percyseattle.com)) New American small plates and cocktails 21+

### **Sandwiches/Salad/Soup**

The Other Coast Cafe (5315 Ballard Ave NW, [www.othercoastcafe.com](http://www.othercoastcafe.com)). Takeout or eat outside.

### **Seafood**

The Garrison (2319 NW Market St, [www.thegarrisonseattle.com](http://www.thegarrisonseattle.com)). Fish/Shellfish

### **Sushi/Japanese**

AA Sushi (5463 Leary Ave NW) New sushi place in Ballard.

Migaku (6201 15th Ave NW, [www.migaku-seattle.com](http://www.migaku-seattle.com).) New Japanese Kaiseki Cuisine - courses only.

Sam's Sushi Bar and Grill (5506 22nd Ave NW, [www.samssushi.squarespace.com](http://www.samssushi.squarespace.com)). Ballard original.

Shiku (5310 Ballard Ave NW, [www.shikusushi.com](http://www.shikusushi.com)). Larger than typical izakaya menu.

Sushilicious (2034 NW 56th St, [sushilicious.net](http://sushilicious.net)). Sushi, Korean chicken, ramen

Moshi Moshi (5324 Ballard Ave NW, [www.moshimoshiseattle.com](http://www.moshimoshiseattle.com)). Sushi & Izakaya.

### **Tapas Bar**

Ocho (2325 NW Market St, [www.ochoseattle.com](http://www.ochoseattle.com)). Traditional and Spanish tapas, cocktails 21+.

### **Viking**

Skal Beer Hall (5429 NW Ballard Ave NW [www.skallballard.com](http://www.skallballard.com)). Rustic Viking with meat tapas dishes and a few salads.

### **Other Options:**

The QFC grocery store across the street has a deli with hot food available.

The Ballard Farmers Market 9 am-2 pm Sunday, with vendors making ready-to-eat hot food, along NW 22nd St south of Market, and Ballard Ave NW east of 22nd.