

Walla Walla Restaurant Recommendations

Restaurants are downtown and within walking distance of campus unless otherwise specified. Double check hours and Covid restrictions first, and note that Washington State has a mask mandate at this time (masks are typically to be worn in restaurants while you are not seated).

Coffee & Snacks

Bright's: 11 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Bright's is an ice cream spot downtown, but it is also fully stocked with chocolate and candy, all made in-house (you can see it through the window). A great place to pick up some local treats before leaving town.

Coffee Perk: 4 S. 1st Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362

A favorite go-to off-campus study spot for Whitman students at the heart of downtown, Coffee Perk serves pastries and light lunches. Indoor seating available, but located on the first-street dining courtyard.

Colville Street Patisserie: 40 S. Colville St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Another favorite study and gathering spot for students, the Patiss has some of the best coffee and pastries in town, all baked daily. It also has a variety of exceptional house-made gelato flavors rotating seasonally. Outdoor seating and takeaway only at this time.

Pinecone Ice Creamery: 3 S. Colville St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Pinecone has inventive house-made ice cream with rotating flavors each season, including many dairy-free and vegan options. Drawing from the Portland and Seattle traditions of Fancy Small Batch Ice Cream, it's a bright space with mostly outdoor seating.

Walla Walla Roastery 290 A St Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Roastery is a coffee shop located in the airport district. While it is a short drive away, it has great coffee and breakfast items with ample seating outdoors.

Breakfast & Brunch

Bacon & Eggs (\$\$): 57 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Vying for the informal title of best brunch in town, Bacon & Eggs serves breakfast and brunch staples and with tex-mex/Southwestern influence. Wait times can be long on weekends. Indoor and outdoor seating offered.

Clarette's (\$\$): 15 S. Touchet St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Clarette's is essentially on Whitman's campus, and sets the scene for the Clarette's Challenge (if you stay up all night, you eat at Clarette's the next morning). It serves hearty traditional American breakfast foods, no frills, and is a favorite for locals and students alike. Outdoor seating is highly limited.

Maple Counter (and Waffle Truck) (\$\$): 209 E. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Facing off with Bacon & Eggs as a top brunch contender in town, Maple Counter has typical American breakfast staples served in massive portion sizes. Their eggs benedict and pancake options are legendary. Also expect long waits for indoor and outdoor dining on weekends, and consider making reservations. The adjoining Waffle Truck is typically closed in winter months, but is an excellent option for a quick breakfast.

Walla Walla Bread Company (\$\$): 201 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla Bread Company, or Bread Co., is a quick walk from campus with amazing fresh bread and pastries for takeaway, and excellent breakfast and lunch menus as well. The head baker was recently a finalist on Food Network's Best Baker in America. Indoor and outdoor seating offered.

Wingman (\$\$): 230 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Wingman serves delicious wings and boasts a huge range of glazes and flavors (some shockingly spicy). Delicious pub fare, all ages with indoor and outdoor seating.

Lunch & Dinner

AK Mercado (\$\$): 21 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

AK Mercado specializes in street food from around the world--tacos, gyros, halal chicken, nachos, po'boys. It has spacious, multi-level indoor dining and a patio.

Asian Fusion (\$\$): 503 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Asian Fusion is just across the street from Whitman and is another student favorite.. It features conveyor belt sushi and a mix of Chinese and Japanese main dishes. Indoor seating and a small outdoor patio.

Brasserie Four (\$\$\$): 4 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Brasserie Four offers French staples and is a favorite for locals and tourists alike. It boasts an ambient indoor space in a historic downtown building. Reservations are highly recommended here and tend to fill fast.

Grandma's Kitchen (\$\$): 36 S. Colville St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Grandma's Kitchen is an exceptional downtown Mexican restaurant. A simple menu with multiple meat and veggie fillings for tacos, burritos, quesadillas, sopes, huaraches and more. The Nopales (cactus) filling is particularly good. Be sure to double check hours, as they are subject to change.

Graze (\$): 5 S. Colville St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

A Whitman student favorite through the ages, Graze serves sandwiches, paninis, tortas and salads with fresh, local ingredients. Ask any Whitman student for their go-to Graze order. Dietary restrictions are easily accommodated, and it is an easy walk from campus. Indoor and outdoor seating available.

Hattaway's on Alder (\$\$\$): 125 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Hattaway's serves southern comfort/southeastern food served with local ingredients. Perfect for family style dining, and has indoor and outdoor seating on-site. Reservations recommended.

Iceberg (\$): 616 W. Birch St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Iceberg is driving distance from campus, but worth a stop for the best milkshakes in Walla Walla and other classic drive-in American fare.

Indian Cuisine (\$\$): 12 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla Indian Cuisine offers staple Indian dishes. Large indoor space with booth seating, somewhat limited outdoor seating and many great options for takeaway and delivery.

Passatempo (\$\$\$): 215 W. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Passatempo specializes in Italian cuisine and offers a variety of seasonal appetizers, elevated pasta and pizza options with a famous cocktail selection. It offers an eclectic indoor space and patio seating in warmer months. We recommend reservations, as seating is relatively limited for customers under 21.

Saffron (\$\$\$): 330 W. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Mediterranean food with local ingredients and particularly excellent seafood options. Reservations highly recommended, indoor and outdoor seating available.

Shiki Hibachi (\$\$): 220 E. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Close to campus and another student go-to, Shiki Hibachi has a huge selection of sushi rolls and nigiri. At this time, Shiki Hibachi is only open for curbside pickup. Grab some sushi and head down to the intersection of Main Street and First Avenue to eat in the courtyard.

Sweet Basil (\$\$): 5 S. 1st Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362

A go-to local pizza spot also serving salad and calzones. Located on the First Ave on the dining courtyard and available for dine-in and takeout (also on the First Avenue courtyard for ample outdoor seating).

Taqueria mi Pueblito (\$): 1633 E. Isaacs Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Taqueria mi Pueblito, or The Taq, is a Whitman student staple (another spot where almost every student has a go-to order). A wide range of Mexican dishes and drinks with a drive through or indoor seating. Taqueria is located within driving distance of campus and is not downtown.

Yamas (\$\$): *7 S. 1st Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362*

Yamas serves simple Greek staples with excellent dips and appetizers. Enjoy dine-in or takeout.