

The UNDERSTORY

Tables Near the Cathedral

A COMPANION TO THE UNDERSTORY FESTIVAL



A walkable list of nearby restaurants, organized by neighborhood and time on foot from the Cathedral's west entrance.

On the Close & Cathedral Heights

2 – 7 MIN

Open City — *café & all-day*

On the Cathedral close itself, beside the Bishop's Garden. The natural anchor for morning coffee.

 2 min
0.05 mi

La Piquette — *French bistro*

Tucked-away on Macomb. Quiet, candlelit, ideal for smaller dinners.

 5 min
0.24 mi

Cactus Cantina — *Tex-Mex*

Across Wisconsin from the Cathedral. Large groups, patio.

 6 min
0.27 mi


Raku — *pan-Asian, sushi*

Reliable lunch register; reasonable prices for the quality.

 6 min
0.27 mi

Barcelona Wine Bar — *Spanish tapas*

Lively but not loud; a strong choice for festival-night dinners with patrons.

 6 min
0.27 mi

Glover Park

10 – 22 MIN SOUTH

DIVINO Ristorante Enoteca — *Italian*

Inside the Glover Park Hotel — polished, useful for guests staying nearby.

 11 min
0.50 mi

Bonjon Rumi — *Afghan*

Beautifully done; the mantu and chainaki are standouts. Closed Mondays.

 13 min
0.60 mi

Old Europe — *German*

D.C.'s historic German house — warm, lodge-like. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

 13 min
0.61 mi


Rocklands Barbeque — *smoked & grilled*

Counter-service BBQ; catering-friendly should you ever need it.

 13 min
0.62 mi

Uyghur Eats — *Uyghur*

Smaller, newer; lamb skewers and hand-pulled noodles.

 13 min
0.63 mi

Kusshi Glover Park — *sushi & ramen*

Good happy hour; relaxed enough for conversation.

 14 min
0.68 mi

Wingo's Glover Park — *wings, wraps*

Casual; opens midday and stays late.

 16 min
0.75 mi

OTTO — *Mediterranean / Turkish*

New, warm, child-friendly; near the Glover Park / Georgetown line.

 22 min
1.05 m

Cleveland Park

15 – 17 MIN EAST

Cracked Eggery — *breakfast sandwiches*

Closes at 2pm — a great festival-morning grab-and-go.

 16 min
0.74 mi


Fat Pete's BBQ — *smoked-meat tavern*

Sports-bar register; uneven reviews lately.

 16 min
0.76 mi

Taco Cantina DC — *Mexican*

Casual, well-priced, with good happy hour.

 16 min
0.76 mi


Little Blackbird — *wine bar*

Intimate and candlelit; one of the strongest rooms within reach for a special-occasion dinner.

 16 min
0.77 mi

Medium Rare — *steak frites*

Single prix-fixe menu — steak, frites, salad, bread, second helping.

 16 min
0.75 mi

Buffalo & Bergen — *bagels & deli*

Bagels, lox, and sandwiches; closes at 4pm.

 17 min
0.78 mi

Wonder Cleveland Park — *multi-restaurant kiosk*

Many concepts under one roof. Useful when a group can't agree.

 17 min
0.78 mi

Siam House — *Thai*

Cleveland Park's beloved Thai (4.9 stars); affordable lunch specials.

 17 min
0.78 mi

Dolan Uyghur — *Central Asian*

Big platters meant for sharing; royal laghman is the showpiece.

 17 min
0.78 mi

Cathedral Heights & Tenleytown

17 – 28 MIN NORTH

Acqua Bistecca — *Italian, fine dining*

A Michael Mina room at City Ridge — the most polished dining room within walking distance.

 17 min
0.79 mi

Al Dente — *Italian, pizza*

Relaxed neighborhood Italian with a generous patio.

 17 min
0.79 mi


Tatte Bakery & Café — *café & pastries*

Reliable for a continental-style breakfast pickup.

 17 min
0.82 mi

Surfside — *Mexican-California*

Tacos, family-friendly, with thoughtful vegetarian options.

 20 min
0.97 mi

Nando's PERi-PERi — *Portuguese chicken*

Quick, dependable; good outdoor seating.

 21 min
0.99 mi

Crisp & Juicy — *Peruvian rotisserie*

Excellent value; ideal if you ever need to feed a crew on short notice.

 28 min
1.34 mi

Guapo's Cocina & Bar — *Tex-Mex*

Tenleytown standby; large groups handled well.

 28 min
1.32 mi

2D Noodles — *pho, ramen, banh mi*

Fun comic-book-themed room; casual.

 28 min
1.32 mi

Woodley Park

23 – 24 MIN EAST

New Heights — *American, fine dining*

Calvert Street fine-ish dining — oysters, halibut. A special-occasion register.

 23 min
1.10 mi

Tavern 18 — *American tavern*

Neighborhood tavern with comfort food and a large patio.

 24 min
1.13 mi