NEGEA 2023 Burlington Area Favorites - Staff Picks

Best Drinks & Tapas

- Leunig's • 115 Church Street Burlington, VT 05455 - (802) 863-3759 Classic French dishes meet hearty Vermont fare at this upscale, vintage-glam bistro. The Gryphon 131 Main Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 489-5699 Eclectic American dishes & specialty cocktails served in 19th-century quarters with a vintage vibe. Mule Bar 38 Main Street Winooski, VT 05404 - (802) 399-2020 Craft brews, house cocktails & simple bar food like fish 'n' chips are offered in a minimalist spot. **Misery Loves Co.** • 46 Main Street Winooski, VT 05404 - (802) 497-3989 Rustic-chic hot spot dispensing innovative spins on American comfort food & craft cocktails. Late-night hot spot for DJs, drinks, dancing & an eclectic lineup of live bands Waterworks 20 Winooski Falls Way Winooski, VT 05404 - (802) 497-3525 Inventive American fare in a converted brick-walled mill with high ceilings & a riverfront patio. Windjammer Upper Deck Pub 1076 Williston Road South Burlington, VT 05403 - (802) 862-6585 Casual location for surf 'n' turf & hearty comfort fare, plus an abundant salad bar. Whiskey Room • 176 College Street Burlington, VT 05401 - (802) 860-9401 Three Needs 185 Pearl Street Burlington, VT 05401 - (802) 497-0119 Chill bar with pool tables & local microbrews on tap draws a local crowd on weekends. ArtsRiot 400 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05401 - (802) 540-0406 Hip performance venue, gallery & cafe features New American eats, plus craft cocktails & local beer. **Best Restaurant** A Single Pebble 133 Bank Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 865-5200 Welcoming spot serving Chinese specialties (including many meatless options) family-style.
 - Trattoria Delia

152 St Paul Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 864-5253

Traditional regional Italian cuisine served in a romantic, basement space with a stone fireplace.

• Hen of the Wood

55 Cherry Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 540-0534 Intimate eatery featuring daily menus of local, seasonal fare, craft cocktails & understated decor.

• Farmhouse Tap & Grill

160 Bank St, Burlington, VT 05401 - (802) 859-0888

Farm-to-table gastropub & seasonal beer garden showcasing burgers & craft brews.

RiRa's Irish Pub

123 Church Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 860-9401 Warm, wood-lined pub & chain branch offering a long draft & cider list plus traditional Irish eats.

• Pizzeria Verita

156 St Paul Street Burlington, VT 05401 - (802) 489-5644

Wood-fired Neapolitan pizza & other Italian classics are served at this woodsy-chic bar & eatery.

• Shalimar of India

16 N Winooski Ave Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 864-5693 Outstanding Indian cuisine.

• Leunig's

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Pascolo Ristorante

120 Church Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 497-1613 Rustic-chic Italian nook serving wood-fired pizza along with upmarket pasta dishes & regional wines.

Windjammer Upper Deck Pub

1076 Williston Road South Burlington, VT 05403 – (802) 862-6585 Casual location for surf 'n' turf & hearty comfort fare, plus an abundant salad bar.

Waterworks

20 Winooski Falls Way Winooski, VT 05404 – (802) 497-3525

Inventive American fare in a converted brick-walled mill with high ceilings & a riverfront patio.

• Tiny Thai

24 Main Street Winooski, VT 05404 – (802) 655-4888

Aptly named BYOB spot for spicy takes on home-style Thai recipes plus street food.

Kitchen Table Bistro
 1840 W Main Street Richmond, VT 05477 – (802) 434-8686

 Seasonal dinners starring local products, crafted in a historic brick farmhouse in a rural setting.

• Prohibition Pig

23 S Main Street Waterbury, VT 05676 – (802) 244-4120 Hip joint with 20+ craft beers on tap, old-fashioned cocktails & Southern-style small plates & BBQ.

Best Breakfast/Brunch

The Friendly Toast
 86 St Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 495-5491
 Trendy hangout serving all-day breakfasts in quirky surroundings, with vegan options.

August First Bakery & Café
149 S Champlain St, Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 540-0060
Breads & sweets, plus salads, sandwiches & light bites are served at this family-run bakery & café
 Henry's Diner

- Henry's Diner
 155 Bank Street, Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 862-9010
 Diner with old-school style, serving all-American eats (including all-day breakfast) since 1925.
- Sneakers Bistro

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Best Place to Bring Kids

- ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center

 College Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 864-1848
 ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, formerly the Lake Champlain Basin Science Center, is located on the
 Burlington waterfront in northern Vermont
- Waterfront Bike path/Skate park Lake St, Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 864-0123
- Petra Cliffs Rock Climbing 105 Briggs St, Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 657-3872
- Ben & Jerry's Factory
 1281 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Route 100, Waterbury, VT 05676 (802) 882-2034

 Iconic Vermont-based ice cream parlor chain, known for its creative, cleverly named flavors.

• Shelburne Farms

1611 Harbor Road Shelburne, VT 05482 – (802) 985-8686 Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit education center for sustainability, 1,400 acres working farm, and National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont.

Shelburne Museum 6000 Shelburne Road Shelburne, VT 05482 – (802) 985-3346 100,000+ American folk & decorative art items are housed in this museum's many historic buildings.

• Get Air Trampoline Park (Williston) 25 Omega Dr, Williston, VT 05495 – (802) 497-5031

Best View

- Mountain hikes:
 - Easier: Mt. Philo; Snake Mountain
 - o Intermediate: Madonna, Stowe Pinnacle
 - More difficult: Mansfield, Camel's Hump, Mount Hunger
- Waterfront Burlington
- Waterworks

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Best Meal on a Budget

American Flatbread

115 St Paul Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 861-2999

Lively choice for craft beer & inventive wood-fired pizzas loaded with organic, seasonal toppings.

• El Gato

169 Church Street Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 540-3095

Festive, casual Tex-Mex taqueria offering house-infused tequilas & a lengthy margarita menu.

• Pho Hong

325 N Winooski Ave Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 865-8031 Popular BYOB spot for Vietnamese noodle soups & other traditional dishes in a casual setting

- Skinny Pancake
 60 Lake Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 540-0188
 Local chain featuring breakfast, crepes, panini & live music in a casual, stylish space.
- Bluebird BBQ

317 Riverside Ave, Burlington, VT 05401 – (802) 448-3070

Casual eatery serving slow-cooked meats & classic sides on metal trays, plus beer, wine & cocktails.

• Papa Frank's

13 W Center Street Winooski, VT 05404 – (802) 655-2423 Venerable, no-frills fixture dispatching pizza & classic pasta dishes since 1984.

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Aptly named BYOB spot for spicy takes on home-style Thai recipes plus street food.

Al's French Fries 1251 Williston Rd, South Burlington, VT 05403 – (802) 862-9203 Roadside joint doling out fast food such as burgers, fries & shakes since the 1940s.

<u>Other</u>

- Lake Champlain Chocolates
 750 Pine Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 864-1807
 The company handcrafts over one million pounds of gourmet chocolates each year
- Burlington Bay for creemees (Vermont's soft-serve ice-cream)
 125 Battery Street Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 864-0110
 Waterfront locale offering cafe bites like salads & sandwiches as well as ice cream & local beers.
- Outdoor bars at Hilton and Hotel Vermont
- Local Breweries
 - o Foam, Switchback, Queen City Brewery, Citizen Cider, Zero Gravity