

Restaurants and Coffee Shops

We love Waco food and coffee. See below for some of our favorite restaurants and coffee shops, arranged by type. We hope you will explore some of these restaurants (and find your own favorites)! The below is by no means an exhaustive list, and we encourage you to check out the (rapidly changing) list of Waco restaurants at https://wacoheartoftexas.com/dining/.

Coffee Shops

Pinewood Roasters

• This is a popular hangout for young professionals and graduate students. They have a great chail atte, and the patio is an excellent place to study.

Dichotomy

• This is a downtown staple and a great place to study during the day. The rooftop patio has one of the most beautiful views of downtown Waco!

Common Grounds

• This is the original Baylor coffee shop. There are two locations: one in Woodway, and one just south of the Baylor campus. The Cowboy Coffee is a classic, and the Mocha Mint Madness is great for a treat.

Magnolia Press

• This is a cool, spacious coffee shop near the Magnolia Silos and is a wonderful place to study, hang out, and experience Waco's bustling tourist district.

Lighthouse Coffee

• This shop is in a convenient downtown location. There is always plenty of seating, and the staff is knowledgeable and helpful!

Brü

 This shop is in a neat old building downtown, and the baristas work in an antique elevator shaft. Most of their products are fair trade and organic, and they have great outdoor seating.

Lalo's

This colorful spot is a little bit further away from campus but is well worth the trip. There
is ample seating and a delicious coffee and Mexican pastry menu, and everything is very
reasonably priced.

Bitty & Beau's

 This coffee shop is cheerful and inviting. Run by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, this coffee shop's motto is "it's more than just a cup of coffee."

Restaurants

Italian/Pizza

- Baris
 - This is Director Sims' favorite spot in Waco! Anything with their pink sauce or homemade dressing is amazing, and the family vibe makes it feel like a home away from home.
- Pappa Rollo's
 - o This is a Waco staple. The pizza is fantastic, and they have everything you could think of (including great gluten-free options). There are two locations: one in Woodway and one on Valley Mills, just a few I-35 exits south of the law school. Although both are great, we recommend eating at the Waco location at least once to enjoy the hidden doors/secret passageways!
- Moroso Wood-Fired Pizzeria
 - This is a great spot for a date night/a nicer dinner. The pizza is delicious but the ambience really makes this a favorite.
- Slow Rise
 - A relatively new spot with a location in Woodway and another on the Brazos River in Waco, these are spacious places with excellent pizza, wings, and even brunch.
 Each location offers a large porch or patio area, and both are great spots for kids to run around.
- Shorty's
 - Law students love Shorty's. It is close to campus, and they have a lot of options. We particularly like the Pizza Pillows.

TexMex

- Tagueria #9
 - This spot is Dean Toben's favorite restaurant in Waco. They offer all of the classic Tex-Mex options, and the tacos are wonderful.
- Ranchito
 - This is Dean Branson's favorite Mexican restaurant in Waco. The quesadillas are amazing!
- La Fiesta
 - O Director Sims loves this place: she even had them cater her wedding reception! She particularly recommends the chicken fajitas and the queso.
- Lolita's
 - o We highly recommend their breakfast tacos!

American

- Butter My Biscuit
 - This quirky spot has a bunch of old board and video games. Their biscuits and their pimiento cheese are mouthwateringly good.
- The Olive Branch
 - This spot is a go-to for any meal! They have great salads, quiches, omelets, sandwiches, and cupcakes. They also do much of the catering here at the law school.

• Café Cappuccino

o This is a classic breakfast spot in downtown Waco (with another location further south). They have delicious classic breakfast options, an array of specialty options, and incredible pancakes (including gluten-free options).

George's

o This spot is a Waco legend, known for its chicken-fried steak, crazy wings (really, anything fried), and a good time! There are two locations: one in Woodway and one (the original location) near campus.

Schmaltz'

o This is a fantastic sandwich spot with two locations: one in downtown and the other a little further from campus. They bake all of their own bread, and it is delectable! We recommend purchasing a cup of cheese to go with your sandwich.

Barbeque

- Uncle Dan's
 - Their Texas Tater is a Waco staple. Both locations are a little bit of a drive from campus but are worth the effort.
- Guess Family BBQ
 - Newer to the Waco BBQ scene, this spot has quickly become a favorite among Wacoans. Their ribs are incredible!
- Vitek's
 - Located close to campus, this spot is known for its GutPaks and is a long-time Baylor favorite.
- Tony DeMaria's
 - This place may not look like much, but this East Waco spot has mouth-watering barbeque!

Burgers

- Cupp's
 - o This restaurant has been around for a long time. It is no-frills but delicious!
- Kitok's
 - o This is a Korean restaurant, but it is known for its burgers and fries!
- Health Camp
 - o A definite greasy spoon, this is a great spot for burgers, fries, and milkshakes.
- Twisted Root
 - Although this is not a true local restaurant, it is still a favorite and is very close to the law school. You can find any type of burger you can think of, and the fries are great.
- Revival East Side Eatery
 - o Their burgers (and sweet potato fries) are incredible, and the owners are some of the best Waco people. They have tasty sandwiches and salads as well.

Other

Tru Jamaica

o This is Dean Branson's favorite spot in Waco. The owners are incredibly nice! She particularly recommends the Rasta Pasta and the coco bread. It is currently a food truck on the Baylor campus as they rebuild after a devastating fire.

• Alpha Omega

 This is a Mediterranean restaurant in downtown Waco. It has excellent gyros, salads, and feta fries!

• Bangkok Royale

o This is a Baylor Law favorite, located downtown. The pad thai is amazing, but beware: the portion sizes are enormous!

• Union Hall

• This is not a restaurant but rather a food hall, full of delicious options from hamburgers to macaroni to sandwiches to pies.