



Dining in the Wildwoods: Throw Caution and Calories to the Wind!

The Wildwoods, NJ – Imagine enjoying a romantic dinner overlooking the water as fishing vessels glide into port with the day's catch. Or, think how wonderful it would be to begin your day with a stack of fluffy pancakes dripping with butter and syrup while watching morning bike riders pedal along the Boardwalk, all the while daydreaming ahead to a fun day at the beach. Then it's lunch of pizza, burgers, curly fries or a sub, all topped off with soft-serve ice cream or sugar-powered funnel cakes and a promise that you'll worry about cholesterol, and calories, later.

That's what it's like when you vacation in the Wildwoods – where there are restaurants and menus for every appetite, every budget and virtually every taste. From fresh seafood and Mexican fajitas to Chinese egg rolls and Italian cuisine, the Wildwoods have something for everyone.

The restaurant renaissance that started years ago in Cape May has spilled over into the Wildwoods and a growing number of gourmet restaurants are located throughout the 5-mile island, each of them garnering superb reviews from critics and patrons alike. The Wildwoods' upscale restaurants offer memorable surroundings, remarkable cuisine and attentive service for a perfect evening touched with romance, candlelight and delectable food.

Outdoor dining overlooking the ocean, the bay or the inland waterway is another unique way to enjoy dining in the Wildwoods. With amazing food, cool breezes, a phenomenal view and great music to top it off, there's nothing like it. The backdrop is the evening sunset, sailboats slowly gliding past as the sun begins to sink toward the bay, leaving vibrant streaks of color in the evening sky.

For families on vacation, there are plenty of child-friendly dining options spread across the five-mile island. For example, the Wildwoods Boardwalk offers everything from hamburgers and hotdogs to French fries and pizza. Also, the many doo-wop style dinners throughout the Wildwoods offer large menus and a unique setting the kids will love. With classic diner food along with retro jukeboxes, waitresses in poodle skirts and black and white checkered floors, the Wildwoods' doo-wop style diners are a great place to bring the kids for a meal anytime of the day.

For the adults, most restaurants throughout the island offer a full selection of cocktails and wines. Wine connoisseurs will find wine lists that reflect a wide selection of vineyards and vintages. A few restaurants even permit guests to bring their own choice of wines to enjoy with dinner.

No matter how full you are after dinner, it's hard to forget about all of the dessert options offered throughout the Wildwoods. Who can resist a box of homemade fudge or a banana split sundae made with homemade ice cream? What about a fresh funnel cake or a fried Oreo from the Boardwalk? Or a smooth milkshake from one of the Wildwoods' Doo-Wop style diners? There are so many dessert options in the Wildwoods, it's no surprise some people skip dinner and go right for the sweet stuff.

After a long day of sightseeing, kayaking or strolling "the boards," heading out for a night on the town might not seem like the ideal option. Luckily, take-out food is always an option in the Wildwoods. Most local restaurants will provide food-to-go with just a call ahead, or you can take a stroll to the Boardwalk, pick-up what your craving and head back to your lodging for a quiet meal in your room or out on the balcony.

For the best recommendations of where to eat and the specialties of area restaurants, ask the local residents for their favorite restaurant, coffee shop or sandwich place, and you're sure to get a ringing endorsement for some little, out of the way place that you might have missed.

Most restaurants accept major credit cards and dinner reservations aren't always needed.

For more information or a list of dining options please visit www.WildwoodsNJ.com and click on the "Where To Eat" button. Or call 800-WW-BY-SEA (800-992-9732).

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