

Dining on Capitol Hill

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Moderate

- Aatish On the Hill** 609 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 202.544.0931
This bargain Pakistani spot specializes in items from the tandoori grill.
- America Restaurant** Union Station – Upper Level 682.9555
Big and uber-American, Union Station's America serves big food from a big menu.
- Capitol City Brewing Company** 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NW 842.2337
Located across from Union Station in the historic Post Office Building with a gorgeous interior and tasty micro-brews.
- Hawk 'n Dove** 329 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 543.3300
Venerable Capitol Hill bar attracts staffers and locals for drinks, gossip, and good times.
- Hunan Dynasty** 215 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 546.6161
Some claim this is the best Chinese on the Hill.
- Starfish Café** 539 Eighth Street, SE 546.5006
Seafood with a side of style, and a kitchen headed by a former cook at the Argentine Embassy
- Taverna: The Greek Isles** 305 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 547.8360
Traditional family recipes. The flavors are authentic, and the portions are generous.
- Thai Roma** 313 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 544.2338
Thai Roma stands out for its distinctive and tasteful blending of Thai and Italian cuisine.
- Thunder Grill** Union Station – Main Level 898.0051
Mid-range entrees and a variety of Southwest-themed salads and sandwiches should keep train travelers and the nearby work crowd satiated.
- Tortilla Coast** 400 First Street, SE 546.6768
This congressional staffer hangout serves basic Tex-Mex, albeit done nicely.
- The White Tiger Restaurant** 301 Massachusetts Avenue, NE 546.5900
With tropical wood decor, hammered copper dinnerware and polished staff, this tidy Indian restaurant seems to whisper "Raj," or royal.

More Expensive

Belga Café	514 Eighth Street, SE	202.544.0100
Belgian beer, five kinds of moules, and delicious pommes frites on Barracks Row.		
Bistro Bis	15 E Street, NW	661.2700
Heavy-hitters flock to Jeff Buben's French bistro.		
B. Smith's	Union Station – Main Level	289.6188
An art deco vibe and rich Southern fare come together in this elegant Union Station spot.		
Johnny's Half Shell	400 N. Capitol Street, NW	737.0400
Ann Cashion's Southern-accented seafood house.		
The Monocle	107 D Street, NE	546.4488
A Washington insider's hangout in an unpretentious setting where tourists in sneakers are as comfortable as lawyers in pinstripes.		
Montmartre	327 Seventh Street, SE	544.1244
A petit gout de France on Capitol Hill near Eastern Market.		
Park Café	106 Thirteenth Street, SE	543.0184
This Hill haven offers contemporary American cuisine		
Sonoma	223 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE	544.8088
A wine bar with a bounty of charcuterie, cheeses, and by-the-glass selections.		

This list is by no means exhaustive. Many restaurants are concentrated in two nearby areas: Pennsylvania Avenue between Second and Fourth Streets, SE; and Union Station, which has an extensive food court on the lower level.