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# The Culinary Arts

*in Saugatuck/Douglas*

**D**ining in Saugatuck/Douglas is a study in choices. True to its nature of offering diversity for every aspect of a visitor's stay, our area serves up a veritable buffet of dining establishments.

Upscale dining, reflected by both setting and menu, is available in the Saugatuck/Douglas area. Exquisite American contemporary cuisine is the fare at the *Belvedere Inn and Restaurant* which offers sophisticated dining prepared by European chef/owner Shaun Glenn in an elegantly restored mansion. *Restaurant Toulouse* in Saugatuck specializes in Continental as well as American contemporary cuisine with intimate outdoor dining and live music in season. *The Dining Room at Clearbrook* features excellent Continental cuisine in a classic Scottish Golf Club setting with beautiful views of their fairway, and flower gardens. They also offer more casual dining year 'round in their *Grill Room* overlooking the first tee. Casual dining in a lovely Gatsby-era atmosphere is offered by *Ravine's Golf Club* at their course-side restaurant in *Arnie's Cottage* overlooking breathtaking fairways.

Looking for casual dining with a touch of flair? *Coral Gables* overlooks the Saugatuck Harbor and features authentic American food, a deck, multilevel verandas, several lively bars, entertainment, a dance club and live comedy at their prime waterfront location. Nearby,

with a bistro touch—try the lamb lollipops or broasted chicken. *Wicks Park Bar and Grille* is where friends love to gather! Close to the waterfront in downtown Saugatuck, this popular restaurant is the perfect place for lunch or dinner—try the fish tacos! For “gourmet eats and treats”, check out *Yum! Yum! Café, Gelateria & Luncheonette*, an intimate European-style café in downtown Douglas—tucked away, but not far away. Also in Douglas on Blue Star, visit *The Kalico Kitchen* for “down-home” country cookin’ at its best, now featuring all-you-can-eat breakfast and dinner buffets on weekends in season. For the sports enthusiast, *Spectator's Bar & Grill* serves up great food and sporting events on 25 TV's plus offers Keno, pull tabs and live dance music on the veranda in season.

The Saugatuck area has a colorful bouquet of ethnic cuisine. *Chequers* recreates the feel of a traditional English pub complete with fireplace and fabulous imported beers, wines and ales—try the fish 'n' chips. And the *Center Street Bistro* restaurant in Douglas, is a new addition this season—promising an eclectic blend of seafood, steaks and chops.

In downtown Saugatuck, ever popular *Pumpnickel's* specializes in hearty breakfasts in cast iron skillets and NYC deli-style sandwiches on fresh-baked bread, giant cinnamon rolls and casual dinners with live music in season. For a light breakfast, go where many locals go for delicious home-baked goods and outstanding lattes and coffees, *Uncommon Grounds*. If your craving for sweets should get the better of you, there's *Kilwins Chocolates* in two nearby locations on Butler Street, where slabs of fudge get carved into bite-sized morsels right before your eyes—not to mention their other candies and a vast assortment of ice creams.

On Blue Star Highway in Douglas you'll find the *Saugatuck Brewing Company* in its newly-refurbished location alongside the *Blue Star Antiques Pavilion*. Here you'll savor the latest home-brewed beers and freshly-made sandwiches, brew your own or take a tour—live entertainment in season. Tucked away in Fennville – seven miles east of Saugatuck – you'll come upon *Salt of the Earth Restaurant*, a rustic American eatery & bakery specializing in fabulous, fresh local fare.

On Center Street in downtown Douglas, *The Wild Dog Grille* features steaks, fresh seafood and pasta in a premiere setting. Practically right across the street in a convivial galleria, *Everyday People Café* serves a creative menu of “eclectic-comfort food” with suggested wine pairings. The atmosphere is casual, hip and a real favorite with locals too.

Most restaurants are suited for families with children, but *Crane's Pie Pantry* is well known for its orchard-fresh pies, apple cider and home-cooked, child-pleasing meals. And don't forget to stop by *Cookies on Call Bakery and Breads* to pick up fresh batches of the finest gourmet baked goods this side of “Frannyland”! Be sure to try their artisan breads!

No resort community would be complete without its soda fountain and Saugatuck Drug Co. has preserved the tradition of old-fashioned hand-creamed sodas and phosphates for 84 years – featured in the New York Times – a must-see! **S/D**



*The Butler*, a longtime favorite with the locals, famous for its big burgers and awesome shrimp Bloody Mary's, also offers prime rib, steak, seafood, cocktails, great music outdoors in season and a wonderful view of Saugatuck Harbor. *Mermaid Bar and Grille* located on the waterfront in downtown Saugatuck is the perfect place to “people watch” and enjoy an excellent lunch or dinner in season—try the mussels!

If you're looking for a “joint that rocks” visit *The White House Bistro and Capitol Lounge*; bring your appetite and your dancing shoes—you'll need them! *Phil's Bar and Grill* is our local “Cheers”. An upscale tavern