

# DORCHESTER COUNTY & CAMBRIDGE

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DINING GUIDE



FROM THE BAY TO YOUR PLATE



Dorchester County, Maryland

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# Nearly every restaurant in Dorchester County serves local Eastern Shore crabmeat and oysters.

Enjoy truly fresh and local food in our restaurants, seafood from our waterways, and produce from our farms. You'll find destination restaurants on the water, hidden gems in historic downtown Cambridge, and unique places to savor and enjoy our homegrown flavors. Dorchester County offers more than good eating. River cruises, cycling and paddling adventures, fishing, and history quests all make a visit here special. **Find out more at [TourDorchester.org](http://TourDorchester.org).**

## DOWNTOWN CAMBRIDGE

### Bistro Poplar

535 Poplar St., 410.228.4884  
[bistropoplar.com](http://bistropoplar.com)

Menu changes seasonally. Emphasis on local ingredients; everything is made from scratch. Summer favorite is fried green tomatoes with crab hash. Famed for French onion soup. Save room for desserts made fresh in house. Chef was named Chef of the Year finalist by Restaurant Association of Maryland. Voted Best French restaurant by *What's Up Eastern Shore*. Off-site catering available. Group capacity: 40 seats



### Canvasback Restaurant

420 Race St., 410.221.7888

Menu encompasses regional, French, Italian, and Irish dishes. Fireplace in winter. Known for cream of crab soup, crab cakes, and steaks. Don't miss the crab imperial. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 200 seats



### Don Chuy Mexican Taqueria

411 Academy Street,  
410.228.2969

Specializing in Mexican tacos, burritos, tortas, and more made with fresh ingredients and traditional recipes.



## LISTINGS KEY



local crabmeat



steamed crabs



local oysters



outside seating



water views



kid-friendly



award winner  
in past 2 years

## Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar

404 Race St., 410.228.2245

Charming bar decked out in nautical garb. Serving oysters, shrimp, mussels, crab cakes, crab soup, and more. Voted Best Bar Food by *What's Up Eastern Shore*. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 65 seats



## Gina's Ice Cream and Sweet Shoppe

531 Poplar St.

Serving Hershey's ice cream, floats, and classic treats.



## The High Spot Gastropub

305 High St., 410.228.7420  
thehighspotgastropub.com

Fun and friendly atmosphere in a beautiful renovated building. Classic pub fare with a twist. The buffalo oysters are a hit. Large selection of craft beer. Voted Best Gastropub by *What's Up Eastern Shore*; chef named Chef of the Year finalist by Restaurant Association of Maryland. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 85 seats



## Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill

527 Poplar St., 443.225.4115  
jimmieandsooks.com

Casual, friendly atmosphere. Locals' favorite. Featuring everything from mussels to

meatloaf. Owner comes from a long line of Dorchester watermen. Voted Family Dining favorite by *Maryland Life* magazine. Multi-year Taste of Cambridge winner for crab dip and soup. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 150 seats



## Portside Restaurant

201 Trenton St., 410.228.9007

On Cambridge Creek with a great view of the draw-bridge. Come by boat or by land. Casual dining, friendly atmosphere. Look for crab dip, crab cakes, crab balls. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 100 seats



## Realerevival Brewing

504 Poplar St., 410.228.0112

10-barrel craft brewery with 1,500-square taproom; offering pub fare through partnerships with Bistro Poplar and Leaky Pete's.

## Snapper's Waterfront Cafe

112 Commerce St.,  
410.228.0112  
snapperswaterfrontcafe.com

Located on Cambridge Creek. Come by land or by water. Wide range of American, Southwestern, and island cuisine. Try the broiled crab cake and vegetable beef crab soup. Outdoor Tiki Bar. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 100 seats



## Local crabmeat everywhere.

Did you know that only 2 percent of Maryland restaurants use crabmeat from Maryland? Most is imported from abroad. But in Dorchester County, nearly every sit-down restaurant uses sweet delicious crabmeat from local waters. Enjoy!

## Eat oysters all year long.

With a mix of traditional oyster harvesting and aquaculture in Dorchester, many restaurants serve oysters all year long, not just in months ending in "r."

### Stoked

413 Muir St., 443.477.6040  
StokedWoodFiredEatery.com

Wood-fired artisan pizza, pasta, sandwiches, cheese and oyster selections. Extensive wine list, craft beers, specialty cocktails.



### AROUND CAMBRIDGE

### Bay Country Bakery

2951 Ocean Gateway  
(Route 50), 410.228.9111  
baycountrybakery.com

Coffee, bakery items, soups, sandwiches, salads. Plus specialty cakes. Closed Sundays.



### Blue Point Provision Co. at the Hyatt

100 Heron Blvd. (Hyatt  
Regency Chesapeake Bay),  
410.901.6410  
chesapeakebay.hyatt.com

On the Choptank River with great sunset views overlooking the marina. Featuring Chesapeake seafood favorites with a modern twist. Open for dinner only. Thursday evening deck parties in the summer.

Group capacity: 50 seats



### Cambridge Diner

2924 Old Route 50,  
410.228.8898

Classic, no-nonsense diner. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner. Extensive menu.



### Carmela's Cucina

1721 Race Street,  
410.221.8082

Casual family-owned Italian restaurant featuring hand-tossed, thin-crust, Sicilian-style pizza.



### Hot Spot Cool Eats

3028 Ocean Gateway  
(Route 50), 443.225.5225

Gourmet hot dogs, real soft-serve ice cream, specialty sodas, boardwalk-style fries, milkshakes. Don't miss the Crabby Frank (crab cake shaped like a hotdog on a bun). Outside is pet-friendly.



### Kay's at the Airport

5263 Bucktown Road,  
410.901.8844

Watch small planes on the runway while you eat. Downhome cooking and homemade desserts. Try the crab dip, a multi-year winner in the Taste of Cambridge. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 70 seats



### Mantra

5650 Clearview Key,  
443.382.0257

eatatmantra.com

Waterfront restaurant with sushi and more. Huge deck featuring stunning views of the Choptank River. Come by land or by water. Open for dinner, Wed.–Sat.



## Ocean Odyssey

316 Sunburst Highway  
(Route 50), 410.228.8633  
toddseafood.com

Family-owned restaurant started as a crab factory and still uses its own crabmeat. Ever-changing list of craft brews. Rotating stock of fresh fish; fish tacos are a favorite. Don't miss the colossal Bay on a Bun. Crab and Beer Garden outside. Open seasonally April–November. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 60 seats



## Peking House

2717 Ocean Gateway  
(Route 50), 410.228.9242

Chinese food and sushi bar. Eat in or take out. Try the General Tso's chicken platter or the spider sushi roll with soft shell crab. Named one of the top 100 Chinese restaurants nationwide, 2009.

Group capacity: 146 seats



## Plaza Tapatia

315 Sunburst Highway  
(Route 50), 410.228.7808

Mexican restaurant with extensive menu. Full bar. Occasionally they have a live mariachi band.



## Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt

100 Heron Blvd. (at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay),  
410.901.6400

Sophisticated atmosphere and fine dining with creative takes on Eastern Shore cooking. Crab cakes are a Taste of Cambridge winner. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Group capacity: 40 seats



## AROUND THE COUNTRY

## Church Creek Vittles

1963 Church Creek Road,  
Church Creek, 410.221.8600

Home-style cooking. Breakfast and lunch; dinner on Fridays and Saturdays.



## Island Grille

514 Taylors Island Road,  
Taylors Island, 410.228.9094

Casual waterfront dining at Chapel Cove Marina. Come by land or water. In summer, look for crab salad, crab cakes, cream of crab soup. Plus hand-cut steaks, boardwalk fries. Closed Sunday. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 80 seats



## Layton's Chance Vineyard & Winery

4225 New Bridge Rd., Vienna  
410.228.1205

laytonschance.com

Taste the wines, tour the farm and vineyard, relax in the picnic areas at this family-friendly winery. Tasting room open daily. Order a cheese plate and sausage or bring your own picnic.

Group capacity: 75 seats inside; many more outside

## Madison Bay Food & Spirits

4814 Madison Canning House Road, Madison,  
410.228.1108

On the Little Choptank River; come by land or water. Look for the crab pizza and award-winning crab dip.

Group capacity: 50 seats



## Millie's Road House Bar & Grill

200 Middle St., Vienna, 410.376.3130

Known for crab cakes, crab balls, hot roast beef, burgers. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 100+ seats



## Old Salty's

2560 Hoopers Island Road, Fishing Creek, 410.397.3752

On Hoopers Island. Great views make it worth the 23-mile drive from Cambridge. Known for jumbo lump crab cakes, homemade desserts and rolls, prime cuts of beef. Don't miss the crab imperial. Steamed crabs on request. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 300 seats



## Palm Beach Willie's

638 Taylors Island Road, Taylors Island, 410.221.5111  
palmbeachwillies.com

Offering floating waterfront dining and dockage for boaters at Slaughter Creek Marina. Crab cakes, seafood, pizza, sandwiches. Come by land or by water.



## Suicide Bridge Restaurant

6304 Suicide Bridge Road, Hurlock, 410.943.4689  
suicidebridge.com

A popular destination restaurant on Cabin Creek; come by land or by water. Don't miss the jumbo lump crab cake. Seafood buffet on Friday evenings. Also offering river boat cruises and wedding accommodations. Off-site catering available.

Group capacity: 300 seats



## University Restaurant

1042 Hudson Road, Neck District, 410.228.3924

Tucked away in the restored Lewis General Store, which dates back to 1875. Sophisticated cuisine in a small but friendly, down-home setting. About 10 miles from Cambridge.



### CARRYOUT CRABS



Pick up steamed crabs or fresh or pasteurized crabmeat. Call ahead; some places are open seasonally.

Dorchester Crab Co.,  
2076 Wingate-Bishops Head Road, Wingate, 410.397.8103

J. M. Clayton Company,  
108 Commerce St.,  
Cambridge, 410.228.1661

Kool Ice & Seafood,  
110 Washington St.,  
Cambridge, 410.228.2300

Lindy's Seafood,  
1548 Taylors Island Road,  
Woolford, 410.228.5032

Ocean Odyssey,  
316 Sunburst Highway,  
Cambridge, 410.228.8633

Paul's Pride,  
3728 Golden Hill Road,  
Church Creek, 410.228.3786

Rippons Bros.,  
1747 Hoopersville Rd.,  
Hoopersville, 410.397.3200

Soft & Salty Seafood,  
5456 Ragged Point Road,  
Cambridge, 410.476.3069

Tar Bay Seafood,  
2501 Old House Point Road,  
Fishing Creek, 410.397.3490

T. L. Morris Seafood,  
1606B Marina Dr., Trappe,  
410.476.4811