

4 dishes that keep me coming back.

1. Camarrones a la Diabla at Lindo Mexico. My first experience with this dish was in Tapachula Mexico, but I had never been able to quite re-create the magic here in West Michigan. Lindo Mexico fixed that for me.

Their solid scratch cooking combined with the best Diabla sauce that I have ever had keeps me coming back for more.

2. French onion soup at the Wheelhouse. I am always looking for the perfect French onion soup, and this is as close to anything to perfection. Wheelhouse uses veal stock and Gruyere cheese to push this dish to the next level. I have been to several West Michigan restaurants for this dish, and this is in my top two for French onion soup.



3. Chicago Style Deep Dish Pizza at Handsome Henry's. This is more significant to me now that there is a national competitor in West Michigan. I actually tried both side-by-side and still prefer the deep dish pizza at Handsome Henry's. In addition to putting out an excellent deep dish pie, it only takes them about 20 minutes to get it done (secret technique). I like to drive out to Muskegon about four times a year to get this one item.

4. The elk burger at Elk Brewing Comstock Park. Don't laugh, but I like that they actually have a burger that is made out of elk and served at Elk Brewing. That alone would not be enough to sway me to eat this item, but it is actually a flavorful, well cooked burger and a great option to beef when I am looking for variety.



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Poutine on the rise in Grand Rapids

Canada, in general, does not have a reputation for being the hotbed of culinary invention, but they did create poutine.

Poutine is a dish comprised primarily of French fries, gravy and cheese curds and it has recently gained popularity in Grand Rapids.

Here are a few places that you can find this culinary treasure:

Ada Pour House-6749 E Fulton St, Ada

Hopcat-25 Ionia SW, GR

Brewery Vivant-925 Cherry St, GR

Swanky's Pizza-1300 Plainfield NE GR

Blue Dog Tavern-638 Stocking Ave NW GR

The Black Heron-428 Bridge St NW GR



Poutine at Ada Pour House

How to be a Foodie in Grand Rapids (For less than \$99)

I run into people on a regular basis who want to enjoy the foodie lifestyle, but believe that on their tight budget that it just isn't in the cards for them. For people in that situation, I have curated this list of dishes and restaurants that can start you on your foodie way at a very reasonable price.

\$5 Arancini at **Daniele's Pizza**. Cheap introduction to a very filling Sicilian treat.

\$6 Pho at **Pho Anh Trang**. Because Pho is "a thing" right now.

\$5 Soup at **Uncle Cheetah's Soup Shop**. Because the quality is that good.

\$2.25 Tamales at **Tamales Mary**. Because she has 15 varieties.

\$5 Eiffel Tower Ultra at **Yesterdog**. Order this off menu dog with confidence.

\$5 Egg and cheese everything bagel at **GR Bagel**. Traditional boiled bagels.

\$3 Banh Mi at **Ly's Sandwiches**. Vietnamese street food.

\$4 Stuffed Peppadews at **Gus' Original**. Everybody should try peppadews.

\$5 Soup at **The Lazy Susan**. TLS is heavily trending in EatGR right now.

\$3 Pizza slice at **Georgios downtown**. They do all sorts of crazy types of pizza.

\$3.50 Hot dog at **The Mad Dogz**. They have hot dogs with lots of toppings.

\$3.50 Boba Tea at **Rak Downtown**. Because, Boba Tea!

\$2.50 Pupusas at **Pupuseria El Salvador**. Because pupusas are tasty and filling.

\$4 Sandwich menu at **Le Kabob and Sheshco**. Tawook, shawarma, and kafta.

\$3.50 (1) **The Salted Cupcake**. The most creative cupcakes in town.

\$2.50 Authentic Mexican tacos. Multiple locations listed on right.

Entire menu at **New York Fried Chicken**. Amazingly Cheap and Tasty Eats.

1/2 off Sushi at **Osaka** on Mondays and Wednesdays. Breaking you into sushi for cheap.

\$8.99 lunch buffet at **Lai Thai Kitchen**. A great way to try multiple Thai dishes.



Tacos at La Vencedora

Here are 5 Authentic Taco places that we think are worth a visit to.

Supermercado Mexico-1160 Chicago Dr

La Vencedora-Division & Quigley

Tacos El Cunado-Downtown Mkt

La Huasteca-1811 Plainfield NE GR

Taqueria San Jose-1338 S Division GR

