

VISIT THE END ZONE BAR & GRILL WHICH IS POISED FOR A FRESH NEW START

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The End Zone Bar & Grill, located at 1650 N Farnsworth Avenue, Aurora, 60605 (630/851-2555) is tucked in the far rear of a long driveway off a very busy street; regardless, it has a loyal following of locals who enjoy the friendly atmosphere and staff.

One of the men I met at the bar said, "The best thing about this place is the four lovely female bartenders. Of course, the food is great, too."

Family owned and operated, End Zone is the perfect place for working men and women. The massive revamping of the restaurant and bar is having a resurgence in popularity.



Also new is the menu, as of this week. An unusual feature is that all items have tax included in the listed prices.

Appetizers called "Starters" include Wisconsin Cheese Curds; a Chicken Strip Basket of homemade and hand fried strips served with Fries and a sauce of choice; 8 Jumbo Wings (plain, buffalo, refried, parmesan, sweet BBQ, salt and lime or Cajun); Onion Rings; Steak Fries (which can be made Cajun); and Fried Shrimp Basket (on a bed of steak fries with cocktail sauce or Buffalo with Ranch dressing on the side). The option of adding any dipping sauce (Ranch, Blue Cheese, Marinara, Honey Mustard, BBQ, Buffalo or Cheese) is available and offers personal choice for variety's sake. Another popular choice is a House Salad with Lettuce, Tomato and Onion (or the addition of Chicken).



Specialty Pizzas come in two sizes, 12" or 16". Varieties are The Chicago (sausage and green peppers); The Veggie (onions, tomato, green peppers and olives); The Windy City (topped with mozzarella, homemade freshly roasted Italian beef and giardiniera); Meat Lover (sausage, pepperoni and bacon); The Endzone (sausage, pepperoni, onion, green peppers and giardiniera; the Pick Four (of your favorite toppings which include extra cheese, bacon, giardiniera, sausage, pepperoni, Italian beef, onion, green pepper, olives, and tomato).

Burgers and Sandwiches, all served with Steak fries, feature The American (8 oz fresh beef, topped with American cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickles, mayo, ketchup and mustard on a Brioche bun); Reuben (freshly roasted corned beef piled high on dark marble rye smothered with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing); Italian Beef (sliced thin and high on garlic bread to which sweet or hot peppers or cheese can be added); or All American Chicken (breast topped with cheese, bacon, lettuce, onion, pickles, and mayo on a bun). Any sandwich can be topped with egg, mayo, jalapenos, extra cheese, bacon, giardiniera, BBQ or Buffalo sauce.

Daily Specials, available every week day, are moderately priced and varied. Monday is Burger Day! Half pound gourmet burgers served with Steak fries include Irish Boy (topped with homemade corned beef, kraut and 1000 Island dressing); Western (topped with bacon, cheese, onion rings and homemade BBQ sauce); Windy City (piled high with Italian beef, giardiniera and mozzarella) and Pepperoni (with marinara and mozzarella). Tuesday features homemade Chicken Nugget and Steak Fries basket or Fried BBQ Chicken Salad. Wednesday Deli Specials served with Steak Fries are Ham & Turkey or BLT Club, Cold Ham & Turkey Sub, Turkey Melt or Hot Ham & Cheese sandwiches. Thursday offers Fried Chicken Parmesan or Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches. Friday is Half Price Pizza Day; people rave about the Crust!

Slots offer gaming; there are Pool and Dart Leagues. The juke box is free every Thursday. Occasional live music can be enjoyed. There is an outside large patio with grill and separate bar suitable for private parties or events or just relaxed outdoor dining. Special events for patrons have recently included a terrific bus trip to a baseball game.

Hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 1 AM, Friday & Saturday, 11 AM to 2 AM and Sunday, 11 AM to 11 PM. Stop in!