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Armadillo Depot (AD) Barbecue	413A Park Ave, Worcester (508) 757-7427 www.armadillodepot.net	Tu-Th 11:00a-9:00pm F-Sa 11a-10p Su 12:00-8:00	\$6-12	1.58 miles No	No	No (~10 tables)	Real smoked BBQ; one reviewer says "best Texas BBQ in the Northeast". Spicy, sweet, and tart sauces. Excellent fries. Smallish, no parking. May be smoky--wood, not tobacco!
Biagio's Grille (BG) Italian/American	257 Park Ave, Worcester (508) 756-7995 www.biagiosgrille.com	M-Th 11:30a-9:00p F 11:30a-1:00a Sa 4:00p - 11:00p Su 4:00p - 9:00p	\$12-18	1.41 miles Probably not	Some	Yes	Good food, some Italian, some steakhouse according to local source.
Blue Jeans Pizza (BJ) Pizza	270 Park Ave, Worcester (508)-753-3777 http://www.bluejeanspizza.com/home.php	Su-Th 11:00a-12:00a F-Sa 1:00p-1:00a	\$4-\$8	1.48 miles Maybe	Yes	?	Mixed reviews. One respondent says "greasy"; another says "reasonably good. It has gotten Best of Worcester a number of years, but IMO they stuff the ballot box." Delivery. Online ordering.
Border Grille and Bar Tex-Mex/Creole	246 Mill St, Leominster (978) 840-0194	M-Sa 11:30a-11:00p Su 11:30a -10:00p	\$7-\$12	22.73 miles No	Few	Yes	Good Tex-Mex, Southwestern, Cajun, and Creole choices. 20-30 minutes drive. Substantial to gigantic portions. Can be crowded on weekends. Excellent salsa. JT likes boneless wings with "outback" sauce. Robin likes monster chimichangas.
Boulevard Diner (BD) Diner	155 Shrewsbury St, Worcester (508) 791-4535	24 hours, except 3:00p-10:00p Su	\$3-\$6	0.71 miles Yes, 15 minutes	Few	No	Genuine car-style diner, well-kept-up. Big breakfast portions. Classic diner food (meat loaf, pot roast) plus Italian food. NB: "coffee regular" = "with cream". Crowded for Sunday breakfast. Breakfast all day.
Brew City (BC) Brewpub	104 Shrewsbury St, Worcester (508) 752-3862 www.brew-city.com	M-Th 11:00a-1:00a F-Sa 11:00a-2:00a Su Noon-12:00a	Sandwiches \$7-\$9, entrees \$12-\$18	0.62 miles Yes, 15 minutes	Few	Yes	Solid brewpub food, well-prepared. Nice BBQ sauce. 130 beers, decent microbrew rootbeer. Good selection of appetizers, pizzas, and sandwiches. Good parking (in back) and handicap access. Smoking and nonsmoking sections. Medium-sized portions. Dads eat free 6/18/06!
Chopsticks (CH) Chinese	1083 Main St, Worcester (508) 755-1075	M-Th 11:30a-10:00p F 11:30a-11:00p Sa Noon-11:00p Su Noon-10:00p	\$8-12	3.5 miles No	Yes	yes, call ahead	One correspondent says "lunch buffet is no great shakes", but strongly recommends broccoli in garlic sauce. Has smoking lounge. Does takeout.
Ciao Bella (CB) Italian	402 Grove St, Worcester (508) 756-2426	M-Sa 11:00a-10:00p Su 11:00a-9:00p	Sandwiches \$6-\$7, entrees \$7-\$12	1.99 miles Maybe	Some (pasta)	No (7 tables)	CASH ONLY. Good pasta; also pizza, sandwiches, wraps, subs. Take out and delivery available. Many seafood dishes. Large portions. Some parking; small dining area, often very busy. Restrooms are well-hidden (through kitchen area and up stairs). Multiple recommendations.
Coney Island Hot Dogs (CI) Burgers/dogs	158 Southbridge St, Worcester 508-753-4362 www.coneyislandlunch.com	W-M 10:00a-8:00p	\$5-15	Maybe	No	No	Decent hot dogs and burgers, low prices. Not much for veggievores according to local source.
Corner Grille (CG) gourmet pizza, sandwiches	806 Pleasant St., Worcester (508) 754-8884 http://www.cornergrille.com/	Su-W 11:00a-9:00p Th-Sa 11:00a-10:00p	\$6-13	2.1 miles No	Yes	No	Thin crust pizza, Italian soup according to online sources.
Dragon Dynasty (DD) Chinese	104 Highland St, Worcester (508) 755-3810 or 755-5588	M-W 11:00a-10:00p Th-Sa 11:00a-11:00p Su Noon-10:30p	\$5-\$10	0.68 miles Yes, 10 minutes	Yes	No (4 tables)	Better than average food, for storefront Chinese. Mostly takeout.
Dunkin' Donuts (DU) Coffeeshop	426 Main St, Worcester (508) 856-7160	6:00a-Midnight		0.62 miles Yes, 5 minutes		No	NOT REVIEWED. Donuts and coffee.
El Basha (EB) Middle Eastern Lebanese	424 Belmont St, Worcester 508-797-0884 http://www.elbasharestaurant.com/	M-Sa 11:30a-3:00p, 4:30p-10:10p	\$10-\$15	2.3 miles, No	Yes	yes, call ahead	Decent food according to one correspondent. Online reviews are mixed, some complaints about service.
El Basha West (EBW) Middle Eastern Lebanese	256 Park Ave, Worcester (508) 795-0222 http://www.elbasharestaurant.com/	M-Sa 11:30a-3:00p, 4:30p-10:10p Su 5:00p-9:00p	\$10-\$15	1.4 miles, Probably not	Yes	yes, call ahead	Decent food according to one correspondent. Online reviews are mixed, some complaints about service.
Elsa's Bushel 'n Peck Tatnuck (EL) sandwiches/deli	643 Chandler Street Worcester (508) 799-6305	M-F 7:00a-7:00p 8:00a-5:00p Sa	\$5-8	3.4 miles No	Yes	Yes	Online reviews report excellent sandwiches, lots of choice.

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Firefly's BBQ Barbecue	350 East Main St, Marlborough (508) 357-8883 www.fireflysbq.com	Su 11a-2:30p, 4:30-10p M-W 4:30p-10:00p Th-Sa 4:30p-11:00p	\$7-\$15	19.01 miles No	You're kidding, right?	Yes	Good barbeque. Large menu, variety of sauces, fixings bar. 20-30 minutes drive. Try the sweet potato pecan pudding. All-you-can-eat lunch buffet on Sunday, otherwise not open for lunch. Online order for takeout!
Flying Rhino Café (FR) Eclectic	278 Shrewsbury St, Worcester (508) 757-1450 www.flyingrhinocafe.com	M-Sa 11:30a-11:00p (bar til 2a) Su 1-8p	Sandwiches \$6-\$9, entrees \$15-\$22	1.08 miles Yes, 20 minutes	Few	Maybe	Eclectic, often imaginative menu, crossing several ethnicities. Many interesting appetizers, seafood items. Portion size OK, not huge. On the loud side; often busy. Very limited parking. Does takeout.
Great Wall (GW) Chinese	521 Main St, Worcester (508) 799-0803 or 799-7728	Su-Th 11:00a-10:30p F-Sa 11:00a-11:00p	\$4-\$8	0.73 miles Yes, <10 minutes	Yes	No	Mediocre food; sauces on the thin and oily side, not very flavorful. Mostly takeout; delivery w/ \$12 minimum.
India Café (IC) Indian	84 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury (508) 754-2200	Su-Th 11:00a-10:00p F-Sa 11:00a-11:00p	\$9-\$13	3.03 miles No	Yes	Yes	Lunch buffet \$6; food OK.
Irish Times (IT) Pub	244 Main St, Worcester (508) 797-9599 www.irishtimespub.com	11:30a-2:00a (kitchen closes at 10:00p)	Lunch \$6-\$8, dinner \$13-\$16	0.19 miles Yes, <5 minutes	Few	Yes, call ahead	Very decent standard pub fare--appetizers, sandwiches, a few entrees. Large portions. Excellent chili, good sandwiches, OK fries. Carries local beers. Large-screen TVs. Bar is smoking and not physically separated from downstairs dining area; upstairs dining room is non-smoking (if in use). Live music, including folk/Irish. "Authentic Irish breakfast" served Sunday 11:30-2:00.
Living Earth Garden Café (LE) Healthy	232-234 Chandler St, Worcester (508) 753-1896 www.lefoods.com	M-F 9:00a-8:00p (wine tasting 6-8p F) Sa 9:00-6:00 Su 11:00-5:00	\$5-\$8	1.71 miles Probably not	Yes	No	Both a store and a deli/café--store is open slightly longer hours. Good for people with special dietary restrictions, especially if people with different diets want to eat together. Offerings range from cheeseburgers to vegan; gluten-free and other special requirements on request; good vegetarian entrees. Exotic meats (ostrich, bison), decadent desserts, imported cheeses.
Lucky's Cafe (LC) sandwiches	102 1/2 Grove St Worcester 508-756-5014	M-F 8:00a-2:30p	\$6-\$8	0.78 miles Yes	Yes	No	Good online reviews, local recommendation. Counter service
Maxwell Silverman's Toolhouse (MS) Upscale American	25 Union St, Worcester (508) 755-1200 www.maxwellmaxine.com	M-Sa 11:30a-4:00p; 5p-10p (dancing 10p-1a) Su Brunch 11:00a-2:30p	Lunch \$6-\$8, dinner \$15+	0.22 miles Yes, <5 minutes	No	Yes	Beautiful interior: exposed brick, wooden beams. High-quality meats; also seafood, pasta. Open for lunch, but not really a lunch place--smallish menu, service may be a bit slow. Poor handicap access.
Moe's Burritos (MB) Cal-Mex	3 Stafford St, Worcester (508) 459-6060 61 Boston Turnpike Rd, Shrewsbury (508) 797-6637 www.moes.com	M-Su 11:00a-10:00p	\$4-\$9	No	Some	Yes	Decent burritos, etc. made assembly-line fashion. Pretty good about fresh ingredients. Fast. Not a wide range of choices. Good salsa--"medium" salsa is pretty hot. Two locations, about equidistant from hotel; Shrewsbury may be an easier drive
New England Roast Beef (NE) Sandwiches	33 Park Ave, Worcester (508) 756-1991	M-F 10:00a-10:00p Sa 10:00a-9:00p	\$3-\$6	1.66 miles Maybe	Salads only	No	Good selection of good sandwiches. Quick, friendly service. Beer-battered fries and onion rings. Very little parking.
Ninety-Nine (NN) American	11 East Central Street, Worcester 508-792-9997 http://www.99restaurants.com/	Su-W 11:15a-10:30p Th-Sa 11:15a-11:30p	\$7-\$18	0.28 miles 10 minutes	Yes, Yes	Maybe	Downmarket version of Chili's.
North Works Bar and Grill (NW) American	106 Grove St, Worcester (508) 755-9657	M-Th 11:30a-10:00p F-Sa 11:30a-10:00p Su 4:00-9:00p	\$10-\$20	0.80 miles Yes, 10 minutes	Some	Maybe	Largeish menu that mixes classic dishes with more imaginative fare. Tasty food. Free popcorn. Attractive brick-and-beam décor--excellent place for a "nice dinner" at quite reasonable prices.
O'Connor's (OC) Irish	1160 West Boylston St, Worcester (508) 853-0789 www.oconnorsrestaurant.com	M 11:30a-9:00p Tu-Th 11:30a-10:00p F-Sa 11:30a-10:30p	\$7-\$15	6.14 miles No	Few	Yes	CLOSED SUNDAY. Outstanding food, large menu; has earned numerous "best of Worcester" awards. Both traditional and modern dishes. Great desserts. JT recommends shepherd's pie. Very popular--call ahead or be prepared to wait. Ample parking; handicap access pretty good. 3 miles N of map area on Rte 12, just south of I-190 exit 4.
One Love Café (OL) Jamaican, organic, fish, vegetarian	800 Main St, Worcester (508) 753-8663 http://www.sherwoodhosting.com/~onelove/	Tu 12:00p-8:00p W-Sa 12:00p-10:00pm Su 12:00p-9:00p (Jazz Brunch 12-2pm)		1.22 miles, Maybe	Yes	No	NOT REVIEWED. Recommended by on-line sources.

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Publick House Yankee	100 Main St, Sturbridge (508) 347-3313 www.publickhouse.com	M-Th 7:30a-8:30p F-Sa 7:30a-9:00p Su 8:00a-8:30p Tavern: 11:30a-10:00p M-Su	\$15-\$30 (entrees)	22.20 miles No	No	Yes	NOT REVIEWED. Worcester Telegram says: "Well-prepared classic menu, good-sized portions and huge complete dinners. A New England dining tradition intact since 1771. A destination restaurant well worth the trip."
Rovezzi's Ristorante (RO)	108 Grove Street, 3rd Fl in the Northworks Bld, Worcester 508.753.9995 http://www.rovezzis.com/	Lunch, Tu-F 11:30a-2:00p Dinner M-Th 5:00p-9:00p F-Sa 5:00p-10:00p	\$12-22 (entrees)	0.82 miles Yes, 10 minutes	Yes	yes, call ahead	Upscale Italian, reservations recommended, nonsmoking, handicap accessible
Sahara Cafe and Restaurant (SC) Bakery, vegetarian, vegan, Middle Eastern	143 Highland St Worcester 508-798-2181	M-Th 11:00a-10:00p F-Sa 11:00a-11:00p Su 1:00p-8:00p	\$6-\$15	0.70 miles, Yes <10 minutes	Yes	Yes	On the whole good online reviews, local recommendation.
Saigon (SA) Vietnamese/Chinese	967B Main St, Worcester (508) 799-5250	Su-Th 9:00a-10:00p F-Sa 11:00a -10:00p	\$4-\$8	1.04 miles No	Yes	Maybe	Very good food; try the hot and sour soup. Good value, especially noodle bowls and pho.
The Sole Proprietor (SP) Fish	118 Highland St, Worcester (508) 798-3474 www.thesole.com	M-Th 11:30a-10:00p F 11:30a-11:00p Sa 4:00p-11:00p Su 4:00p-9:30p	\$14-\$22	0.74 miles Yes, <10 minutes	No	Yes	Good, fresh, slightly upscale. Almost entirely fish (3 non-fish entrees). Excellent fish-and-chips--zero greasiness, and almost a pound of fish. Good parking. Often crowded. Prices may fluctuate with market price for fish.
Subway (SW) sandwiches	1073 Main St, Worcester 508-754-8844 http://www.subway.com	Su 10:00a-9:00p M-F 9:00a-10:00p Sa 9:00a-11:00p	\$3-6	3.48 miles No	Few	No	If you don't know what Subway serves, welcome to Planet Earth.
Surya (SU) Indian	299 Shrewsbury St, Worcester (508) 752-3700	M-Sa 11:30a-2:30p, 5:00p-10:00p Su 5:00p-10:00p	\$9-\$13	1.14 miles Yes, 20 minutes	Yes	No	All the usual Indian dishes done very well. Sundry pork and seafood dishes, in addition to the usual chicken, vegetarian, and lamb options. Big poofy naan bread. Limited parking.
Thai Cha-Da (TC) Thai	264 Park Ave, Worcester (508) 752-2211	M-F 11:30a-10:00p Sa-Su 4:00p-10:30p	\$9-\$15	1.93 miles Maybe	Yes	Yes	Very good Thai food--one reviewer says it's "the best outside Boston." JT really likes the yum nua. Limited parking.
Tortilla Sam's (TS) Mexican	107 Highland St, Worcester (508) 756-SAMS www.tortillasams.com	Su 5:00p-11:00p M 5:00p-Midnight Tu-Th 11:30a-Midnight F-Sa 11:30a-3:00a	\$7-\$9	0.69 miles Yes, <10 minutes	Yes	Maybe	JT and Robin's favorite restaurant in Worcester. Fresh, flavorful, delicious, good-sized portions (home-made tortillas). Mostly mild, but if they say something's hot, believe them. If you do like hot, try Sam's Spicy Spuds or boneless wings with Sam's Southern Sauce. Also recommended: chicken taquitos (frequent special). Very good about allergies and vegetarians. FREE DELIVERY Th-Sa w/ \$15 order. Late-night menu.
Union Station Restaurant (US) American	1 Washington Square, Worcester (508) 831-7800 www.unionstationtherestaurant.com	Tu-Sa 5:00p-10:00p	\$15-\$25	0.81 miles Yes, 10 minutes	No	Yes	NOT REVIEWED. Upscale. Drop-dead gorgeous interior. Limited menu.
Viva Bene Ristorante Italian	144 Commercial St, Worcester (508) 799-9999 http://www.viva-bene.com/	Call for reservations	\$10-\$20	0.64 miles Yes, <10 minutes	Yes	?	Upscale Italian, local recommendation.
Vinny T's of Boston (VT) Italian	7-11 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury (508) 755-0900	M-Th 11:30a-10:00p F-Sa 11:30a-11:00p Su Noon-10:00p	\$8-\$12 Reservations Recommended	3.01 miles No	Some	Yes	Huge, monstrous, vast portions. American interpretations of classic Italian (not just spaghetti and meatballs). Pretty large menu. Upscaleness level about equivalent to, say, Outback Steakhouse. Some patio dining. 1 mile E of map area on Rte 9, just over Lake Quinsigamond bridge on N side.
Wong Dynasty Chinese	176 Reservoir Street, Holden (508) 829-2188	W-Sa 11:30a-12:30a Su Noon-10:00p	\$6-\$12	9.14 miles No	Yes	Yes	Good Chinese food. 15-20 minutes drive.