and wraps, and Blues jams every Thursday night.

has a weekend breakfast, excellent sandwiches
large amounts of stained glass. The restaurant
interesting, relaxed decor with exposed bricks and
bank, until 1980 when it became Cafe 13. It has
Cambridge, with spectacular views from their
gorditas and giant watermelon daiquiris in the
summer.

Guides to Galt: Downtown Restaurants

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INTRODUCTION

Do you know the best place to get a burger in downtown Galt? Or where to take a dinner date? This short book brings together the best restaurants in the downtown Galt area, all within walking distance to the University of Waterloo’s School of Architecture. While this book targets students at the School of Architecture, it is also helpful for visitors and residents new to Cambridge.

If you would like to learn more about downtown Galt, please take a look at the other publication in this series, Guides to Galt: A Brief History of Architectural Spaces.

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Kings Palace
65 Water Street North
519-623-1661

Cuisine: North American/ Fast Food
Take Out or Dining Room

Kings has to be one of the best fast food restaurants in all of Cambridge. Its a great greasy spoon diner and has excellent food and excellent service. Any of their burgers are recommended, as well as their back bacon sandwiches, and if you get fries you must get gravy. Their gravy is like a heart attack from heaven. And yes, this building used to be a Tim Hortons.

The Riverbank Mill, formally the Cambridge Mill, has been a historically significant landmark in Galt for over 160 years. This building, and picturesque ruins across the street in Millrace Park, was built in 1836 and originally a flour mill. It was later converted into a woolen mill, and then a textile mill. In 1965, it was purchased by the City of Cambridge and restored to its original appearance. Today, it is a popular spot for weddings and special events.

The Riverbank Mill Cuisine: North American
519-740-2900
4 Park Hill Road West
Riverbank Steakhouse

There are many other restaurants in downtown Cambridge, including Kings Palace, which is a great place to try some authentic Canadian cuisine. Andys Pizza is another popular option, offering a wide variety of pizza and wings.

The Golden Kiwi Pub and Grill is an interesting mix of fine dining and a traditional English pub, and has a large selection of scotch and other drinks. Cafe 13 is a small, kitschy restaurant in downtown Galt, offering a variety of dishes including fresh salads and wok stir-frys.

Red Basil is a Vietnamese restaurant that offers a wide variety of dishes, including wok stir-frys, and meat and veggie wraps. Riverbank Steakhouse is a popular spot for special occasions, with a variety of South Pacific and North American cuisine.

The Riverbank Mill is a popular spot for weddings and special events, with a large dining room and a traditional English pub style atmosphere. The building was originally constructed in 1893 as a flour mill, and was later converted into a textile mill and finally a steakhouse.

The Riverbank Mill offers a mix of Canadian, European and North Pacific cuisine. The restaurant offers fine dining in downtown Cambridge, with spectacular views from their solarium of the Park Hill waterfall, and the fortress-like Galt Collegiate Institute. They also have Murder Mystery dinner nights (call for details) and banquet rooms.

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LA Franks
In Millrace Park, across from Food Basics
519-623-6733

Cuisine: North American/ Fast Food
Take Out

LA Franks is located in Millrace Park right near the Park Ave Bridge. It was started as a summer business by Lisa and Adam Bender (the LA in LA Franks) and is now in its eleventh year of business. It was co-founded by Blair Bender, Lisa and Adams father who also owns the Cafe 13 restaurant, and is open during the summer until Labour Day. They have the some of the best fries in town, jumbo hot dogs, milkshakes, and lets not forget their famous Holey burger. They also have a wide selection of Stoney Creek Dairy ice cream.
Reid Candy and Nut Shop
42 Ainslie Street North
519-621-6988

Cuisine: Chocolate and Candy

The original Reids store opened in 1948 on Galt’s Main Street, but is now located on Ainslie Street across from the Cambridge Farmers Market. In 1981 the business had expanded so much that all of the stores merchandise and manufacturing equipment was moved to its current location. Reid’s still makes all of their products on site, including freshly roasted nuts, assorted chocolates, peanut brittle, fudge, their specialty Tortoises and diabetic candy. They also have pre-packaged candy, or a chocolate counter where customers can create their own assortments.
Andys Pizza
12 Wellington Street
519-623-4590

Cuisine: Pizza and Submarines
Take Out or Dining Room

Andys Pizza has been in business in downtown Galt for over 20 years. Their pizzas and oven baked subs have generous amounts of fresh toppings and fantastic sauces. They also offer individual slices, lunch combos, party pizzas, oven baked submarines, wings and gyros.