

El Rinconcito Mexicano
21 Ainslie Street North
519-623-4100

Cuisine: Mexican
Dining Room

This tiny, kitschy restaurant in downtown Galt serves authentic, home cooked Mexican food and sells a variety of Latin American food products. They provide traditional Mexican food including tacos, enchiladas, pupusas and tamales advertised on their handwritten chalkboard menu. Everything, including the salsa and tortillas, are homemade and their specialities include pork 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

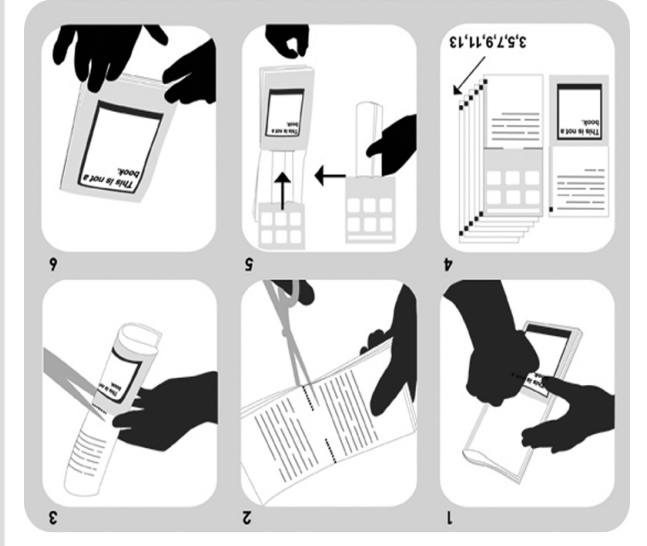
Kings has to be one of the best fast food restaurants in all of Cambridge. Its a great greasy spoon diner and has excellent food and excellent service. Any of their burgers are recommended, as well as their back bacon sandwiches, and if you get fries you must get gravy. Their gravy is like a heart attack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



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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 Tortoisés and diabetic candy. They also have pre-packaged candy, or a chocolate counter where customers can create their own assortments.



Andy's Pizza
12 Wellington Street
519-623-4590
Cuisine: Pizza and Submarines
Take Out or Dining Room

Andy's 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 combs, party pizzas, oven baked submarines, wings and gyros.



Riverbank Steakhouse
4 Park Hill Road West
519-740-2900

Cuisine: North American
Dining Room

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 initially part of Cambridges founding industry: the Cambridge Mill. This upscale bistro style 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.



At the corner of Water and Main Streets, Cafe 13 bank, until 1980 when it became Cafe 13. It has building was originally constructed in 1893 as a Caribbean dishes in a sports bar atmosphere. The provides a mix of Canadian, European and interesting, relaxed decor with exposed bricks and large amounts of stained glass. The restaurant has a weekend breakfast, excellent sandwiches and wraps, and Blues Jams every Thursday night.

Take Out or Dining Room
Cuisine: North American

519-622-1799
13 Main Street
Cafe 13

Golden Kiwi Pub and Grill
15 Petty Place
Corner of Dickson Street and Petty Place
519-622-3722

Cuisine: South Pacific
Take Out or Dining Room

The Golden Kiwi is an interesting mix of fine dining and a traditional English pub, and has a variety of South Pacific and North American dishes. The restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner in two dining rooms: the Tiki Bar, where live music is performed every Thursday to Sunday night, and a lounge area. Food is served from both areas, as well as a 50 plus scotch selection and large New Zealand and Australian wine list. They also have a wonderful patio dining room in the summer.



Red Basil
61 Main Street
519-622-0888

Cuisine: Vietnamese
Take Out or Dining Room

Red Basil's menu offers over 85 items and specializes in vegetarian dishes and fresh mango salad. Menu items include wok stir-frys, and meat and noodle dishes flavoured with the lime, lemon grass, coriander and spicy heat of traditional Vietnamese cuisine. Both of their dine in and take out services are extremely fast, and they have a patio area in the summer time. As a historic side note, this section on Main Street was given a facelift in 2004 when the movie Saint Ralph was filmed in downtown Cambridge.

