



The Top Restaurants in Lakewood Ranch



Welcome to Lakewood Ranch!

As a proud resident and Realtor® with over 28 years of experience, I've had the privilege of helping countless clients find their homes here—and just as often, I've shared tips on the best places to eat, meet, and relax.

Lakewood Ranch isn't just about beautiful homes; it's about community, connection, and a thriving dining scene that rivals any in Southwest Florida. Whether you're craving farm-to-table freshness, upscale date-night dining, or casual family food, this guide will help you discover a few of our favorites.



Fine Dining Favorites

From elevated date nights to special-occasion dinners, Lakewood Ranch offers refined dining experiences with exceptional service, atmosphere, and cuisine.



Family-Friendly & Casual Spots

Relaxed restaurants perfect for everyday meals, family outings, and easy gatherings—where great food meets a welcoming, laid-back vibe.



Coffee & Breakfast

Start your mornings strong and wind down in style with local coffee shops, brunch favorites, and lively spots for evening drinks and entertainment.

Fine Dining Favorites

Lakewood Ranch is home to an impressive collection of fine dining destinations that rival some of the best in Southwest Florida. From elegant steakhouses to intimate bistros and chef-driven menus, these restaurants are ideal for date nights, celebrations, and evenings when you want an elevated dining experience close to home.



GROVE Restaurant & Ballroom

GROVE offers an elegant dining experience with a modern twist. Perfect for date nights, celebrations, or a classy happy hour, their menu features steak, seafood, and creative cocktails.

Local Tip: Try their outdoor seating for live music and people-watching.

10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch
grovelwr.com



Libby's Neighborhood Brasserie

A Sarasota favorite that's made its mark in Lakewood Ranch, Libby's blends chic décor with a relaxed coastal vibe. Enjoy locally sourced dishes, fresh seafood, and a stellar weekend brunch.

Mike's Pick: The "Steak Frites" and signature cocktails never disappoint.

8445 Lorraine Road, Lakewood Ranch
libbysneighborhoodbrasserie.com



Ruth's Chris Steak House

Steak lovers rejoice! A location of this fine dining franchise is located just minutes from Lakewood Ranch. Their menu goes well beyond steak, and you won't want to miss any of it.

Sizzling: Steaks are famously served on a 500° plate to keep them hot and delicious.

6490 University Parkway, Sarasota
ruthschris.com



B&B Chop House

Lakewood Ranch residents flock to this casual fine dining restaurant, where you can enjoy delicious brunches and dinners with the whole family.

Midweek Deal: Make a reservation on a Wednesday night to enjoy discounted prime rib!

8205 Natures Way, Suite 119, Lakewood Ranch
www.bandbchophouse.com



Paris Bistrot

For an authentic French experience, Paris Bistrot delivers cozy charm and rich flavor right on Main Street.

Must Try: The crepes and French onion soup —magnifique!

8131 Lakewood Main Street, Lakewood Ranch
parisbistrotlwr.com

Casual & Family-Friendly Spots

For everyday dining and relaxed nights out, Lakewood Ranch offers a wide variety of casual, family-friendly restaurants that locals love. These spots combine approachable menus, friendly service, and comfortable settings—making them perfect for breakfast, lunch, or an easy dinner with family and friends.



Station 400

Set in a charming train-station-themed restaurant, Station 400 is a go-to for breakfast and lunch. Their pancakes and breakfast sandwiches are local favorites.

Perfect For: Weekend brunch or a quick family breakfast before exploring Main Street.

8215 Lakewood Main St., Lakewood Ranch
station400.com



Speaks Clam Bar

East Coast seafood meets Gulf Coast charm. Known for its fresh oysters, clam chowder, and upbeat bar atmosphere, Speaks Clam Bar is always buzzing.

Pro Tip: Grab a seat at the bar during happy hour for discounted oysters and apps.

8764 E. State Road 70, Lakewood Ranch
speaksclambar.com



Lucky Pelican

A Sarasota landmark with a loyal following in Lakewood Ranch. Expect fresh seafood, casual comfort, and friendly service.

Mike's Pick: Blackened grouper sandwich—best in town.

6239 Lake Osprey Drive, Sarasota
luckypelicanbistro.com



Good Liquid Brewing Company

Aside from the good liquid, this waterfront spot offers good food and good fun for the whole family.

Bingo + Music: Every Tuesday night, enjoy free bingo with tunes (and prizes).

1570 Lakefront Drive, Sarasota
www.goodliquid.com/restaurant-and-brewery



Lakewood Ranch has a way of keeping life interesting. From great restaurants to community events and nights out with friends, there's always something to enjoy. It's a place where quality of life and entertainment naturally come together."

— Mike Novak

Coffee, Breakfast & Quick Bites

Whether you're grabbing coffee on the way to work, meeting friends for weekend brunch, or heading out for drinks in the evening, Lakewood Ranch has no shortage of great options. From cozy cafés to energetic nightlife venues, these local favorites help set the rhythm of daily life in the community.



Honey Tree Cafe

A local favorite for breakfast and lunch. Family-owned, with generous portions and friendly service.

Try: The homemade quiche or lemon-blueberry pancakes.

8315 Market St., Lakewood Ranch | <https://www.honeytreecafe.com>



The Granary

This family-run breakfast and brunch spot is known for fresh ingredients and a neighborhood vibe.

Local Tip: Their eggs Benedict and smoothies are community favorites.

2547 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton | thegranarylwr.com



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8215 Lakewood Main St., Lakewood Ranch | <https://www.station400.com>

Drinks & Nightlife

Lakewood Ranch offers a nightlife scene that feels social, welcoming, and effortlessly fun. Whether you're meeting friends for drinks, enjoying the energy around Main Street, or settling in to watch the game, these go-to spots make evenings out both easy and memorable.



Ed's Tavern

Whether you want to enjoy quiet drinks on the patio or watch your favorite teams with a group of friends and a cold beer, Ed's Tavern is one of the best sports bars around.

Local Tip: Don't skip the appetizers—the portions are generous.

10719 Rodeo Drive, Lakewood Ranch
edstavernfl.com/



Tommy Bahama Restaurant and Marlin Bar

The Marlin bar features an extensive menu of innovative cocktails, local microbrews, and island-inspired snacks.

Shopping: After you've enjoyed your drink, have a look at their signature apparel.

6562 University Parkway, Suite 110, Sarasota
tommybahama.com



The Greyson

With great food and an extensive drinks menu featuring cocktails, beer, and wine, The Greyson is a perfect spot to catch the game on a huge TV.

Midweek Deal: Stop in on Wednesdays for half-off bottles of wine.

11161 State Road 70 E. #100, Lakewood Ranch
greysonbar.com/



Mike's Local Tips

After living and working in Lakewood Ranch for nearly three decades, I've had the chance to experience the local dining scene from every angle—quick coffee stops, family meals, and memorable nights out.

For sunset dining, it's hard to beat the outdoor tables at GROVE, where the atmosphere is just as good as the food. If you're planning a romantic evening, Libby's and Paris Bistrot are both go-to favorites, offering intimate settings and consistently excellent menus.

Families often tell me they love The Granary for its quick service, friendly staff, and great coffee—perfect for busy mornings or relaxed weekend breakfasts. No matter your taste or occasion, Lakewood Ranch has a restaurant that fits your lifestyle.



Curated by **Mike Novak**

With over 28 years in real estate and a family legacy in the industry, Mike Novak combines local insight with professional excellence. Mike's calm, confident approach makes buying or selling a home both efficient and enjoyable. **Our team has sold 1,164 homes in the past 15 years, representing more than \$500 million in total team sales and growing.**

“I don't just sell homes—I help people find the lifestyle they've been dreaming of.”

—Mike Novak

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