

Citrus County Restaurants Inverness (small town done right)

Inverness Dining Indulgences: 2023 Citrus County Florida. I don't generally review chain restaurants and in the Inverness area there are several good ones: Applebee's, Outback, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Johns, Jimmy Johns, Huddle House, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sonny's BBQ, Ruby Tuesday, Jersey Mikes, Checkers, Taco Bell, Dunkin Donuts, Culver's and Chilis. COMING: Chipotle's.

"Mom and Pop" Restaurants:

Our Favorite : Oscar Penns: Fine Dining. Historic home setting. Love she crab soup. Great food, menu and service. 207 N. Apopka, 352-419-6354, <https://www.oscarpenns.com/>

Joe's Family Restaurant: REOPENED: 1741 Hwy 41 (next to the skating rink.) It is a very popular restaurant for all meals and we have had great lunches-never been there for breakfast or dinner. Closed Wednesdays. 352-726-1688; <https://www.facebook.com/joesfamilyrestaurant>

Stumpknockers: (2 locations) has a nice atmosphere and has fried catfish and hush puppies and a large menu. Generally good service and food. *On the Withlacoochee River* (200 on the way to Ocala from 491). The downtown Inverness **On the Square** branch 110 Main Street, 322-726-2212; <https://www.facebook.com/Stumpknockers-On-The-Square-421643124687446/>

Hen House. It has a very nice lunch menu with lots of choices and specials. Art liked his BLT, and I had a very good Reuben. Very reasonable. 206 Tompkins St. down from Connors Gift Shop; 352-419-7942; <https://www.facebook.com/The-Hen-House-Cafe-142000062659867/>

Cedar River Seafood, is open for lunch and dinner. We have been there for dinner and it is good. 804 W Main St, 352-341-2278; <http://cedarriverseafood.com/>

Cattledog Roasters: Coffee place but Menu changes monthly. Good pecan chicken salad. has three locations in CC ... in Inverness 210 B Tompkins; <https://www.cattledogcoffeeroasters.com/>

Dillon's Cinnamon Sticks Restaurant & Bakery: We have had some nice lunches there and the menu has a lot of variety with daily specials. 727 Hwy 41, 352-419-7914; <https://cinnamon-sticks.com/>

Papa J's: is open for breakfast and lunch. We have had good "comfort food" lunches there.

2056 Hwy 44; 352-341-5169; https://places.singleplatform.com/papa-js-cafe/menu#menu_2952762

Darrell's Diner (former Johnny Cakes n Steaks Homestyle Restaurant.) It's just south of Inverness before you get to Floral City. A brightly decorated restaurant, it is a typical neighborhood diner. We previously split a club sandwich and it was good. 859 S US Highway 41; (352) 765-3326;

Courthouse Cafe: authentic homemade Italian ices & cafe Located at 103 N. Apopka Ave at Courthouse Square.

Art and I have had lunch at the new **Bistro on the Square**: "Artisan Wood-Fired Pizza, Salads, Small Plates, Soups, Cast-Iron Sandwiches. Hand crafted with loca." 108 W Main St, Inverness, (352) 419-4053; www.Brooksvillebistro.com

Lollygaggers Sports Bar & Grill : 2nd location. Good lunch; <https://m.facebook.com/LollygaggersSportsPub/?ref=bookmarks>; 8370 S Florida Ave., Floral City, 352-503-6060

Ethnic:

Los Magueyes Mexican. (one of several CC locations) Nice, new decor and the food and service very good. 1674 US HWY 41N 352-765-3914. <https://www.facebook.com/losmagueyesinverness/>

Angelos Ristorante Historic house location; I like brick oven pizza, clams linguine and antipasto. 301 W. Main St, 352-341-0056; <https://angelosnypizza.com/>; (also in Hernando)

Angelotti's Pizza: has been consistently voted best pizza. Never had their pizza-too far from my home but I guess you can eat in too. Gluten free crust available. 130 Heights Ave; 352-419-6550; <https://angelottis-pizza.business.site/>

El Ranchito: It has great chips and salsa-nice menu selection, great chicken fajita salad and good prices and service. 2645 Hwy 44 (in Beall's shopping center);(352) 341-0707; 2nd location in Crystal River; <https://www.facebook.com/pages/El-Ranchito-Mexican-Grill/117375374948421>

Lin Garden I have not been there...noted for buffets. 238 Hwy 41, 352-726-5899, <https://www.lingarden2.com/>

Habaneros Mexican: Have not been there in years. 724 U.S. Hwy 41, 352-765-3097; <http://www.habanerosrestaurant.com/>

Heidi's Italian: (closed) But couldn't find out any new info. I think they are functioning as a food truck. Internet info not updated as of 9/2023.

Pubs and Bars:

Coaches Pub and Eatery, for wings. They were good-a bit salty. They make one of the best house salads I have ever been served! Nice sports bar atmosphere too. 114 W. Main St, 352-344-3333; <http://www.coachspubeatery.com/>

Pine Street Pub: Our place for wings. We go back to this cozy bar/ restaurant for lunch after bike rides. 108 N. Pine Ave, 352-341-0100; <https://www.pinestreetpub.com/>

The Cove Pub and Grub,; Food has been consistently good over the years... especially the wings and fish. 1242 Cove Pt, 352-344-5894; <https://www.thecovepubandgrub.com/>

Lunch:

Eat Healthy at **Rutabagas Natural Market:** They have really expanded the menu. 335 S. Croft Ave, 352-344-0096; <https://rutabagasmarket.com/>

Brooklyn Deli: 3360 Hwy 44,; Menu changes daily. 352-637-3354; <https://www.brooklyndeliinverness.com/>

Pudgees (new owners 2022) in Floral City A very popular place, but they do not duplicate the "Coney dogs" that we get when in Detroit. 6471-5925, US-41. (352) 344-3773, <https://www.facebook.com/pudgeeshotdogs/>

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