

Citrus County Restaurants Inverness (small town done right)

Inverness Dining Indulgences: 2024 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, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Chilis.

"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/> second location in Crystal Rivet.

Cattledog Roasters: Coffee place but Menu changes monthly. Good cranberry pecan chicken salad. has four locations in CC ... in Inverness 210 B Tompkins; <https://www.cattledogcoffeeroasters.com/> (also in Crystal River, Hernando and Homosassa.

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; 8370 S Florida Ave., Floral City, 352-503-6060; <https://www.facebook.com/LollygaggersFloralCity>

Fishermans Cove; cozy restaurant...been there once and it was okay .12311 Golf Lake Highway

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://www.angelottispizzamenu.com/>

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 II I have not been there...noted for buffets. 238 Hwy 41, 352-726-5899

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. 8435 E Roscoe Ct — US-41.
(352) 344-3773, <https://pudgeeseatery.com/>

These places are listed in Inverness info...we have not been to them...

Mama’s a Country Café: 104 South Highway

Los Comrades, Mexican: 724 US Hwy 41 S; [\(352\) 765-3097](https://www.loscomrades.com/)

Touch of Italy Restaurant and Pizza; 455 E Highland Blvd, [\(352\) 637-0002](https://www.touchofitaly.com/)

Fortuner Chinese;
211 E Highland Blvd; [\(352\) 726-8885](https://www.fortuner.com/)

Salty Dog; 107 Courthouse Square, [\(352\) 419-4673](https://www.saltydogsteamers.com/)
Menu: [saltydogsteamers.com](https://www.saltydogsteamers.com/)

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