

The Boskone 32 Restaurant Guide

This guide lists restaurants (and a few other useful things) in the Framingham area with some comments and recommendations, plus a map. (We've tried to list all of the good ones and some of the rest.)

It's easy to find your way around here. You'll find nearly everything along Rt. 9, the road which runs east-west past the Tara. If a restaurant isn't on Route 9, there had to be a good reason to include it.

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In general, we haven't listed the national fast-food chains. If's that's your goal, just head east from the Tara along Rt 9 or Rt 30 and you'll come to them all...

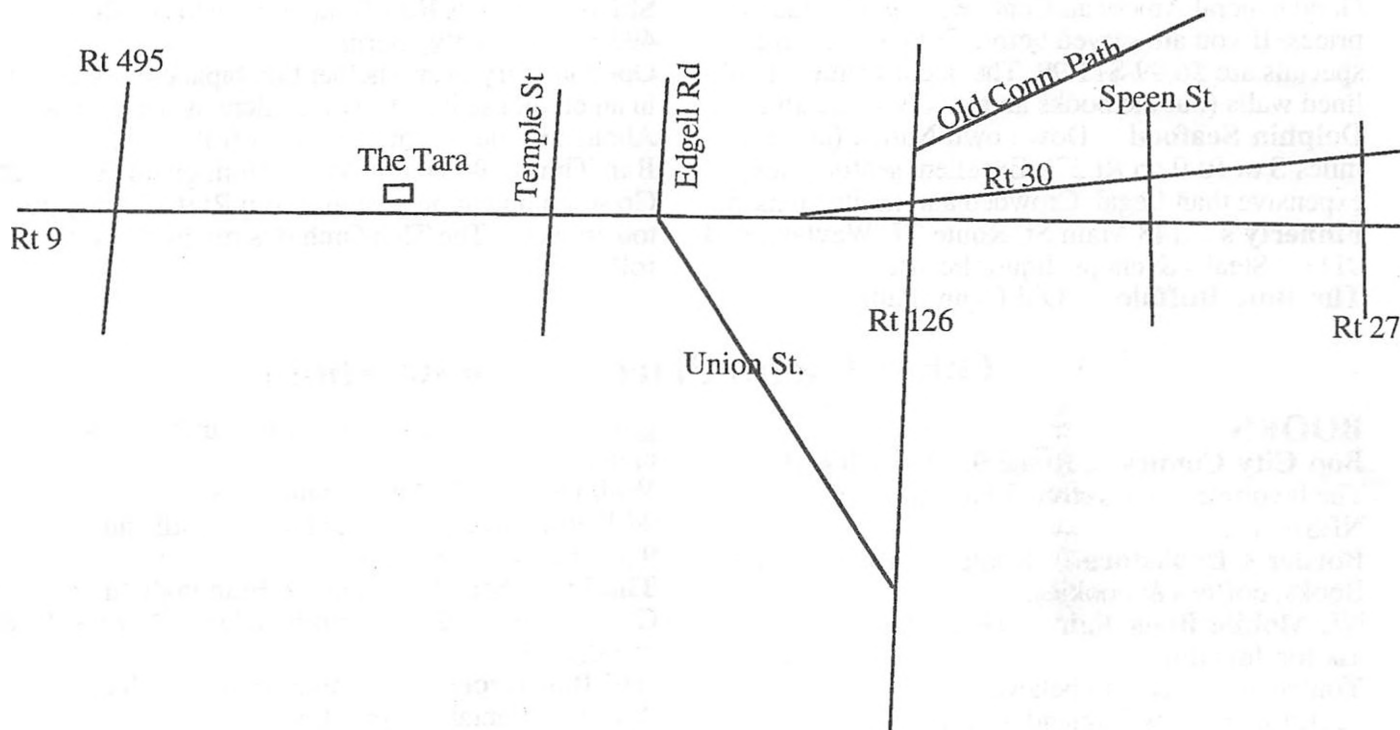
Restaurants are listed from West to East along Rt 9, with a separate section following for notes and a few exceptional restaurants located elsewhere. Location is East or West from the Tara followed by S or N for south or north of Rt 9. (The Tara is on the North side of Rt 9.) Further clues: Worcester Road (Worc. Rd.) is Rt. 9. Cochituate Rd is Rt 30. The easiest way to get from Rt. 9 to Rt 30 going east is to use Rt 126.

Location	Name	Cuisine/price	Location	Notes
W 3000	Pacific Ocean		3000 miles West of Tara	Wet. Good fish.
W 20	El Morocco	Middle Eastern	In Worcester	Excellent - see notes
W 11 - S	Old Vienna Kaffeehaus	Mittel Europa	on Rt 135 in downtown Westboro, actually 898-2230	Excellent; folk music upstairs - see notes
W ~8 - S	Willy's BBQ	Tex-Mex & BBQ	Westboro	very Texan atmosphere; see notes
W ~7 - N	Tom Foolery's	American	Rt 9 & Rt 30	
W 5.2 - N	Chipperfield's Sea grill	Seafood, etc.	Westboro Marriott	366-5511
W 5-----Rt 495-----5 miles west of Tara				
W ~2 - S	Owen O'Leary's Restaurant & Pub			'Roast night' on Sunday
W ~2 - S	The White Corner	American		50's setting; OK food
W ~1 - N	Ben's Deli	Sandwiches		Saturday until 4:30 only
W 0.3 - N	The Ground Round	American	Almost walkable.	
W 0.1 - S	Athenian Restaurant	Greek	Almost across Rt 9 from Tara. Next to Motel 6 875-6868	Neighborhood Greek Open 24 hours x-Sun
Across	Fortune House	Chinese	Across Rt 9 from Tara	
Ground Zero-----Sheraton Tara Hotel-----The center of the universe				
In the hotel	Molly Malone's		In the hotel	
In the hotel	Upper Crust		In the hotel	
E 1.7 - S	Finally Michael's	American & continental	On Temple St. - 1280 Worc. Rd. 879-7345	Excellent. See notes
E 1.75-----Temple St-----1.75 miles east of Tara				
E 1.8 - N	Bagels and more	Bagels		
E 1.8 - S	Friendlies	Ice cream and breakfast	Stop & Shop plaza	
E 1.9 - S	Steakloft	Steaks & seafood	1186 Worc. Rd. Next to Econolodge	879-7007
E 2.2 - S	Yen's Wok	Chinese	1138 Worc Rd. 879-9533	Good. May have Comedy Club on weekend evenings.

E 2.5 - N	Centre Pizza	Pizza & spaghetti	961 Worc. Rd	
E 2.5 - N	Brooklyn Bagels		959 Worc. Rd	
E 2.6-----Edgell Rd/Union Ave-----2.6 miles east of Tara				
	Taste of China	Chinese	855 Worc. Rd 820-4608	Take-out only.
	Imperial Garden	Chinese	413 Worc. Rd	OK
	Ichi Ban	Sushi	Just East of the Farm Stand	Grocery with sushi
E ~4.0 - S	Ban Thai	Thai	94 Union Ave (~1mile S of Rt 9	See notes. 872-8626
E ~4.3 - S	Oh Calcutta	Indian	19 Irving St (~1.3 mile S of Rt 9 on Union, just before Rt 135)	Only nearby Indian place
E 3.9 - N	Aegean	Greek	on Rt 30 (47 Beacon St)	879-8424
East 3.8-----Rt 126-----3.8 miles east of Tara				
E 4.0 - N	Thai Orchid	Thai	271 Worc Rd. 626-0248	Also quite good
E 4.0 - S	Uncle Cheung's	Chinese	266 Worc. Rd. 872-9200	A fannish favorite
E 4.1 - S	Shogun 9	Japanese	250 Worc. Rd 626-2110	We've heard it's good
E 4.1 - S	Bonker's	Pizza		Pizza & play for kids
E 4.3 - S	Bertucci's	Italian & gourmet pizza	150 Worc. Rd 879-9161	Great local chain. See notes
E 4.3 - S	Chili's	Grill & Bar	120 Worc. Rd. 820-9303	
E 4.3 - N	Chi-Chi's	Mexican	On Rt 30 (257 Cochituate Rd)	875-6363
E 4.3 - N	Boston Chicken	Rotisserie chicken	341 Cochituate Rd (Rt 30). In small mall	The best chicken in area; Takeout and seating. See notes
E 4.3 - N	Schlozsky's Deli	NY-style deli	Next to Boston Chicken. 875-7777	Pretty good for a fake NY deli.
E 4.3 - N	The Blue Buffalo	Ribs & BBQ	969 Concord St (just off Rt 30) 872-8822	Best BBQ, ribs, etc. in area. See notes.
E 4.4 - N	Bennigan's	American		
E 4.5 - N	Ken's Steak House	American	95 Worc. Rd. 875-4455	
E 4.5 - S	Pizzeria Uno	Deep dish pizza	620-1816	Top-rate deep dish pizza and others
E 4.4 - S	Houlihan's	American	50 Worc Rd. 879-6083	
E 4.4 - S	Bangkok Oriental	Thai	Around back of Houlihan's	879-6001
	Capuccino's	Italian	30 Worc. Rd 872-1231	Said to be overpriced
E 4.5-----Natick-Framingham line				
E 4.6 - S	Legal Sea Food	Fish! (Has a small non-seafood menu)	1400 Worc Rd (Natick) 820-1115	The best seafood in Boston. Always crowded! See notes.
E 4.7 - N	Food Court	Lots!	Food court at Natick Mall	Very large!
E 4.7 - S	dux	Continental	In Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza	
E 4.8 - S	Coffee Connection	Coffee & desserts	In Sherwood Plaza	Great coffee
E 4.8 - S	Joan & Ed's deli	Delicatessian	In Sherwood Plaza	
E 4.8 - S	Pizza Hut	Pizza	In Sherwood Plaza	
East 5.7-----Speen St.-----5.7 miles east of Tara				
E 6.4 - N	Ming Garden	Chinese	915 Worc. Rd	An old fannish favorite
East 6.5-----Rt 27-----6.5 miles east of Tara				
E 6.5 - S	Dolphin Seafood		Downtown Natick	See notes
E ~7.0 - N	Vinnie Testa's	Italian	801 Worc. Rd. (office park)	651-7755

E ~7 - S	Cafe Cardoos	Delicatession	In Loehman's Apple Hill Mall	Aimed at the office lunch and shopping crowd. Good brunch.
E ~8 - N	G&G deli	Delicatession	Weathersfield Rd	Best deli in area
E ~9 - S	TJ's Cantina	Baja CA style	On Wellesly/Natick line 617-235-3143	Good food, but somewhat crowded.
E 25	Atlantic Ocean		25 miles east of Tara	Wet. Good fish.

An admittedly schematic (but surprisingly useful) map:



Notes

El Morocco 100 Wall Street, Worcester 756-7117 Renowned Middle Eastern food with a superb view of Worcester. Large portions, reasonable prices. Take 9 West to Route 122 South (Grafton St.). Wall Street is about 1/2 mile up on your left (the first major light). Moderate-expensive, MC/VISA, liquor license, great view of the city (though its outdoor terrace is not recommended in February). About 25 miles west.

La Grange 4 Waltham Street, Maynard 897-2850 Small family business, French & continental cuisine, civilized elegance without being snotty about it. Full liquor license, takes all credit cards. Entrees \$18.95 to \$23.95, appetizers and soups \$3.73 to \$7.50, desserts to \$5.75. Call for reservations. No dress code (but please look civilized). About 10 miles northwest.

Legal Sea Foods Route 9, Natick 820-1115

Excellent chowder, raw bar, varied menu, selections for non-seafood eaters. Moderate-expensive, liquor license, AmEx/Carte Blanche/MC/VISA. About 5 miles east. You will find that there is invariably a line. Be prepared to wait. (But the food's worth it!)

Longfellow's Wayside Inn off Route 20, Marlboro 443-8846

Just off route 20 on the Marlboro-Sudbury border is an old inn that's been open for over 200 years. Wayside Inn has good Yankee food, seafood, & beef. Moderate-expensive, MC/VISA, liquor license. About 5 miles north.

Old Vienna Kaffehaus Route 135, Westboro 898-2230 Austrian/Hungarian/German restaurant with an extensive European beer/wine selection, homemade pastry, & folk singers upstairs nightly. Take Route 9 west to 135 south. Moderate-expensive, MC/VISA, liquor license. Ground-level

dining is available. About 10 miles west.

Boston Chicken just off Route 9, in 2nd mall on left, also off Route 30, Framingham
Great rotisserie chicken, even the vegetables are good! You really can't do better for a good meal at a reasonable price. Newly expanded with some in-store seating. In Computer City plaza S. of Rt 30.

Bertucci's S side of Route 9, Framingham. 879-9161 A local fancy pizza chain which serves a wide variety of other Italian dishes. Definitely upscale, but prices aren't too bad. Recommended.

Finally Michael's 1280 Worcester Rd Route 9 & Temple St, Framingham 879-7345

Good general American/Continental food. Moderate prices. If you are served before 7pm, Early Bird specials are \$6.99-\$11.99. The decor features book-lined walls (but the books aren't very interesting).

Dolphin Seafood Downtown Natick (about 2 miles S of Rt 9 on Rt 27). Excellent seafood, less expensive than Legal. Crowded and limited parking.

Finnerty's 148 Main St Route 27, Wayland 653-0111 Steaks & chops, liquor license

The Blue Buffalo Old Conn. Path,

Framingham 872-8822

The Blue Buffalo just opened and is a definite winner. (NESFA had its banquet there last November to general applause.) It features BBQ, ribs, grilled meats and the like. It may not be as good as Austin's best, but it's definitely good! Old Conn. Path is the next right off of Rt 126 north of Rt 30. Go about a block and turn right into a small shopping plaza.

Willy's BBQ Route 9, just west of Otis/Lyman Sts, Westboro Excellent Tex-Mex/BBQ, Texan beers, live music most evenings, very Texan atmosphere. About 10 miles west.

Shiro 3 Gates Rd (Route 62, just E of Route 495), (dinner only) Berlin

Opinions vary over whether this Japanese restaurant in an old house is as truly excellent as it once was. About 15 miles northwest. *Just* off the exit.

Ban Thai 94 Union Ave, Framingham 872-8626 Go south on Union Avenue from Rt 9. Usually not too crowded. The Thai Orchid is run by the same folks.

Other Useful Places to Know About

BOOKS

Bop City Comics Route 9, Marshall's Mall
The favorite comics store for a number of NESFAnS.

Border's Bookstore Route 9, Framingham
Books, coffees & cookies.

NE Mobile Book Fair Needham St, Newton - ask for directions

You've got to see it to believe it — the largest bookstore in New England — with over an acre of tightly-packed books. 20% discount on nearly all new books, and almost as many publishers' overstocks as new.

FANNISH SUPPLIES

Kinko's Copy Service Route 9, Framingham.
Next to Thai Orchid restaurant.
open 24 hours, also FAX

Staples Route 9 between Route 27 & Oak St
The local office superstore chain. The nearest Staples is about 8 miles East on Rt. 9 on the North side. Look for the bright red sign. Cheap xeroxing. Open Saturdays and Sundays.

The Big Party Route 9 xxx Staples
A new place specializing in party supplies and decorations.

GROCERIES, etc.

British Food & Imports Route 9, Fram.
A little place specializing in imported British

groceries. Good supply of exotic candy, clotted cream, etc.

Walgreens Route 9, Framingham
24-hour Pharmacy. Located on the north side of Rt. 9 just East of Edgell Rd.

The Farm Stand Route 9, Framingham
Grocery. Located on the north side of Rt. 9 just East of Edgell Rd.

Ichi Ban Grocery Route 9, Framingham
A small, oriental grocery. Located on the north side of Rt. 9 near The Farm Stand. Also, sushi you can eat there.

Stop & Shop Temple St & Rt 9, Framingham and also Route 9 at Rt 27, Natick

Not open between midnight Sat & noon Sun, or midnight Sun & 9am Mon but otherwise 24 hrs.

Spag's Route 9, Shrewsbury (almost to Worcester)

A local legend and *the* place for party supplies, sporting equipment, or garden supplies. Cash and credit card only, and bring your own bags. It's on the right, a mile this side of the Worcester border on Route 9.

Warehouse Groceries

There are several in the vicinity, including a BJ's and a Sam's Club. Check the phone book or Boskone Information for directions.