

# RESTAURANTS :

THIS BOOK CONTAINS

" COMMENTS "

ABOUT DOOR COUNTY

RESTAURANTS.

PLEASE ADD A COMMENT ABOUT  
YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT  
(OR TWO) AND SIGN YOUR  
NAME.

Thanks,  
Bonnie &  
Dennis

## STURGEON BAY

SCHARTNER'S : "FRIENDLY LOCAL" BAR-  
RESTAURANT. WILLY & AMY SCHARTNER ;  
AMY COOKS & WILLY IS THE BARTENDER.  
VERY GOOD STEAKS + FISH ; SIMPLE,  
CLEAN, CASUAL ATMOSPHERE.  
REASONABLE PRICES!

WHITE BIRCH : MOST COUNTRY INN  
LIKE ATMOSPHERE ; HARD WOOD FLOORS  
& TABLES. SMALL COZY BAR. FULL  
DINNER MENU. YOU CAN HAVE  
SOME SANDWICHES AT NIGHT. THE  
HAMBERGERS!!!! SUNDAY CHICKEN!

NAUTICAL INN : RIGHT DOWNTOWN, YOU  
CAN WALK. LOVELY ALL WOOD  
DINING ROOM, LINEN TABLE CLOTHES.  
FULL DINNER MENU, LONG LIST  
OF APPETIZERS & UNUSUAL DRINKS.  
VERY NICE BAR AREA.



BAY SHORE INN: SURGEON BAY'S OTHER  
COUNTRY INN - LOVELY COUNTRY  
DINING ROOM. ONE SPECIAL EACH  
EVENING AND 5 TO 7 OTHER DINERS  
TO CHOOSE FROM. WONDERFUL  
BREAKFASTS! EVERYTHING HOMEMADE.  
FISH BOILS. ONLY OPEN FOR  
DINNER JULY & AUGUST (SOME OF JUNE).  
YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN WINE!  
VERY SEASONAL

NIGHTENGALE: MODERN DECOR -  
"SUPER CLUB", GOOD FOOD. GOOD  
LUNCHES FROM 11:30 - 2:00 PM.

PUDGY SEAGULL: 3 BLOCKS AWAY -  
DOWNTOWN. NEW SANDWICH &  
FAMILY DINNER PLACE. CUTE.  
3RD AVENUE.

ANDROPOLIS: GREEK. VERY GOOD GREEK  
FOR A SMALL TOWN. SANDWICH PLACE.  
LOCAL "CAFÉ".



## FISH CREEK

WHITE GULL INN: EXCELLENT FISH BOIL - RESERVATIONS A MUST. WONDERFUL "CANDLE LIGHT" DINNERS. OPEN ALL YEAR. 25 TO 30 MINUTE DRIVE. ~~WEEK~~

## BAILEY'S HARBOR

BAILEY'S HARBOR YACHT CLUB: (ASK)  
OPEN WEEKENDS  
ONLY DEC JAN FEB  
ELEGANT! LOOKS OVER THE WATER. GREAT MENU. THEY ARE OPEN MAY THRU OCTOBER AND WEEKENDS IN THE WINTER. 30 MINUTE DRIVE.

## FISH CREEK

CLOSED WINTERS  
KORTES ENGLISH INN: THE OTHER "FINE" RESTAURANT IN DOOR COUNTY. FINE REPUTATION. OPEN MAY - OCTOBER. THEY DON'T TAKE RESERVATIONS FOR PARTYS UNDER 6. LONG WAITS IN JULY & AUGUST & WEEKENDS. SUNDAY BRUNCH.

C C SUPPER CLUB - GOOD FOOD, FRIENDLY BAR - SUNDAY BUFFET ALL DAY WITH OUTSTANDING TENDERLOIN VERY GOOD BATTERED PIKE & GOOD PRIME RIB W/ COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE.  
WEEKENDS WINTERS

## SISTER BAY

RENAISSANCE INN: SEAFOOD A SPECIALTY. COZY DINING ROOM. NO LIQUOR LIC., YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN WINE. (?)  
WEEKENDS IN WINTER  
CALL FIRST

HOTEL DU NORD: HIGH QUALITY DINING. GOOD SUNDAY BRUNCH. BEAUTIFUL BAR OVERLOOKS THE WATER w/ GREAT FIREPLACE. CLOSED WINTER

## VALMY

GLIDDEN LODGE: 15 MINUTES FROM HERE. BEAUTIFUL, RUSTIC STONE LODGE ON LAKE MICHIGAN. REMOTE & QUIET. SIMPLE HOME COOKED FOOD. CLOSED WINTERS

SISTER BAY BOWL: SHORT ON ATMOSPHERE BUT BIG ON GREAT STEAKS. REASONABLE PRICES.



# COMMENTS :

Shartner's: Casual atmosphere.  
Very friendly. Good food.  
Reasonable prices.

Schartners': Extremely casual, "small town" atmosphere. Everyone extremely cordial. Food excellent, at very reasonable prices. We ate there 4 nights in a row, and loved every bite!! Eric & Ramona Nimmer

BAYVIEW HARBOR YACHT CLUB

Very nice, food is excellent  
has atmosphere, You must go  
with Capt. Willie. Steve + Susan Sr.

Nightengale:

Very good food, good service.  
Had some excellent pork chops.  
They serve mini-menus also  
for light eaters.

Norm & Audrey Kirtson



Nautical Inn: good food  
nice atmosphere but go  
early because they may  
rush you - good Chinese  
and excellent Port!

Good duck Joe Hall & Jennifer  
Hewitt

Shartner's - Excellent food, very  
casual atmosphere, and very reasonable  
prices.

C + C's (Fish Creek) - Excellent food!  
Super salad bar, nice atmosphere with  
large fireplace in dining room.

Shartner's → "neighborhood" atmosphere.  
Miller (owner, bartender) friendly outgoing.  
Food inexpensive and great.

Bailly's Harbor → The yacht club in  
evening not overcrowded. All-Portent  
on Sunday night is good food.  
Afterward, the bar has music,  
Folk Club, harmony festivity.

2/17/86  
Shartner's has great food at bargain  
basement prices although the  
ambiance is a bit bargain basement  
too - but don't miss it.

Renaissance Inn in Sister Bay (1/2 block  
left of 42 at base of hill) (Open for  
dining only certain weekends in Winter  
+ all summer long) Really an excellent  
restaurant with an extensive + innovative  
menu (Blackened Redfish was a favorite  
last year). Fairly pricey, small



and cozy seating in a small dining room or porch setting. No liquor license, but B.Y.O. is OK. This place is a real find and worthy of the trip to Sister Bay, but call for reservations + availability

The Viking Inn in Eldon Bay  
Standard Formica ambience but pretty good fish boil in summer + great home made Cherry pie + preserves all year round

Old Stage Inn - on 42 in Egg Harbor  
Pizza here brought tears of joy to my eyes - stopped in on a Sunday afternoon + enjoyed the Bartalk + slugged down a few friendly beers before the owner delivered a succulent crispy cheese + sausage miracle better than any I've had in Chicago or Milwaukee  
check it out  
HAE

Nautical Inn - Shrimp Tempura  
is excellent. Give good size portions + prices are reasonable, considering. The advantage of the special featured, prime rib melts in your mouth + you have to try the smoked whitefish appetizer - it's great! Not only is the food good but the atmosphere is nice, too. They mix a good drink also. You can dress up or just go casual. One of the nicest restaurants we've ever been in.

Mike + Karen Aug 2/22/86

SHARTNER'S -- The Friday Fish Fry (Walleye) is excellent -- plenty of fish Relaxed atmosphere.  
WHITE GULL INN - Fish Boil was great! accordion music during dinner by the man who prepares the fish



Boil. GO early to be sure to see  
the actual boiling of the fish pot --  
very dramatic -- bring your camera!

KNAPPEN'S (SP?) BAKERY: ON

Third St. Has excellent poppy  
seed rolls/danishes.

Greg Blair & Kathi Gordon  
Oak Park IL

3-2-86

White Birch Inn - very comfortable  
atmosphere, friendly waitress. Nice  
out of the way spot. Try the  
Surf + Turf, what a meal!

Mr + Mrs Dale Erickson  
Joliet, Illinois

Nautical Inn - Good food, reasonable  
prices. Shrimp Tempura is  
excellent. Interesting drinks.  
Nice atmosphere - go early.

Sibbie & Joe Johnston

White Birch Inn - nice out of the  
way place, good food, nice  
people, cozy sort of atmosphere.

Sibbie & Joe  
Johnston  
(Franklin Pk., IL)

Nightingale - Very good food &  
drinks. Also provide a  
complimentary bottle of champagne  
for that special occasion.

Dave & Ann  
Habeigan  
(Racine, WI) 4/20/86

4-27-86

Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club - The  
Friday evening seafood buffet  
is exceptional, if you can  
stand to wait a bit (in the  
height of the season) - the bar  
that adjoins the dining room  
is a lovely place to wait,  
though - lovely view, friendly  
staff &



and the dining room has a lovely, calm ambience - not "overdone." The food is always exceptional, but Friday nights are the best! Go early and watch a sunset. (Super Value -

#12.95/PERSON ON FRI.)

The Cookery (Fish Creek) - one of our favorite places to go when we just want a 'lite' - good sandwiches and chili. Be prepared to have the desert tray brought to the table - not for the faint of heart! The cherry pie and cherry cobbler are best of all. (Inexpensive)

Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant (Sister Bay) Al has a

fortress-like enclave of Swedish gift shops that are a Door County legend... but it all began with the restaurant. Deservedly so. This is the best place to have breakfast in Door - in this reporter's opinion - if you enjoy standard fare, or especially if Swedish pancakes, lingonberries, Swedish meatballs, etc. tempt you. Best Swedish pancakes EVER and the best sausages, too. Ann Sather's in Chicago is no match for this outpost of Swedish cooking. But all the food is good and the menu has a wide range. (Very reasonable prices.)



These 3 - Bailey's Harbor,  
Coobery and Al Johnsons -  
are all good deals and  
an alternative to "Fine  
Dining ###" in Door  
County.

4/27/86

Joe & Mary  
Bridger-Smith  
Chicago, Illinois

Nautical Inn - An excellent restaurant,  
with the biggest cut of prime rib  
we've ever seen. Fantastic fish, good  
salads (+ powerful drinks) add up to  
a fine dining experience.

Chris Hall / Nancy Henry

5/3/86

White Bull Inn - great fish boil -  
good music, good people - Pudgy's  
good, fine food 5/19/86

Jay W. Johnson

The White Linn has been  
so exceptional! What a  
beautiful place to stay.  
Dennis & Bonnie have  
been so nice. I'll be  
telling everyone I know  
about it! Hope to come back  
real soon! Jo Lee Johnson

C & C Supper Club in Fish Creek

Menu has a large selection of  
different foods, service is great,  
food is pretty good.

OYO Supper Club - Wash  
Creek

Excellent place and  
top service. We were  
very satisfied.  
John & Linda Ruppel



Nautical San- Shrimp Tempura  
& Cheese Curd Appetizers were  
excellent - plus they served the  
finest strawberry Margaritas  
we've had anywhere!

Gailep Harbor Yacht Club - had  
an excellent Fri. eve buffet.  
Fresh oysters (superb) & shrimp  
etc. Great! Plus - the sunset  
over the water was magnificent!

Pudoggy Seagull gally - This  
restaurant has a cute and  
cozy atmosphere, polite service  
and all kinds of good food!  
Also this restaurant has  
fast and cheap service. It's  
a good restaurant we enjoyed  
it! Gail Green & Diane Duncan!!



Fisherman's Table - Excellent Salad Bar  
with unique homemade items. Informal,  
good whitefish.

Washington Island. 6-15-86

We had no recommendations  
for a restaurant - and even  
for a quick, light lunch, many  
places seemed a little tacky.

However the Sailors' Pub and  
Restaurant was perfect: very  
simple appearance, but the  
homemade cabbage soup &  
the homemade bratwurst on  
a freshly baked roll were  
delicious. And the nacho  
chip tray was worthy of a very  
good San Antonio Mexican  
restaurant.

Kati + Jim George

## GLIDDEN'S

Four of us had dinner  
and it was just what we  
hoped for - water side,  
rustic but comfortable -  
and food & service excellent.  
Can't say enough about it.  
So go - Dell + Frank Hembree

Whitefish Inn: 6-25-86

Excellent food (lobster, in particular)  
Drinks - superb - a relaxed, comfortable  
atmosphere. Good prices, good service.  
More than worth a hike - difficult to  
find off of highway - but you leave  
the place feeling good! Earl + Fanny Wessitt

Al Johnson: 6-25-86

The goats & pancakes were  
fabulous - Earl Wessitt



### The White Lake Inn:

A gracious and beautiful home - I will recommend this place to any one who needs to know there is still grace and elegance in our world - Tanny W.

### 1) The Clidden Lodge

Fabulous Atmosphere!  
Sit on the Porch if you can.  
The lake is only 20ft away  
very quiet, rustic feel. Food  
was good, but portions a  
little small.

### 2) The Bay Shore Inn.

Again, sit on the porch  
if possible. Wonderful  
view of the Bay. Food  
was very ~~beautiful~~ good  
and portions were generous.

### 3) Puddy Seagull.

A cute place and the  
food was quite good for  
a quick snack & sandwich.  
Scott & Lois Palmer - Libertyville  
IL.



— GUIDDED INN —

ATMOSPHERE VERY GOOD

FOOD GOOD

SERVICE A LITTLE SLOW

— CASEYS INN A SLEEPER  
FOR CASUAL DINING

— TRY THE SPECIALS

LUNCH - CHEESEBURGER

DINNER - EVENING SPECIALS

John & Sharon Stancik

Nautical Inn -

Surf + Turf Excellent

Lobster Tail very good. Service fair. Plan to spend forty five minutes to an hour in the bar beyond your reservation time.

Mike + Chris Lonia 7/22/86

- Nautical Inn -

Rude Bartender!

Nautical Inn -

Had shrimp absolutely delicious. Nice bar and clever drinks. Service was good. just a short walk from the Inn.

George + Lynn Rinos  
Chicago

THE BLUE IRIS INN -

EGG HARBOR

WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE, GOOD

FOOD, FRIENDLY SERVICE - NICE

BAR TO SIT AT - ONE

VEGETARIAN ENTREE FOR DINNER,

VERY GOOD



Suzi & Terry Kitson  
Wausau 8/15/86

## The Common House: Bailey's Harbor -

A slightly rustic-English Pub atmosphere, quiet and very relaxing. Beautiful hanging plants! We had a terrific fishboil that included very friendly fast service. They have a nice looking bar and entertainment in the form of an open-mike stage for sing-a-longs beginning around 9pm. The Common House is not heavily advertised in the brochures - but worth tracking it down in the downtown main street section of Bailey's Harbor.

Another treat we've discovered is the Greek spinach pie "Spanikopita" at the Andropolis here in Surgeon Bay. Not much for atmosphere but the pie was a great snack!

## Our favorites

Breakfast - White Lace in with the bran muffins and enjoyment of talking with Justin, Bonnie, other good guests.  
Lunch - The Cooking has reasonable prices, plenty of food and all extremely delicious.

- Old Johnsons has great food, wonderful atmosphere and can be chosen for any time of day including evenings.

Best fishboil - White Gull in - served on china with wonderful atmosphere

Suzi & Terry Sandberg  
OKS



WHITE BIRCH INN

8-25-86

MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL "PRIME  
RIB" WAS EXCELLANT. VERY  
FRIENDLY HELP, GOOD DRINKS  
& NICE COZY ATMOSPHERE.

Keith & Shelly Suggs  
Beloit, WI



Hotel du Nord

Escargot in mushroom caps - very tasty, Seafood Platter w/ Newberg sauce was good, however the Veal Monterey was a superb culinary delight!

The Nightingale -  
Friday - Pan fried perch a must, local causal, reasonable.

Sayer Cafe -  
Looks something like Sherit Taylors Mayberry.  
GREAT Cheese Burgers  
HOUSEY! Chile

The Cookery  
Excellent for lunch  
Scott & Britanny Thompson  
9-1-81



9-7-86

1) Glidden Lodge -

-very rustic atmosphere  
with beautiful view of the  
water. Food was great.

I had the white fish and  
it was great. I highly  
recommend it. It doesn't  
even taste like fish.

Dave had the wild mignon,  
and it was good as well.

2) Hotel DuNord - MORE of a  
formal atmosphere.

I had the veal. It's great.  
Dave had the shrimp fettucine.  
We recommend Both.

3) Shoreline at Gills Rock.

Very casual atmosphere. We  
had lunch here + we both  
had the white fish sandwich.  
Again it was great. Happy Eating  
Dave + Denise.



## "The Glidden Lodge"

Loved it! Rustic & Quaint!  
Could have stayed for a  
very long time.

The food was more than  
acceptable & the staff was  
as friendly as the atmosphere  
was pleasant & satisfying.

Should I ever return to this  
area, as I hope to do, I  
will with out doubt revisit  
The Glidden Lodge as well  
as The Whiteface Inn.

Bill E. Wulf  
Belleville, IL  
9/14/86



For a good STEAK dinner  
is plenty of it; try Nightengales  
on Mon. For Tenderloin Special!

Room 9 has one of the top  
ten Beds I've ever been in!

Bran muffins are great!

John & Betty Bobat.

Tomah, Wis.

9/22 - 9/24

The White Lace Inn  
was a perfect honeymoon  
spot... romantic and  
gorgeous. We certainly  
enjoyed our stay and  
will be anxious to  
return. Dennis and  
Bonnie were great.

Thank you for making  
our stay special.

Joel and Nancy Dristran  
Minneapolis, Mn.



"The Renaissance Inn"

in Sister Bay

Food is fantastic

Service is excellent.

We recommend it!

Ned & Sheila Perri



Scharther's - Best fish fry  
in Wisconsin. Friendly  
service, friendly owners.

Johany's Cottage Restaurant -  
Sister Bay - great lunches  
reasonable prices. Friendly  
waitresses.

Ken & Barb Wardius  
9-28-86

The Nautical Inn -

Great food but small portions  
for the \$\$\$!

Summer Kitchen (Ephraim)

EXCELLENT!! Cute atmosphere,  
friendly service, very unusual, tasty  
food for lunch. Great soup bar.  
Surroundings were quaint + everything  
was homemade.

And last BUT not least... "Chickie's  
All-Night Diner" here in Sturgeon Bay.





For that insatiable hunger at midnight,  
try their chili or greasy & juicy burgers.  
(With fried onions). Atmosphere is  
well... there. 2 can eat for under  
\$5.00. You'll also learn a bit  
about human nature as a variety  
of customers are chickie's fans -  
the town hoodlums, grandmas  
grandpa, & second-shift factory  
workers. Take note of the chickie's  
wallpaper.

David & Rhonda Wray  
10/1/86

P.S. White Lake Inn made our  
honeymoon really special! Thanks  
Dennis & Bonnie!

White Lake Inn - fantastic ambience and  
beautiful room (#8). It made our  
honeymoon all that more special for us.  
Thanks! LuAnne & Todd Gates  
10/2/86



## "The Nautical Inn"

We thoroughly enjoyed our dinner at the Nautical Inn! The atmosphere was warm, relaxing, and very friendly. The service was wonderful! We have no complaints about the food or the service. We ate oriental - Shrimp Kow and Sweet & Sour Shrimp - fantastic! very filling! Cheesecake was superb! We were seated immediately (with reservation) and served promptly! Try it - you'll like it! (We did.)

David & Lebbi Ellestad  
Oct. 3, 1986



We've now gotten a bad meal at Sebastians. Food is good, plentiful & reasonable. (10 Large baked shrimp on the special) Willy is a real character. Reminds us of Woody on Cheers, albeit with brains. We like the Irish Rail at the Nautical Inn. The game rib at Nightingale is enormous and good.

The Cooking is a must for soup and scrumptious desserts. We found two new places this year for lunch. Wilson's (?) Chili and Crafts in the Country Walk Shopping Center just at the south end of Sister Bay. The Chili Mac with onions warmed our innards on a rainy fall day.

Grandma's just south of Egg Harbor serves charcoal grilled hamburgers. Very tasty! The Cottage in Sister Bay is good for lunch with homemade soup and bread pudding

with lemon sauce. Yum! Don't forget the ice cream shop next to the Jew's Rest in Sturgeon Bay. The turtle (vanilla ice cream, caramel and fudge sauce with pecans) is decadent. Thank goodness we only stay four days or we'd never fit in the car.

Denny & Jelly McHenry 10/5/86



## Glidden Lodge

This is an out of the way place  
however, don't let that deter you because  
it was quite worth while. Our waiter  
was named Scott and he was delightful -  
the service was excellent. the food  
was good and the prices 'normal'.  
Right on the shores of Lake Michigan -  
very rustic. Try it - you'll like it!

Ellie + Lou Dondson, Lila + Ellen  
Reyppon + Addie + Ed Zimmerman - all  
from Indiana - 10/9/86



# The Nightingale Supper Club-

Great food, friendly service casual atmosphere. Make Reservations before 5:00 p.m. or you could have a long wait. Pork chops & prime ribs were excellent. And the prices are exceptionally reasonable!!

Chris Krall;  
Nancy J.  
10/2/86

MCDONALD'S STURGEON BAY 10/13/86  
CHEF RONALD'S A GAS AND PUTS  
ON A HELLUVA BLAST. IF YOU CAN  
STAND HIS COOKIN. NO WHERE'S ELSE YOU  
SHOULD BE<sup>A</sup> LOOKIN. WE LUV THEM FRIES  
BETTER THAN THE COLONEL'S THIGHS. WE  
SAY THE HELL WITH THESE HIGH FACUTIN' FARCES  
JUST GIVE US THEM GOLDEN ARCHES  
FLATLANDER BANOITS



Partners on the Shore:  
Don't miss it ... unfortunately  
we waited til our last night  
to go but really worth  
it. Really basic decor  
but food excellent &  
super prices. Giant prime  
rib for \$8.95, just super.  
Go early though fills  
up very quickly.

Neutral Inn - OK but  
paying for quite a bit  
of atmosphere that's not  
really quite there, we  
didn't really feel it was  
worth it. Another good  
spot C&C in Fish Creek,  
good food, good salad  
bar, family dining.

Love 'n' Peg  
Lucky Hoffmann III  
10-18-86

THE NIGHTINGALE

FABULOUS RIBS ON TUESDAY  
NIGHT - THE BEST I EVER  
HAD ANYWHERE -

THE WHITE LACE INN

WHAT A lovely place  
for our honeymoon!

10/30/86 DIANA & BOB  
DOLLARD  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.



Al Johnson's Swedish Rest  
was a very special treat.  
The food was prepared to  
our taste. You get a lot  
of food for the money.  
Wonderful desserts!

The White Lace Inn made  
our honeymoon very special  
and one we will always  
remember. Best bran  
muffins in all of the  
county!!

Thank you so much

Pap tola : Richard Wolfe  
12/86