

Huntersville/Lake Norman

Restaurant Guide for Huntersville/Lake Norman.

Dressler's

Jon and Kim Dressler have built a loyal following for their homey-yet-upscale spot. This is a warm, inviting restaurant, which shows by the variety of the crowd that dines here—from beautiful lake people to racing royalty to suburban families looking for a nice night out. All your steaks and chops are represented on the excellent menu, as well as some inventive appetizers and seafood. 8630-1A Lindholm Dr., in Birkdale Village (704-987-1779) \$\$\$, D, FSB, R. Open nightly.

Firebirds Rocky Mountain Grill

With a roaring fireplace and sky-high rafters, Firebirds has the Colorado theme down pat. Hand-cut steaks, chicken, pork, and seafood specialties. Northlake Mall. (704-295-1919) \$\$\$, L, D, FSB.

Mickey & Mooch

Hearty portions of seafood, steaks, and chops are the order of the day, along with great desserts. Northcross Shopping Center. (704-895-6654) \$\$\$, D, FSB, R.

North Harbor Club

Open to the public, you'll get a great view of a marina and a fun, innovative seafood menu. The inside dining room has the elegant feel of a yacht, while the lakeside patio is more casual. Arrive by boat or car. Davidson Landing at Exit 30, I-77 (704-896-5559) \$\$-\$\$\$, L, D, FSB, P. Open daily.

Peninsula China Bistro

Little and loud with a big-city feel and an interesting Chinese menu. 19906 N. Cove Rd., Jetton Village Shopping Center. (704-987-2299) \$\$, L, D, FSB.

Splash

This elegant European restaurant is out of place in a good way. Upscale and hip, with a refined menu of seafood and steaks. 19501 W. Catawba Ave. (704-894-0026) \$\$\$, D, FSB. Closed Sun.

Sushi @ the Lake

Colored disco lights, Hendrix and Clapton tapestries on the walls, loud 1980s rock, and fresh sushi. 19732 One Norman Blvd., Suite 300. (704-987-8080) \$\$, L (Mon-Sat), D (daily), FSB.