

## Myers Park/ Cotswold

### Restaurant Guide for Myers Park/ Cotswold

#### Eddie's Place

It's a neighborhood pub, a casual Low-Country eatery (with magnificent she-crab soup), and an all-day breakfast joint (with standout French toast). 617 S. Sharon Amity Rd. (704-442-0147)/ 12239 Community House Rd. (704-542-0000) \$\$, BF, BR, L, D, FSB.

#### Fenwick's

The service is a cut above most midday eateries. The light menu is what you would expect, and it's always thoughtfully prepared. 511 Providence Rd. (704-333-2750) \$\$, L, D, CM, FSB. Closed Sun.

#### Hotel Charlotte

It's a businessperson's place for lunch that converts easily to a neighborhood family gathering spot for dinner. The Cajun menu and (more than) ninety-nine bottles of beer help make it all fun. 705 S. Sharon Amity Rd. (704-364-6955) \$\$, BR (Sun), L (Mon-Fri), D, FSB. Closed Sun.

#### Mama Ricotta's

Mama has grown up a bit, adopting a more urban look, but Frank Scibelli's winning formula remains the same: solid, simple Italian dishes with a few stylish twists. BR (Sun) 601 S. Kings Dr. (704-343-0148) \$\$, L (Mon-Fri), D, FSB, P.

#### Nolen Kitchen

From the same clan who run Ilios Noche a little farther south comes this sleek spot serving up contemporary American fare. Fancy sandwiches and salads are strong here, as are entrées like the delicate shrimp-and-scallop dumplings. The lounge and patio, dubbed Crescent, draws an attractive mix of neighborhood denizens. 2839 Selwyn Ave. (704-372-1424) \$-\$\$\$ , BR (Sat-Sun), L, D (Mon-Sat), FSB, P. Open late.

#### Primo Tuscan Grille

Weekends, this Myers Park neighborhood joint can get raucous—but a classy raucous—as it fills with locals out celebrating birthdays, big deals, or just each other. Weekdays, it's a bit more subdued, and the service is smoother. Primo is classic New York Italian with some eccentricities—lamb osso bucco rests comfortably near shrimp and grits. An elegant and elevated bar is a nice spot for a pre-meal cocktail. The decent wine list is a mix of Italian and Californian, with several by the glass. 116 Middleton Dr. (704-334-3346) \$\$\$, D, FSB. Closed Sun and Mon.

#### Providence Café

Way back when, this place was the funkier joint in town, the first in the wave of upscale restaurants with stylish interiors and New American menus. Now, it's settled into more of a neighborhood-fave role. On a given night, you'll catch families, businesspeople, and Myers Park singles munching on the grilled yellowfin tuna or prime rib. 110 Perrin Pl. (704-376-2008) \$\$, BR (Sun), L (Mon-Sat), D (nightly), FSB, P.

#### Salute

Andrew and Leyla Arcovio's intimate restaurant is a paean to lovingly crafted Italian cuisine. Leyla oversees a killer wine list, and Chef John Brown finds the best ingredients he can in order to prepare classic Italian countryside dishes as well as a few with his own spin. It's a superb dining experience. 613 Providence Rd. (704-343-9095) \$\$\$, D (Mon-Sat), FSB, P, R.

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##### Terra

In his cozy space, owner Thierry Garconnet (can a name get any more French?) works with chef Chad Beckering to make the French and Italian provincial cuisine into an accessible dining experience. You can almost taste the countryside in dishes like Osso Buco Francese (which adds mushrooms to the veal shanks braised in red wine) and the delightful roast chicken in tarragon cream sauce. Candles and soft lighting create a comfortable ambience, but a full restaurant can mean a high volume. 545-B Providence Rd. (704-332-1886) \$\$\$, D (Mon-Sat), FSB, R.