

Amherst Dining under \$10*

👉: Locals' special recommendations.

♿: Handicapped access available.

Numbers after the restaurant's name point to locations on the Amherst map. Restaurants in close vicinity are indicated by one number.

Asian

👉 **Amber Waves (15)** 63 Main St., Amherst, MA 413 253-9200
Inexpensive Asian noodle dishes served in heaping portions. Great pad Thai and miso soup. Counter service only. Daily seasonal specials. Asian groceries are available on the premises.
Price range: < \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC/DISC/Diners Club ♿

Bar & Grill

Charlie's 1 Pray St., Amherst, MA 413 549-5403
Chow down on a burger, nachos, or chicken sandwiches in front of one of four TVs (including a big-screen) from 11a.m. to midnight any day. Tue. night is 10-cent buffalo wings night. Charlie's does accept UMass Off Campus Meal Plan cards.
Price range: < \$10 (average meal, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC/AMEX/DISC/Diner's/Novus ♿

Delano's 57 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413-253-5141
Choose from a variety of sandwiches, chowder and chili in a friendly pub atmosphere. Offering microbrews on tap and bottled. Featuring free pizza at 9 p.m. Tue., DJ Thu. nights, and nightly drink specials.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC/AMEX/DISC ♿

Rafter's Sports Bar & Restaurant Amity St. & University Dr., Amherst, MA 413 549-4040
Pub fare with enough TVs, Keno and games to keep you busy. Popular college hangout.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC/AMEX/DISC ♿

The Pub 15 E. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 549-1200
Popular student and townie hangout. Serves pastas, ribs, steaks, garden stirfries, and more. Offers over 40 microbrews bottled and six seasonal beers on tap plus plenty of non-alcoholic drinks. Wed. night is Kids' Night -- all kids 12 and under eat free.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC/AMEX/DISC ♿

Breakfast/Sandwich Shops


Amherst Restaurant 1185 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 549-6643
Enormous breakfast served in a quaint, homey historical building. Porch seating in season. Under new management. Wed.-Fri. 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sat., Sun. 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Credit card info not available.** ♿

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery (25) 170 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 253-5713
Bagels, bagels, coffee and more bagels. Counter service.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal, w/o drinks) **Credit card info not available.** ♿


* Should you feel that "Dining under \$10" is an oxymoron, please ask the organizers for more recommendations. The information provided here is largely from the Valley Advocate (<http://www.valleyadvocate.com/>).


Nancy Jane's (26) 36 Main St., Amherst, MA 413 253-3343
Diner-like menu of pancakes, burgers and vanilla cokes served in a simple, country kitchen-like atmosphere. Homemade pies and cookies. Breakfast served all day.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks)
Plastic: V/MC **Handicapped access info not available.**



Brew Pub

Amherst Brewing Company "ABC" (27) 36 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 253-4400
Traditional pub-style fare and ambiance. A dozen choices of beer and ale brewed on the premises. Large bar with separate dining area, outside dining in season. Live entertainment on Thu., Fri. and Sat.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC 

Café



Bart's Homemade Ice Cream (28) 103 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 253-9371
Award-winning Java, award-winning deserts, as well as panini on Portuguese bread. Look for Bart's home-made ice cream in local stores.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Credit card info not available.** 

Claudia's Café 1 E. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 549-7122
Simple food - ham & cheese sandwiches or mac & cheese and a salad - in a relaxed setting. Counter service, tables by the window and couches for lounging. Now the home of Sugar Jones bakery. Stop in for the milk and cookie happy hours Mon.-Fri. 3-6 p.m.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC 


 **Rao's Coffee Roasting Co. (29)** 17 Kellogg Ave. (Boltwood Walk), Amherst 413 253-9441
Coffees, muffins and cookies. Counter service. Tables outside in season; good for people watching.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Credit card info not available.** 



Chinese

Hunan Garden Restaurant 10 Belchertown Rd., Amherst, MA 413 256-0251
Quiet and cozy. Try the sesame chicken or steak.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC **Handicapped access info not available.**

 **Panda East (30)** 13 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 256-8923
A branch of the popular Panda chain. Chinese and Japanese fare, lunch and dinner specials. Speedy service in an intimate setting. **Price range:** Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC 

Creative American Fare

Boltwood's Tavern 30 Boltwood Ave., Amherst, MA 413 253-2576
Casual but trendy lunch and dinners in the historical Lord Jeffrey Inn.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC 

 **Judie's (7)** 51 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 253-3491
Traditional and not so traditional American cuisine. The popovers are a Valley institution. Casual, bustling. Lots of window seating. Closed on Mondays.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC 

Delis

Amherst Deli 233 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 549-6314
Bagels, salads and over-stuffed sandwiches made to order. Counter service. Sparse seating.
Price range: Information not available. **Credit card info not available.** ♿

👉 **Black Sheep Deli (15)** 79 Main St., Amherst, MA 413 253-3442
Bohemian gourmet. The place to go in Amherst for creative, gourmet sandwiches and salads. Cheeses from around the world are on sale, as well as homemade breads and desserts. Counter service, live music.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC (\$20 min.) ♿

Cushman Village General Store 481 Pine St., Amherst, MA 413 549-1953
Neighborhood store featuring fresh baked goods, take-out food and sandwiches, coffee, beer and wine.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC **Handicapped access info not available.**

Indian

New India Restaurant (29) 17 Kellogg Ave., Amherst, MA 413 253-4200
Intimate setting for a meal of traditional Indian food. Lunch buffet daily.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC ♿

Paradise of India (15) 87 Main St., Amherst, MA 413 256-1067
Open and airy plant-filled atmosphere, friendly service. Specializing in vegetable dishes. Daily lunch specials.
Price range: Information not available. **Plastic:** V/MC ♿

Italian


Il Pirata (19) 27 S. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 256-0140
Small, simple casual bistro with a traditional menu of pasta, bruschettas and salads. Wine list available.
Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC ♿

👉 **La Cucina Di Pinocchio (31)** 30 Boltwood Wk., Amherst, MA 413 256-4110
Traditional and not-so-traditional cuisine served in an intimate, friendly atmosphere in a renovated Victorian. Popular spot and there's often a wait- but worth it. Try the calzones, which are inexpensive (about \$6), scrumptious, and come in huge servings (perfect for sharing).
Price range: \$10 to \$20 (average meal/person, w/o drinks), but less expensive choices available.
Plastic: V/MC ♿

👉 **Pasta è Basta (32)** 26 Main St., Amherst, MA 413 256-3550
Amherst's newest resident restaurant offers patrons great food, heaping portions and a streetside view perfect for people-watching. But the real beauty of Pasta E Basta? -- median prices of \$5.50 per plate. At those rates, Pasta patrons should always have basta (enough) money left to enjoy a Red Hook Extra-Special-Brew or two to go with their meal.
Plastic: No. **Handicapped access info not available.**


Mexican

Bueno Y Sano 1 Boltwood Wk., Amherst, MA 413 253-4000
Mammoth burritos all come with rice, beans, jack cheese, lettuce, pico de gallo and sour cream. Choose from a long list of extra fillings including spinach, char grilled steak, roasted garlic and red onion. Counter service only.

Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC 

La Veracruzana (17) 63 South Pleasant St., Amherst 413 253-6900

Authentic southern Mexican and LA style food made on the premises. Giant burritos, aguas frescas, soft-shell tacos, Mexican beer and micro-brews. Check the collection of Latin-American art on display. Counter service.

Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Plastic:** V/MC 

Natural Foods

Raw Carrot 9 E. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 413 549-4240
Featuring salads and sandwiches, tempeh, tofu, and whole-grain dishes. Fresh smoothies and juices with all sorts of healthy items to mix in.

Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks) **Credit card info not available.** 

Soups

SOUPerBOWL (22) 96 North Pleasant St., Amherst 413-253-1855
Quality soup for a reasonable price. Voted Best of the Valley 2002 in the Best Homemade Soup category. Closed on Sundays.

Price: \$2.50-\$5.50

Plastic: No. Cash, check. **Handicapped access info not available.**

Thai

Thai Corner (9) 31 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA 413 253-1639
Homestyle Thai cooking. Take out and lunch specials available.

Price range: less than \$10 (average meal/person, w/o drinks)

Plastic: V/MC/AMEX **Handicapped access info not available.**