

## **Fun Dining**

### **The Shack**

Funky place for good old southern home cooking. Breakfast, lunch or dinner it's always packed but be aware they close from 2-4pm every day. Full bar so go ahead and order that Bloody Mary or Mimosa with your Shack Attack breakfast!

### **Hickory Tavern**

Regional chain sports bar. Great place to watch a game. Love the cheesesteak hoagie followed by their baked to order chocolate chip cookies! Best of all they are open until 11pm so it's one of the few choices for late night food.

## **Casual Dining**

### **Villa Tuscanna**

No shortage of Italian restaurants in NMB but this is our favorite. Has a great vibe, servers are knowledgeable and the food is delicious. Never been disappointed.

### **Bonefish Grill**

Consistently good chain restaurant with a varied menu. Service is normally very good. Open until 10pm which is later than most restaurants. A low risk, high value choice for a nice dinner.

### **J Peters Grill & Bar**

Regional chain, maybe a step down from Bonefish but still good and far better than Applebee's and the like. Happy hour food specials are popular. Drinks are generously poured. One of the closest options for a nice sit down dinner.

## **Fine Dining**

### **SeaBlue Restaurant & Wine Bar**

By far the best fine dining on the entire Grand Strand. Doesn't look like much from the outside (it's in a strip mall) but the food is fabulous. All very fresh, hand selected meats, poultry and seafood. Incredible wine list. It's expensive. Count on the tab being twice what you would pay at a typical nice sit down restaurant...but so worth it. The Asiago Potato Gratin is a must have. Not many tables so reservations are highly recommended. Unlike most places you can actually reserve seats at the bar which is a nice experience if there are only two of you.

### **Bin 2004**

Opened in 2024 it's our new go-to place for fun and food. The only true tapas bar we know of in NMB. The food is delish and service is excellent. Tapas usually evokes images of tiny morsels of food but not here...the portions are generous. Décor is swanky with a variety of seating. The gorgeous bar is our pick when it's just the two of us. There are traditional tables in both the dining room and the bar area. But for a group the best bet is the couches.

### **Bar 19 Twelve**

This is almost two restaurants in one. The main dining room has a Vegas feel and is somewhat fancy. Huge menu with an emphasis on small plates. Not cheap but a good value. We rarely order entrees because the tapas is so good. Only negatives are it's a bit of a drive and bar service can be uneven. Out back the patio is basically an entirely separate restaurant. Very casual outdoor seating, huge bar, all outdoors. They often have a one man band for background music.

### **The Parson's Table**

Exceptionally good food locally sourced. Pricier than most but worth it for a special meal. The space is very cool...it's in an old church. Quaint little bar as you walk in is a nice place to dine if you're into something less formal.

### **The Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro**

French cuisine in a historic Victorian mansion. Pricey, but portions are large so sharing can make sense. Have heard their Sunday brunch is very good. Lobster & Jazz outside Tuesdays and Thursdays in season. Every few weeks they offer a unique Ghost Tour Dinner.

### **Clark's Seafood and Chop House**

Close by, popular place with consistently good food. The patio is lovely with a nice view of the marina. The outdoor bar is small but the higher seating offers the best views.

## **Take-Out Food**

### **Thai Season**

We like this for carry-out but the dining room looks nice too. We have heard that Thai in Town is also good. Both are worth a try!

### **Daniello's Pizzeria & Pub**

Pizza is such a personal choice. But this one is our favorite (maybe because it's a Bengals bar). If you want something closer Babaka's across from Boulineau's is also good.

## **For a Drink**

### **Wine Therapy**

Great little wine bar / wine store. Unusual at least for us is that you cannot pick a bottle off the shelf and drink it there. They only serve select glasses or wine flights at the bar. Their small bites are quite good, especially the shrimp cocktail.

### **Coastal Wine Boutique and Tasting Room**

This place is in Barefoot Landing so not worth the drive just to get a glass of wine but if you're in Barefoot for dinner or a show Coastal Wine is a cute little (really little!) wine bar that we love.

### **Star Tavern**

Kind of a hole in the wall bar but sometimes the bands they have are really good.

### **Captain Archie's**

Awesome waterfront bar and a very short drive away (and perhaps a short Uber ride back lol!). You have to be in the mood for this place. Wall-to-wall people. Live entertainment practically every night with a great variety of bands and the dance floor is always bumpin' (note: music stops at 10pm). This place is absolutely amazing during Bike Week!

### **Clubhouse Food & Spirits**

It's 1am, you need good food and a stiff drink. Clubhouse it is. No website...it's not that kind of place.

## **Never Been There But Hear it's Good**

### **Duck Dive Bar and Grill**

This place looks dangerous (structurally, not criminally) but we are told the burgers are great!

### **Tailgate Oyster Bar**

I've heard of gas station Mexican but never gas station oysters. Everyone raves about this place. Only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-8:30pm. We're going to try it someday!

## **OK But Not Our Favorites**

### **Filet's Waterfront**

The outside bar can be fun but inside is kind of dark and loud. The happy hour food specials are popular but can't say we loved them. Fun place to sit out and watch the swing bridge swing.

### **Crave Italian Oven & Bar**

Opened fairly recently. Go for the décor and the vibe, not the food. Two bars, one inside, one outside and both can be fun. Place is usually packed, maybe because portions are large. But for us the taste was far from authentic (too much salt) and the pizza was not good (soggy crust). Maybe they'll get their legs when things slow down for them.

### **Roca Roja Cantina**

Pretty picky about our Mexican food and this place has not quite delivered for us yet. That said, it's not bad, the bar can be really fun and if you get a table outside along the railing either upstairs or downstairs the views at sunset can be gorgeous.