

Bright Lights

New in town? Back in town? Look no further. Your all-encompassing, fully-comprehensive, no-stone-unturned Guide To Food, Drink Entertainment and Shopping in Halifax is right in front of you. Years of research have gone into this report — you may want to stick it on the fridge for easy reference. Here we go...

Bars

The Grawood: Dalhousie's very own pub can be found in the basement of the Student Union Building. It's sporting a re-vamped look and the draft pours freely (figuratively speaking): see ya Thursday night.

Seahorse: Halifax bar of lore — shady hangout for shady characters. Wooden chairs ideal for throwing. Great place to soak up seaside atmosphere.

Split Crow: Oldest bar in Halifax; good spot to grab an afternoon beer.

Your Father's Mustache, The Thirsty Duck: Two more afternoon bars, both on Spring Garden Road. Bring a friend for a pitcher and some nachos.

Birdland Cabaret: As seen on MuchEast. Lots of local bands and draws an eclectic mix of acts from across Canada. Sometimes makes the Seahorse crowd look dull.

The Studio: Reputedly has the best dance music around, and an open and tolerant atmosphere — if bustin' a move is your groove.

JJ's, Merrill's, etc.: Cheap drinks (sometimes) and booming bass (all the time). Kiss your liver goodbye and let your hormones run rampant.

Jerry's, The Palace: Cheap drinks to suck you in and linebacker bouncers to spit you out. You never start out at The Palace, but too often you end up there.

Liquor Dome: Also nicknamed Pleasure Dome; you figure it out.

Wings

Oasis: Thursdays, 10¢ each. Honey garlic and varying levels of BBQ. The Suicide wings are dangerous. Sometimes not so great, but usually staggering good. Pass time by watching people waste life at stupid gambling machines.

Peddler's Pub: Thursdays, 99¢ for 7-8 wings. Best variety around. Personal favourite are the cajun wings. Bangs wings are tasty too. Don't forget to bring your favourite antacid.

JJ's: Wednesdays, 5¢ each. Variety is same as Oasis, quality is not. But at a nickel a wing and a buck a drink, there isn't a whole lot of complaining.

Grawood: Thursdays, 15¢ each. For the first time in memory, the Grawood has jumped into the fowl fray.

Pizza

Pizza Corner: On the corner of Grafton and Blowers Sicilian: Definitive Halifax pizza. Just ask anyone downtown.

European: What it lacks in ambience to Sicilian, it more than makes it up in taste.

Freeman's: Spicy sauce and they deliver until 5 a.m.

Alexandra's: Sometimes you luck into a pizza joint. Here, you get great burgers too.

King of Donair: They claim the strength of their restaurant is the donair. Doesn't inspire a whole lot of confidence for the plight of their pizza.

Kit Kat, Tony's: Feel like a slice at a nice, clean pizza parlour? Then keep walking.

Movie theatres

If you live within walking distance of Dalhousie, **Park Lane** on Spring Garden is where you'll end up seeing Sly battle Arnie over the rights to seduce Sharon Stone. The complex houses about eight screens and thus lends itself to "2-for-1 student specials", if you know what I mean. But you didn't read that here.

The **Oxford** (corner of Quinpool and, well, Oxford) has huge chairs and a huge screen. Midnight showings of cult films (and in some cases, wannabe cult films) became popular last year.

If the Hollywood glaze is not for you, check out **Wormwood's** on Gottingen St. Home of the critically-acclaimed foreign film or unknown Canadian gem, Wormwood's is a true cinematic experience.

Radio stations

CKDU: Our very own Dalhousie radio station, it can be found at 97.5 on your FM dial or on the 4th floor of the SUB. Free your mind and give it a listen.

C-100: Easy-listening, lite rock music. Yeah, right.

Q-104: Classic rock n' roll. They tap into Overnight with Andy Frost from the "mother ship" in Toronto after midnight.

There's country music out there somewhere too, but if you want it, you find it.

Coffee Shops

Walk along Spring Garden Road. Enter every third store. Order coffee. Enjoy.

But if you happen to be in a different part of town, there are a couple to note.

The Mokka Café: Located on Granville Street, you'll discover that at least half of the city's arts scene frequents this place. With a funky paint job and art for sale on the walls, this place is great for killing time.

The Bike Shop: This is where you'll find the rest of the artsies. It's near Wormwoods, on Gottingen, so it's perfect for your pre-cinema cup of coffee. You can also catch a game of pool or sit and chat with some of the regulars. And hey, if you have your bike, it used to be a bike shop, so just take it inside with you.

The Khyber: More than a coffee shop, this café was started by a collection of local artists who were looking for an art centre. It is used for a variety of purposes, including the city's coolest raves.

Trident Booksellers and Café: Good coffee, and second hand books all under one roof. Paradise.



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Casino

Located at the Sheraton down on the waterfront. Just follow the twinkling lights and ringing bells. Plenty of gaming tables and slot machines, plus more security than an Ice T concert. Come on down and turn your student loan into a mountain of multi-coloured chips.

Music

Sam's: Ok, so every city has a Sam's, and this one is just like all of them.

Urban Sound Exchange: Hey, is your music collection starting to become embarrassing? Well, you can dump off old CDs and tapes in good condition to this Barrington Street store. You can usually get a two for one exchange or about \$4 per cd. If you're just into purchasing there is a substantial selection with ample variety. Good prices too.

Dischord: This is the pinnacle of indie rock here in the "Seattle of the East" (Don't ever use that term here, by the way, they're tired of it). You can purchase 7" records by the local groups and a selection of just about everything else.

Merlin's Pocket: Here you can purchase an assortment of existential goodies, plus there's a wicked selection of trance/techno/ambient/industrial type stuff available for your perusal.

Magazines

The Atlantic News: Located at the corner of Queen and Morris, this store has a great selection of magazines

The Blowers Street Paperchase: Friendly atmosphere, lots of cool post-cards and paper and pens and stuff, plus just about any magazine you'll ever want, and hey, if they don't have it, they'll order it. You can find this place on — where else? — Blowers Street.

The Daily Grind: Coffee and magazines in one place? What more could you ask for?

Funky Merchandise

The Black Market: Here you can find incense, candles, jewelry, beads, and wicked colours of hair-dye (plum is my personal favourite). Pretty neat clothes, too.

Karavan: If you're looking for some interesting foreign-looking furniture or ornaments, there are a bunch of really nice things in here.

The Blue Heron: Rave Central for clothing.

Medina: Lots of used jeans and some really funky t-shirts.

So maybe "all-encompassing" was a bit of a stretch, but this guide should at least get you through your first couple of days. After that, classes start up and we'll all be too busy to enjoy life anyhow...

For a smoke-free environment to eat cake, drink coffee and read books, go to the Trident Café on Argyle Street.

(not so) Big City

Second-hand books

- Attic Owl Bookshop, 5802 South St., 422-2433.
- Back Pages Used Books, 1526 Queen St., 423-4750.
- JWD Bookseller, 1652 Granville St., 429-1652.
- Schooner Books, 5378 Inglis St., 423-8419.
- Trident Booksellers and Café, Argyle and Blowers St., 423-7100.
- United Book Stores, 1669 Barrington St., 423-6980.

Nova Scotia Liquor Commissions

- The legal drinking age in Nova Scotia is 19 years.
- 5540 Clyde St., 423-6716.
- 2559 Agricola St., 429-6145.
- Halifax Shopping Centre, Mumford Rd., 455-4352.
- 1345 Hollis St., 423-7080.

Hospitals & clinics

- Dalhousie Health Services, Howe Hall, 494-2171.
- Fenwick Walk-in Clinic, 5595 Fenwick St., 421-7533.
- Halifax Infirmary, 1335 Queen St., 496-2781 (emergency).
- Grace Maternity Hospital, 5980 University Ave., 420-6600.
- Izaak Walton Killiam Hospital for Children, 5850 University Ave., 428-8050 (emergency, South St. entrance).
- Victoria General Hospital, 1278 Tower Rd., 428-2043 (emergency).
- Planned Parenthood, Vernon St. and Quinpool Rd., 455-9656.

Laundromats

- Take lots of quarters!
- Blue Ribbon Coin Laundry, Henry St. and South St., 421-0067.
- Spin & Tumble, 1022 Barrington St., 422-8099.
- Oxford Laundromat, 2983 Oxford St., 455-4725.
- Bluenose Laundromat, 2198 Windsor St., 422-7098.

Culture

- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, 1741 Hollis St., 424-7542.
- Artczar Gallery, 1903 Barrington St., 492-3332.
- Black Cultural Centre, 1149 Main St., Dartmouth, 434-6223.
- MicMac Heritage Gallery, 1903 Barrington St., 422-9509.

Essentials

Second-hand furniture

- Almanac Used furniture & Antiques, 2810 Windsor St., 455-1141.
- Dee Bee's Buy & Sell, 2698 Agricola St., 453-5771.
- Easy Pickins Furniture & Things, 2128 Gottingen St., 429-9900.
- Mr. Buy and Sell, 394 Herring Cove Rd., 479-0888 (first floor only).

Groceries

- Capitol, Coburg Rd. and Seymour St., 443-8401.
- Sobeys, Windsor St. and North St., 455-8508.
- 6485 Quinpool Rd., 423-4144.
- West End Mall, Mumford Rd., 455-1862.
- Halifax Shopping Centre, Mumford Rd., 454-7277.
- 1120 Queen St., 422-9884.
- IGA, Quinpool Centre, Quinpool Rd., 425-1498.

Non-supermarket fare

- Mary Jane's Alternative Tastes, 1313 Hollis St., 421-1313.
- Great Ocean Natural & Specialty Foods, Quinpool Rd. and Vernon St., 425-7400.
- Indian Groceries, 2585 Robie St., 423-6339.
- Super Natural Foods, 1505 Barrington St., 423-8630 (from Granville St.).
- Tian Phat Asian Grocery, 7018 Chebucto Rd., 455-1560.
- Lyn D's Caribbean Deli and Café, 1520 Queen St., 492-8100.
- Wok's Cooking Oriental Gourmet Shop, 6083 South St., 492-3141.

Taxis

- Note — If you use a wheelchair, mention this when you call or they may refuse to take you.
- Ace-Y Taxi, 429-4444.
- Casino Taxi, 429-6666 or 425-6666.
- Yellow Cab, 422-1551.
- Sunshine Share-a-cab, 429-5555.



Pick a card, any card at the Blower's Street Paper Chase

The Public Gardens



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