

THINGS THAT THINK

Recommendations While You're Here

We have put together a list of recommendations for things to do and places to eat while you are in town for the TTT meeting. We also suggest that you visit <http://www.bostonchefs.com> where you'll find menus, photos, and contact information. Enjoy your stay!

Walter Bender, Media Lab director, recommends:

Oleana

134 Hampshire Street, Cambridge
617 661-0505

"It's got an eclectic menu but everything's good! And they have a good outdoor dining area as well."

Brian Chow, research assistant, recommends:

Koreana

145 Prospect Street, Cambridge
617 586-8661

"It's pretty lively. Food is good. They have some Japanese food too, in case Korean food isn't your cup of tea."

Missy Corley, TTT program manager, recommends:

Redbones

55 Chester Street, Somerville
617 625-2200

<http://www.redbones.com>

"The best ribs, pulled-BBQ sandwiches, and potato salad I've found up here. On a hot day, the fresh-squeezed lemonade, served in mason jars, can't be beat."

Joanie Morris DiMicco, research assistant, recommends:

Emma's

40 Hampshire Street, Cambridge
617 864-8534

"This small cafe serves delicious, unusual thin-crust pizzas. There are so many creative options for all kinds of tastes (meat and veggie lovers). And the salads are great too! It is just a 10-minute walk from the Media Lab, so there's no excuse. Except that I think it is closed on Mondays."

Jack Driscoll, editor-in-residence, recommends:

North End / Faneuil Hall

Haymarket or Government Center T-stops, Boston
"If I wanted the flavor of Boston and had limited time, I'd get myself to the North End of Boston, the Italian district, either by cab or by subway. Stroll Hanover Street, meander the side streets, smell old-fashioned home cooking and cheeses, and eat wherever the spirit takes you. If time, the Faneuil Hall Marketplace is a five-minute walk with shops, lots of finger foods and oodles of history."

Jeannie Finks, web diva, recommends:

LaLa Rokh

97 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston
617 720-5511

<http://www.lalarokh.com>

"Within walking distance of the Lab, stroll over the Longfellow Bridge, catch a magnificent Boston sunset, and arrive in Beacon Hill, one of the city's oldest neighborhoods. Aromatic spices punctuate delicate Persian cuisine at this tucked away family-owned establishment. Knowledgeable waitstaff and helpful reviews at their web site will make your visit enjoyable for the newly initiated."

and

Elephant Walk

2067 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
617 492-6900

900 Beacon Street, Boston
617 247-1500

<http://www.elephantwalk.com/>

"For a special night out without breaking the bank head to the Elephant Walk. The menu includes both traditional French and very tasty Cambodian dishes, an award winning wine list, and homemade desserts."

Rich Fletcher, Things That Think, recommends:

Jazz at the Regattabar

1 Bennett Street (in The Charles Hotel),
Harvard Square, Cambridge

617 661-5000

"Boston's premiere jazz venue, located on the second floor of the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square."

Ellen Hoffman, writer, recommends:

The Blue Room

One Kendall Square, Cambridge
617 494-9038

"Within walking distance of the Lab, this funky (but not cheap) bistro-type restaurant offers creative, 'Asian-accented' Mediterranean cooking."

Jeff Lieberman, research assistant, recommends:

The Other Side Cafe

407 Newbury Street, Boston
617 536-9477

"The Other Side, the only real lot located on the 'other side' of Massachusetts Avenue while on Newbury Street, is not for everyone. Food is cheap/health-food style, music is raucous, people smoke outside. However, their peanut butter-banana smoothie (or fruit smoothies) and fruit/cheese/bread/yogurt platter are unmatched at much more posh locations. You'll be served by people with tattoos and piercings, but this is the place to go for a completely unique-to-Boston experience."

Hiroshi Ishii, TTT co-director, recommends:

The Fogg Art Museum

32 Quincy Street, Cambridge
617 495-9400

<http://www.artmuseums.harvard.edu/fogg/>

"My most favorite museum in Cambridge. On Harvard University's campus, enjoy Western art from the Middle Ages to the present, including Italian early Renaissance and nineteenth-century French art."

Lisa Lieberman, TTT program assistant, recommends:

Bluestone Bistro

1799 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton
617 254-8309

<http://www.bluestonebistro.com/>

"White pizza, cheese calzones, tomato-basil sauce; and I'm sure the rest of the menu is good too."

John Maeda, professor, recommends:

Royal East

782 Main Street, Cambridge
617 661-1660

"Good Chinese food at a good price. I've gone there since I was a freshman. All of my students hate it because it's the only place I take them, but that shouldn't stop you. . . ."

Betty Lou McClanahan, sponsor collaboration manager, recommends:

The Miracle of Science

321 Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square, Cambridge
617 868-2866

"My favorite restaurant is Miracle. I like the atmosphere and the burgers are great!"

Laird Nolan, Opera of the Future, recommends:

Mary Baker Eddy Library Mapparium

200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston
888 222-3711

and

Bangkok Cuisine

177 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston
617 262-5377

"I suggest the Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library in Boston. For a bite before or after: a fine Thai restaurant across the street called Bangkok Cuisine. Bangkok Cuisine has been fixin' up delicious Thai cuisine since 1979—lots of veggie options."

Joe Paradiso, TTT co-director, recommends:

Baraka Cafe

80 Pearl Street, Cambridge
617 868-3951

"Delicious and novel cuisine based on Middle-Eastern and North-African recipes. Informal but still intimate setting, with only seven tables. A unique and delectable experience. Remember that it's cash only, and a 5-10 minute walk from the Central Square T-stop (20 minutes or more from the Media Lab), roughly halfway to the Charles River along Pearl Street."

Roz Picard, TTT co-director, recommends:

Les Zygomates Wine Bar and Bistro

129 South Street, Boston
617 542-5108

"In the leather district—the name refers to the smile muscles—delicious food and wines, and often great live jazz."

and

The Helmand

143 First Street, Cambridge
617 492-4646

"Afghan cuisine—wonderful breads, spices, and wines in a warm atmosphere with great prices."

Tom Sadtler, associate director, recommends:

La Groceria

853 Main Street, Cambridge
617 497-4214

"La Groceria is a comfortable setting with good Italian food and quick service at reasonable prices. And, it is within a 12-15 minute walk of the Media Lab."

Stacie Slotnick, writer/content developer, recommends:

1369 Coffeehouse

1369 Cambridge Street, Inman Square, Cambridge
617 576-4600

"For a great cup of coffee and yummy treats (fabulous muffins and scones!), the 1369 in Inman Square is a great stop. The 1369 also is an interesting slice of Cambridge life—a real "urban village." Inman Square is one of the last neighborhoods in Cambridge that is still relatively unspoiled by gentrification. Without fail, the shop will have a few Cambridge characters ensconced within. The staff are sweet and cheerful indie rockers and artists, but without the attitude."

Elisabeth Sylvan, research assistant, recommends:

East Coast Grill

1271 Cambridge Street, Inman Square, Cambridge
617 491-6568

<http://www.eastcoastgrill.net/>

and

Rosie's

243 Hampshire Street, Inman Square, Cambridge
617 491-9488

"Located close to MIT in Inman Square. (See Stacie Slotnick's description of this fun area.) Excellent seafood, particularly the raw bar and grilled fish. Also, yummy barbeque. For dessert, you could get pastries or cookies at Rosie's, a short walk down the street."

Mike Houlihan, administrative assistant, recommends:

Paris Creperie Beacon Hill

326 Cambridge Street, Boston
617 589-0909

"A fun little crepe place 1.5 minutes walk from the Charles/MGH T-stop on Cambridge Street."