

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."

Brain 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."

Sara Cinnamon, Grassroots Invention, recommends:
L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolates

52 Brattle Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge
617 491-4340

"Oh-so-delicious hot chocolate from Burdick's in Harvard Square (located at 52-D Brattle Street; open 'til 9:00 pm Sunday and Monday; 'til 11:00 pm other nights). They make their own chocolate on the premises, so you can imagine the delectable-ness. I very highly recommend the dark chocolate. . . . Mmmm, drooling just thinking about it. . . ."

Maureen Coleman, administrative assistant, recommends:

Fire and Ice

50 Church Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge
617 547-9007

"They have a funky twist on Mongolian BBQ. You select which combination of meats, vegetables, carbs, and sauces you'd like, and then the chef grills them for you on an open grill. They have Italian and Mexican choices in addition to the traditional Asian choices."

Missy Corley, TTT program manager, recommends:
The Midwest Grill

1122 Cambridge Street, Cambridge

"For meat-eaters only. Come hungry because this is all-you-can-eat, Brazilian-style. Lively waiters constantly return to your table with succulent pork, beef, and chicken carved right onto your plate. The chicken hearts are not for the timid."

Anthony deFigio, web designer, recommends:

B-Side Lounge

92 Hampshire Street, Cambridge
617 354-0766

"Three words: Lobster mashed potatoes."

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."

Raul Fernandez, research assistant, recommends:

The Helmand

143 First Street, Cambridge
617 492-4646

"This Afghan restaurant has some of the best vegetarian selections (both in quality and number of choices) of any place in this area, and it's an all-around good restaurant even for carnivores."

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:

Centro

720 Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square,
Cambridge
617 868-2405

"You can find a bit of Italy in Central Square at this intimate trattoria. The half-portions of pasta are great if you're not too hungry. Don't be put off by the eclectic entrance through The Good Life bar next door (where you can shoot a game of pool after dinner). It's small, so it's a good idea to make a reservation."

and

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."

Mike Houlihan, administrative assistant, recommends:

The Kinsale Irish Pub and Restaurant

2 Center Plaza, Boston
617 742-5577

"Across Cambridge Street from the Government Center T Stop on the Green Line. Half is fancy, half is Irish-flavored pub—spacious, with live music every night but Thursday and Friday, plenty of veggie items."

Hiroshi Ishii, TTT co-director, recommends:

Ginza

16 Hudson Street, Boston
617 338-2261

Ma Soba

156 Cambridge Street, Beacon Hill in Boston
617 973-6680

"I recommend these to my friends and to sponsors. Oriental cuisine. I often go for dinner."

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

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:

Mary Chung's

460 Massachusetts Avenue, Central Square,
Cambridge
617 864-1991

"Hot, hot Szechuan cooking—an MIT establishment—dare to get the Dun Dun Noodles."

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."

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."