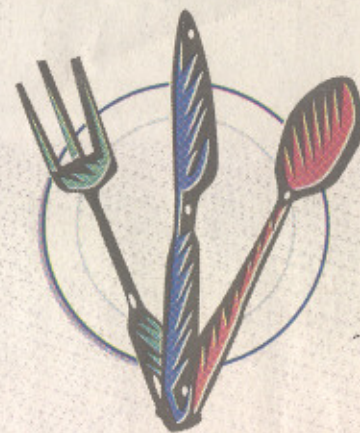




# RED ROCK CAFE:

## A close alternative to the dining halls



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If you are in search of a restaurant to fulfill an extremely large appetite, Red Rock Café is the perfect solution. With a wide selection of appetizers, salads, sandwiches and entrees, Red Rock Café is sure to please diverse palettes, at an especially reasonable cost.

Located only a couple of minutes from campus, Red Rock Café is conveniently situated in the small shopping center next to the A&P. It offers sit-down dining, take-out and delivery features.

The atmosphere is very casual and comfortable. Mostly booths encompass the restaurant, with plenty of room at each table for large groups of friends. Modern and unique blue lights create a mellow ambiance. The restaurant is divided into sections, with an area for dining-in, take-out and a sports bar complete with three televisions and many drink selections.

Meal selection at Red Rock Café can be particularly difficult. There is a variety of tastes to choose from, and the decision process can be exceedingly long. The overall flavor is sure to satisfy the taste buds of the average college student, especially on a low budget. Red Rock favorites include an extensive selection of wings, sandwich wraps, over-stuffed hot oven grinders and pizza.

For an appetizer, the Red Rock Sampler for two is highly recommended. However, do not let the fact that it is "for 2" fool you because this appetizer can easily satisfy four people. The sampler is a plate piled high with an assortment of Red Rock's favorite appetizers: onion rings, mozzarella sticks, jalapenos, shrimp, buffalo wings and chicken fingers. Ordering the sampler is a great way to start off your meal and diminish hunger cravings.

The entrees cater to an assortment of tastes, with salads, burgers, sandwiches, Italian dishes, pizza and calzones, hot oven grinders,

baked dishes, prime rib and beef, seafood, chicken and veal. It is a good idea to go to Red Rock with a large group of people because it makes the decision easier because you can order different things and share.

The pesto pizza, homemade with fresh basil pesto sauce, is zesty and delicious. Though it is dripping with grease, the unique flavor and crispy crust is absolutely delectable. Other exceptional pizza specialties at Red Rock include: Hawaiian, Greek, Santa Fe, taco Deegan's Chesapeake with a variety of seafood and the Red Rock special (mozzarella, onions, pepperoni, hamburger, sausage, mushrooms and green peppers).

There is an abundance of chicken and meat selection entrees. Chicken Athena, with homemade marinara sauce, fresh spinach and feta cheese, is piled high on top of your choice of pasta in a very large bowl. The entrée arrives piping hot and has a fresh and satisfying taste. Chicken Athena is extremely fulfilling and provides a generous doggy-bag to take home.

All of the selections at Red Rock Café are extremely reasonable. Salads, sandwiches and hot oven grinders are an average cost of \$6.95. Entrees range in price from \$7 to \$14, and include soup or salad and bread and butter. The portions of the entrees are huge and can definitely feed more than one person.

The service is quite speedy and efficient. Appetizers are quickly followed by the main course, and the servers are very friendly and accommodating.

The overall restaurant experience is enjoyable and fulfilling. Red Rock Café is sure to satisfy any mood and is appropriate for any occasion. Delicious food, at a reasonable cost, only minutes from the UConn campus...dining doesn't get much better than this!

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Students, as well as Storrs community members, enjoy the atmosphere at the Red Rock Cafe.