# Crunchy fish & chips, perfect for Fridays

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Lent is winding down, but there's still lots of time to go fishing ... for fish and chips. Batan with fork or fingers, there's nothing like a crunchy, succulent piece of fish fresh from the deep fryer.

Bless their hearts, our friends, family and co-workers shared some their favorite fish and chip

Since 1958, Hope's Fish & chips has operated under the slo-

gan "The better batter people."

"Our customers are as faithful
as they come, and they come
28370 Jey Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia,
(734) 427-2130. House: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridey; 2-9 p.m.
Sturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. Menu: Fish,
homemade pasties, chicken and
burgers.

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and fresh rolls.

Hopo's specializes in fresh cod.

A typical dinner includes three to four pieces of fish, French fries or a backed potato, colesalow, a roll and tarter sauce for \$7.15. They also offer lake perch, pickerol, smelt and halibut. Some fish is available backed or broiled.

Hopo's goes through 2,200 pounds of fish a week during Lent, and about 30 gallons of clom chowder. "We make the best clam chowder," says McBrido. Everything at Hope's is good, he adds. Homemade and just plain delicious.

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B Pago's Food & Spirits 23821 Farmington (one block
south of Canad River), downtown
Farmington, Hours: 11 a.m. to
midnight Monday-Thuraday: 11
a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday,
noon to midnight Sunday, Menu:
New menu includes everything
from bursers and nizza to steak from burgers and pizza to steak and senfood with a dash of Mexi-

When it comes to fish and when it comes to fish and chips, owner Dennis Page claims bragging rights, "Because we use only choice Icalandic cod. It's lightly beer-battered. We take great pride in that fish." Wan proof? Just abow up on Friday night and get in line.

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Customers can order the "allyou-can-eat" fish dinner for
\$10.95, which comes with fries
and cole slaw. The regular dinner
for the same price includes a "big
portion" of fish (cooked the way
you want it), choice of potate and
dessert, like homemade icecream pie with Sander's hot
fudge.

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Page and chef Richie Ferna say
new customers quickly become
regulars. Like the motto on their
monu says: "You're only a
stranger once at Page's.



Dinner destination: Behind every great fish and chips dinner at Hope's Fish & Chips are people like (left to right) Carolyn Jones, owner Byrum McBride, Jack Tabone and Shirley McBride.

■ Plymouth Fish Seafood
Market & Restaurant - 573
Starkweather, Old Village, Plyrouth, Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday-Saturday, Menu: Fish (a 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday) Monday-Saturday, Menu: Fish (a zillion varieties, including frog logs and crab cakes), some chick-on, soups. Fish and chips cost \$7.95; other fish dinners range from \$7.95-\$11.25; Dinners include colesiaw and choice of potato or rice.

protate or rice.

Red Robin Restaurant
36350 Warren Road, Westland,
(734) 421-4081. Hours: 11 a.m.
to midnight Monday-Thursday;
11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday;
11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday;
11 a.m. to 1 b.m. Sunday
Menu: Huge' Terrific burgers
and sandwiches. About their fish
and chips with all-you-can-eat
French fries for \$7.79, sorver
Kerrie Swansen says, "I think
they're awesome. They're handbattered in tempura batter, and

our tempura is great. """

B Johnson's Family Restaurant - 42400 Ford Road, Canton,
(734) 981-6877 Hours of a.m. to
9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.
to 9 p.m. Sunday, Media, American family fare, including fish,
chicken, meatleaf and buygers.
Server Lyn Vaddivicy not a
fish-eater, but she like the fish
and chips. Tie satisfysing to the
taste buds, "she says. ""

Erv. Crock Golf Gourse.

cod for \$7.95.

EPilows Creek Golf Club 2636 Lotz Road, Canton, (734)
728-1300. Hours 2-10 p.m. Friday. Menu: Dinners and bar food.
Chef Bradley Paterson serves up
generous portions of pickersi,
lake perch and southern-style

THE SHOWCASEMEN

catfish. Dinners cost \$6,95-\$7.95 and include vegetable, potato, roll and salad.

"Just send them to me," says Paterson about fish and chipsloving customers.

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\*\*Fox Hills Golden Fox (Log Cabin)—8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272. Hours: 4-9 pm. Friday only. Menu: All-you-can-eat fish fry, with beer-battered cod, French fries, cole slaw end roll or \$8.60 per person. Enry Bird special 4-6 pm. (2 pieces of fish with cole slaw and fries, \$6.50 per person). You can also order off the regular menu. Special change weekly, Roservations accepted for parties of six or more.

Look for more of our favorite fish fries next week.

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■ La Bistecca Italian Grille
offers live jazz featuring
Larry Nozere and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every menth. The restaunt, which specializes in Piedmontese Beof, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call
(734) 254-0400 for reservations/information. vations/information.

Goldon Mushroom: The new head toque is Randy Emert,

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formerly executive chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

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Former executive chef and member of the U.S. Culinary Team Derin Moore resigned this position at the Golden Mushroom to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club.
"Chef Randy will continue the quality reputation that Chef Milos Cihelka first brought to the Golden Mushroom," owner Reid Ashten said. "It's also important that the Golden Mushroom continues as a training facility for area chefa. With his approach and management skills, Chef Randy has this leadership ability." ership ability."

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