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100 GREAT MILWAUKEE DISHES

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October is the third annual Dining Month on OnMilwaukee.com. All month, we're stuffed with restaurant reviews, delicious features, chef profiles, unique articles on everything food, as well as the winners of our "Best of Dining 2009."

We don't have scientific proof to support this assertion, but for a city of its size, Milwaukee has a disproportionately large number of excellent restaurants.

And with all of those eateries come some legendary dishes. We asked our staff to list our favorites, and we easily topped 100. Which means objectively speaking, we're not saying these are the best or only great Milwaukee dishes; they're just the first 100 that come to mind. Later in Dining Month, we'll share with you 100 more ...

So read our list -- which is in alphabetical order, not from best to worst -- and chime in with your own favorites using the Talkback feature below. Bon appetit!

1. Artichoke a la mode pizza from Pizza Man
2. Asian slaw at Juniper 61 and Cafe Lulu
3. Asparagus and mushroom enchiladas at Hector's
4. Baked potato pizza slice from Brick3
5. Basic 4 salad at Hotch-a-Do
6. BBQ tofu sandwich at the Riverwest Co-op
7. Bee bim bop at Seoul
8. Big Soft Pretzel at Cafe Centraal
9. Bomber burger at AJ Bombers
10. Breakfast burrito at Hi-Hat
11. Butter burger at Solly's
12. Calderone special pizza at Calderone Club
13. Chana masala at Shah Jee's
14. Cheesy enchilada soup at The Uncanny Soup Co.
15. Chevapchichi at Ilija's Place
16. Chicago dog at Sammy's Taste of Chicago
17. Chicken and waffles at Twisted Fork
18. Chicken in red curry sauce at Bangkok House
19. Corned beef sandwich and matzo ball soup at Benji's
20. Count esterhazy schnitzel at Mader's
21. Crab ragoon at Emperor of China
22. Crackling pork shank at Karl Ratzsch's
23. Crullers at Cranky Al's
24. Curry dishes from Thai Kitchen
25. Currywurst and pretzel at Old German Beer Hall
26. Deep friend pickles at the Palomino
27. Dragon roll at Sake Tumi
28. Eggplant strips from Venice Club
29. Eggs Benedict at Roots
30. Escargots bourguignons en crouete at Lake Park Bistro
31. Falafel with hummus at Shaharazad
32. Filet mignon from the 5 O'Clock Steak House
33. Fish fry at Kegel's
34. Fish fry at Serb Hall
35. Fondue (with homemade donuts) at Swig
36. Four bean tacos at Conejito's
37. French onion soup at Coquette Cafe
38. Fried green tomatoes at Maxie's Southern Comfort
39. Frozen yogurt at Lixx
40. Full rodizio at Sabor
41. Garden burger at Hooligans
42. Garlic bread at Barbieri's
43. Garlic butter breadsticks at Pizza Shuttle
44. George Webb Burger from George Webb
45. Heidi sandwich and veggie chili at Brewed Awakenings
46. Hot dog with the works at Dogg Haus
47. House chips (white truffle and Wisconsin parmesan) at Branded
48. Hummus at Aladdin, Tastes of the East
49. Kobe beef sliders at Hinterland
50. Lamb shanks at North Star Bistro

51. Lasagna with meatballs at Marty's Pizza
52. Linguine con frutti di mare at Il Mito
53. Liver dumpling soup at Mader's
54. Lobster bisque at Dream Dance Steak
55. Mexican fiesta sushi roll at Izumi's
56. Mini cannoli from Peter Sciortino's Bakery
57. Mongolian beef at Yen Ching
58. Napoleon Dynamite at Cafe Centraal
59. Papardelle with duck ragu at Ristorante Bartolotta
60. Pasta Bianca at City Market
61. Pesto and brie sandwich at Le Reve
62. Pho dac biet (B1) and a spring roll from Phan's Garden
63. Poached pear crepes at Chez Jacques
64. Polish sampler at Polonez
65. Pork fries at Honey Pie
66. Pork tamales from El Rey
67. Poutine at Red Dot
68. Puccini pannini at Nessun Dorma
69. Ribs from Speed Queen
70. Samosas at Bombay Sweets
71. Satyricon pizza at Classic Slice
72. Sausage race pizza at Streetza
73. Sesame chicken at Lotus
74. Shepherd's pie at the County Clare
75. Shrimp broccoli cream pasta at The Pasta Tree

76. Shrimp sambal at La Merenda
77. Shrimp soup at La Perla
78. Spaghetti and meatballs at Palermo Villa
79. Spicy black bean burger at Water Buffalo
80. Spiedini at Caterina's
81. Spinach bourak at Old Town
82. Steak frites at Lake Park Bistro
83. Strawkowski at Koppa's Fulbeli Deli
84. Surf clams at Mason Street Grill
85. Taco pizza at Riverfront Pizzeria
86. Tacos de lomo at La Estacion
87. Tacos de tio Israel at at Cempazuchi
88. Texas-style French toast at Cafe at The Pfister
89. The artisanal cheese plate at Sanford
90. The Buttafuoco at Fuel
91. The Marquette at Real Chili
92. The Sobelman burger at Sobelman's
93. Tortilla soup at Riviera Maya
94. Turkey burger at Bella's Fat Cat
95. Vegetable curry at the Taste of India
96. Vegetarian combo platter at Ethiopian Cottage
97. Veggie D pita at Hi-Fi Café
98. Walnut burger from Beans and Barley
99. Whipped garlic sauce at Transfer
100. White cheddar nachos at Roots