

RESTAURANTS:

Many restaurants are still adjusting their hours and menus, and not running at full capacity. Check before you go. It's wise to make reservations for dinner on weekends. These are places we especially like.

- **Backbar** (347 Warren) Ultra-cool bar serving excellent Asian-esque small plates, lots of outdoor seating. backbar-hudson.com. 518-828-0567.
- **Cafe Mutton** (757 Columbia) Refreshingly atypical menu for breakfast and lunch, an dinner Fridays. cafemutton.com. 518-671-6230.
- **Feast and Floret** (13 S. 3rd) Highly civilized, creative menu, great food. feastandflore.com. 518-822-0005
- **Food Studio** (746 Warren) A smart take on Southeast Asian cooking, with good vegetarian options. hudsonfoodstudio.com. 518-828-3459.
- **Grazin' Diner** (717 Warren) Classic grub, with local/organic ingredients, in an authentic mid-20th century diner. grazinburger.com. 518-822-9323.
- **The Half Moon** (44 S. Front) It's a bar (but the dive-bar vibe is ironic) with a big outdoor garden, and decent pizza. halfmoonhudson.com. 518-828-1562.
- **Lil' Deb's Oasis** (747 Columbia) Tropical comfort food in a playful retro room. lildeboasis.com. 518-828-4307.
- **The Maker** (302-304 Warren) — A luxe hotel with three food and drink options. themaker.com. 518-509-2620.
 - **The Restaurant:** elegant, with prices to match, for a special occasion.
 - **The Cafe:** all day dining and take away with fantastic baked goods, house-cured meats, lovely salads, glam atmosphere.
 - **The Lounge:** craft cocktails and small plates in an opulent club-like setting.
- **Le Perche** (230 Warren) French bakery and restaurant; limited menu but reliably good food. leperchehudson.com. 518-822-1850.
- **Oak Pizza** (523 Warren) Small plates and thin-crust pizzas, sharing-oriented menu with vegetarian options. oakpizzanapoletana.com. 518-671-6300.
- **Rivertown Lodge** (731 Warren) Contemporary menu with Mediterranean and North African accents. rivertownlodge.com. 518-567-8807.
- **Swoon** (340 Warren) Upscale farm-to-table cooking with house-made pastas and charcuterie, deft touch with vegetables. swoonkitchenbar.com. 518-822-8938.
- **Kitty's Restaurant** (60 S. Front) Small menu with local farm-produce focus, in a spacious room. Casual ambiance, highly professional staff. kittyshudson.com. 518-267-6369.
- **Isaan Thai Star** (41 N. 7th) Extensive, well-priced menu with many GF and VG options, and ample portions, in an airy modern room, plus outdoor dining. 607-651-4751
- **Wm Farmer & Sons** (Union at Front) Sophisticated tavern atmosphere, superb cocktails, terrific food. wmfarmerandsons.com. 518-828-1635.

COFFEE SHOPS:

You'll find good coffee and baked goods close by at the **Maker Cafe** (302 Warren), **Breadfolks** (322 Warren) or **Moto** (357 Warren) but our favorite coffee is a little farther afield at **Hudson Roastery** (4 Park Place) which turns into a wine bar in the evening.

PROVISIONS: There are supermarkets on Fairview Avenue in Greenport, just outside Hudson but beyond walking distance. For shopping in town on foot:

- **Hudson Farmers Market**, Saturday mornings (through April 16 at the Elks Lodge, 201 Harry Howard Avenue; through the summer at the corner of 6th and Columbia Streets. hudsonfarmersmarketny.com.
- **Hudson Wine Merchants** (341 Warren) spirits as well as wines. hudsonwinemerchants.com. 518-828-6411.
- **Kitty's Market** (60 S. Front) small prepared-food menu, well chosen selection of produce, staples and condiments; lovely garden for snacking in. kittysHUDSON.com. 518-267-6369.
- **Olde Hudson** (449 Warren). Top quality mostly imported groceries, cheeses and charcuterie and pantry items, plus fresh produce, sandwiches and salads oldeHUDSON.com. 518-828-6923.
- **Rolling Grocer 19** (6 S. 2nd) Community-oriented shop (with a sliding scale), and a good range of products many local. rollinggrocer19.org. 518-697-7672
- **Talbot & Arding** (Partition at 2nd). Cheeses, prepared foods and terrific sandwiches, soups and condiments. talbottandarding.com. 518-828-3558.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF HUDSON: tinyurl.com/hudsonwalkingtours

BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS

From among the huge array of area attractions, we think these spots are must-see. Check their websites first for visiting details:

- **Olana**, the fabulous 19th century Persian-fantasy home of Hudson River School artist Frederick Edwin Church, now a house museum. www.olana.org.
- **Greenport Public Conservation Area**, just outside Hudson, has 625-acres of meadows and woodlands with dazzling views, and easy walking paths. It and other conservation areas in Columbia County, all with walking paths, are run by the Columbia Land Conservancy. www.clctrust.org.
- **OMI International Arts Center** has a vast sculpture park, exhibition gallery and weekend cafe. As a COVID precaution, advance registration is required for visits on weekend days. www.artomi.org.
- **The School**, 25 Broad Street (US 9), Kinderhook. This museum-grade schoolhouse-turned-gallery is architecturally stunning in itself. Feedback, up this summer, is a group show dealing with reimagined history, political conflicts and quotidian pleasures. Open Saturdays only. jackshainman.com/the_school.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF HISTORIC SITES IN COLUMBIA COUNTY: tinyurl.com/pftw92w

LAUNDROMAT: 21 Green Street.

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.visithudsonny.com and www.trixieslist.com