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Summer In The City: Outdoor Dining

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Whatever summer brings – a ball game at Nationals Park, a concert at Wolf Trap, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, a cookout or picnic at home or a spur-of-the-moment day trip – sharing a meal and conversation are likely to be part of the fun.

At times you may be exploring the region with friends and family, and just want to stop and rest a while and have a snack. Why not choose to eat a sit-down meal in the open air?

Chain restaurants, if you happen upon them, might already have tables set aside. Many local neighborhoods, such as Middleburg, VA, have excellent reputations for outdoor dining. Tourists occasionally have outdoor cafes on their itineraries.

Washington Woman suggests these venues for dining al-fresco, whether you're craving a salad, seafood, steak or international fare. Whether it's time for brunch, dinner, lunch, a snack, a picnic or just a glass of water or iced tea, you'll find what satisfies you best. All the restaurants offer great ambiance. And don't forget the reservations. So take in the sights, sounds and colors around you, and enjoy your meal.

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Poppy Hill Tuscan Kitchen

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In Fredericksburg, VA's historic district, about a 50-minute drive from Washington, D.C., this restaurant serves brunch, lunch, dinner and dessert.

Authentic Northern Italian cuisine is reasonably priced and known for using all-natural or organic ingredients from local farms. Poppy Hill's outdoor patio is always full once good weather hits.

