

# LAY OF THE LAND

## A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

*It may not be obvious at first glance, but Riverhead holds some little-known culinary gems. Downtown has its own farmers market, coffee roaster, health food store, and a handful of Polish delis and restaurants serving kielbasa, perogis, pickled herring, and dark bread that channel the town's Eastern European heritage. The restaurant scene ranges from a*

*locally minded Greek joint to a jazzy bar and restaurant that serves homegrown buffalo. A dense concentration of farmstands and wineries that ring the outskirts offer one more reason—besides getting a driver's license or making a court appearance—for North and South Forkers to visit the county seat at the mouth of the Peconic Bay.*



#### WALK AROUND MAIN STREET

1. **Wisla Delicacy Deli Corp.**, 125 W. Main St., 369-3200. Open Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Polish deli, homemade kielbasa, Polish beer.

#### 2. **Digger's Fine Food and Spirits**,

58 W. Main St., 369-3200. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner, kitchen open Sunday-Thursday until 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. A friendly Irish Pub with old-world charm. Local wine.

3. **Tweeds Restaurant & Buffalo Bar**, 17 E. Main St., 208-3151. Open for lunch/brunch, business lunch/dinner, dinner daily, and an offbeat bar scene. Clubby American Victorian restaurant and bar, in the historic J.J. Sullivan Hotel.

4. **Riverhead Farmers Market**, Village lot behind Sweezy's, Contact: Ethel Terry, 323-3653. OPEN-AIR/SEASONAL, July-October, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., WIC Coupons.

5. **Athens Gyro & Grill**, 33 E. Main St., 727-1301. Open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Greek restaurant and takeout, using local seasonal produce for all menu items and local fish for all specials. Greek desserts baked in Astoria. [athensgyro.com](http://athensgyro.com)

6. **Eastenders Coffee House**, 40 E. Main St., 727-2656. Open Monday-Tuesday 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Live music Thursday-Monday evenings-come visit and bring your musical instruments!

7. **Green Earth Natural Foods Market**, 50 E. Main St., 369-2233, fax: 369-1653, [www.genfm.com](http://www.genfm.com). Open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Natural foods and body care, organic bulk grains, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, café/sit down or take out, fruit and vegetable juice bar/smoothies, sushi prepared on premises.

8. **Bagel Lovers Café & Deli**, 136 E. Main St., 727-5080 fax: (631) 727-5186. Bagels, delicatessen, catering. Eat in or take out. Free local delivery, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., call or fax your order ahead.

#### NEARBY RIVERHEAD

##### FARM STANDS, WINERIES, RESTAURANTS

1. **Danowski's Fish Market**, 853 W. Main St., 727-3990. Fresh fish and prepared foods, including homemade horseradish. Tues & Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,



Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

2. **Buoy One**, 1175 W. Main St., 208-9737. Seafood market and restaurant. Daily for lunch and dinner.

3. **Anderson's Farmstand**, Rte. 58, 727-2559. Fruits and vegetables, including pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks. June 1-October 30.

4. **Garden of Eve Organic Farm**, 4558 Sound Ave., 722-8777, [gardenofevefarm.com](http://gardenofevefarm.com). Organic fruits, heirloom tomatoes, vegetables, herb plants, fresh cut flowers, garlic, free-range eggs. Community Supported Agriculture shares, Long Island Garlic Festival September 30-October 1. U-pick pumpkins. Memorial Day-Thanksgiving.

5. **Northville Farms**, 5333 Sound Ave., 722-3229. Vegetables, fruits, flowers, baked goods. Memorial Day-Thanksgiving.

6. **Ty Llwyd Farms**, 5793 Sound Ave., Free-range chickens, eggs, potatoes, vegetables and fruits in season. Occasionally duck eggs available. Year-round.

7. **Briermere Farms**, 4414 Sound Ave., 727-2559, [briermere.com](http://briermere.com). Huge selection of pies, jams, jellies, apple butter, pure local honey. Year-round.

8. **Reeve Farm**, Sound Ave., 727-1095. 35 years of offering vegetables, fruits, bedding plants, potted plants. May-November.

9. **Mill Road Farms**, Mill Road, Vegetables.

10. **Martha Clara Vineyards**, 6025 Sound Ave., 298-0075, [marthaclaravineyards.com](http://marthaclaravineyards.com). Open Sunday-Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

11. **Palmer Vineyards**, 108 Sound Ave., Rte. 28, 722-WINE, [palmervineyards.com](http://palmervineyards.com). Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

12. **Roanoke Vineyards**, 3543 Sound Ave., 727-4161, [roanokevineyards.com](http://roanokevineyards.com). Open Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

13. **Schneider Vineyards**, 2248 Roanoke Ave., [schneidervineyards.com](http://schneidervineyards.com). Tastings: The Tasting Room, 2885 Peconic Lane, Peconic. Open Friday-Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.