

Outdoor Dining

Doesn't food just taste better when eaten outside? Savor every moment of summer by visiting the beautiful patios and porches of these local restaurants.



Southport, CT

ARTISAN

THE OUTDOOR SEATING: This rustic-chic lounge area with a full-service bar is a great spot for enjoying one of Artisan's handcrafted margaritas, mojitos or frozen sangrias and is a popular date-night spot and singles scene for the over-30 set. The space opens in mid-April for the summer and closes in October for the winter.

WHAT TO EAT: The farm-to-table food—like the heritage pork chop served with fingerling potatoes, Brussels sprouts and a hard cider au jus—is refined but not fancy. Or try one of the grill specials cooked right on the patio.

MORE INFO: artisansouthport.com



Port Chester, NY

BARTACO

THE OUTDOOR SEATING: Diners are seated on custom-built benches with a view of the Byram River. The patio has heaters and blankets for comfortable alfresco dining even on chilly summer nights.

WHAT TO EAT: The tacos, of course. The fried Baja fish and spicy chorizo varieties are familiar favorites, but the pork belly

and duck are decadent and innovative versions (vegetarians will love the flavorful falafel tacos). Proving that sides shouldn't be an afterthought, the grilled corn with lime, cayenne pepper and authentic cotija cheese is one of the most popular items on the menu—and one of the most memorable. If you're in Fairfield County, check out Bartaco in Westport, CT (with a view of the Connecticut River).

MORE INFO: bartaco.com

