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THE BLADE

# COCINA DE CARLOS


## THE TRUE TASTE OF MEXICO™ TAKES LONGER

Everything we make at "Cocina de Carlos" is made from scratch. Nothing is ever frozen or canned. Please understand that we start preparing your food after you order, not before. It may take a few minutes longer, but we think you will appreciate the difference in quality and taste. Enjoy!

We appreciate your patience. GRACIAS.

### COCINA DE CARLOS IS COMMITTED TO YOU.

If you have food allergies or special dietary needs, please share them with us so that we can best serve you. We'd love to prepare a special dish just for you.

**GLUTEN ALLERGY?** We have denoted gluten free menu items with this symbol 

Please note that red mild enchilada sauce and soft flour tortillas are not gluten free and request our green or hot salsas and our corn tortillas when ordering. NOTE: If you have Celiac Disease, avoid fried food as there may be some cross contamination with gluten.

### VEGAN?

Our rice, refried beans and whole pinto beans are 100% vegan. Substitute any meat for vegetarian chorizo, fresh grilled vegetables like portabellas, mushrooms, nopales or grilled vegetables.




# APPETIZERS

All of our appetizers are the perfect size to share

**GUACAMOLE DIP**   ..... 4.00

**QUESO BLANCO DIP**   ..... 4.00

Mildly spicy. Made with 100% cheese

**BEAN DIP**  ..... 5.50

Refried beans, queso blanco, onions

**JALAPEÑO DIP**   ..... 6.50

Beans, ground beef, queso blanco, jalapeños

**QUESO FUNDIDO**   ..... 6.50

Queso blanco, chorizo

**TAQUITOS FLAUTA\***  ..... 8.00

6 fried corn taquitos filled with meat "guisado" for dipping, guacamole, sour cream and queso blanco

**QUESADILLAS ANDELE** ..... 8.00

Large flour tortilla filled with cheese and one choice topping (below), served with lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes. Add queso blanco on top for \$1.50

**CHOOSE ONE TOPPING\*** (extra toppings \$1.50 each):

Ground beef, shredded chicken, spicy chicken tinga, shredded beef, pork carnitas, pork chorizo or grilled mushrooms and spinach mix

**NACHOS SUPREME**  ..... 8.00

Pile of fresh chips baked with cheese. Covered with lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes. Request to add refried beans and/or jalapeños at no additional charge

**CHOOSE ONE TOPPING\*** (extra toppings \$1.50 each):

Ground beef, shredded chicken, spicy chicken tinga, shredded beef, pork carnitas, pork chorizo or grilled mushrooms and spinach mix

# SOUPS & SALADS

**TORTILLA SOUP**  ..... cup 3, bowl 5.50

Carlos' Mama special recipe with fresh broth, spicy garden vegetables, cheese, fresh squeezed lime juice, Spanish rice and crispy tortilla chips

**MAYAN SALAD\***   ..... 11.25


Grilled chicken, hand chopped iceberg, blacks beans, roasted corn, queso fresco, avocado and crispy tortilla strips

**RIVIERA SALAD\***  ..... 13.25

Fresh bed of baby spinach, red sweet pepper, queso fresco, lime juice, black beans, corn, grilled mango, tilapia and 6 jumbo shrimp

**TACO SALAD** 

"CARLOS' TOP 20" Fresh baked large flour tortilla bowl with refried beans, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and guacamole

 Also available "NAKED and gluten free" (No tortilla bowl)

GROUND BEEF OR SHREDDED CHICKEN ..... 8.50

FAJITA STYLE STEAK OR CHICKEN\* ..... 10.50

FAJITA STYLE SHRIMP\* ..... 12.50

\*CAUTION: Items are cooked to order. Eating raw or undercooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.



## Steak SPECIALTIES\*

Served with refried beans, Spanish rice, flour tortillas, guacamole garnish

**GF** GLUTEN FREE? Request to substitute flour tortillas for corn tortillas

- CALIFORNIA NACHO-FRIES** .....12.00  
A bed of seasoned french fries, sliced carne asada steak, covered with queso blanco, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and guacamole (Note: does not include rice, beans, guacamole garnish or tortillas and is not available Gluten Free)
- CHILE COLORADO** ★ .....13.00  
Marinated sliced steak simmered in spicy medium red sauce
- CARNE EN SU JUGO** ★ .....15.50  
"CARLOS' TOP 20" A delicious combination of steak strips, smoked bacon, whole pinto beans and simmered in medium green tomatillo salsa
- CARNE ASADA** ★ .....14.50  
Thin marinated NY Strip Steak, seasoned and grilled with onions
- CARNE ASADA & PORTOBELLO** .....15.50  
Thin marinated NY Strip Steak seasoned and grilled with onions and Portobello, dressed with queso blanco

## Grilled Chicken\*

Fresh, never frozen, white chicken breast marinated and seasoned for tender juicy flavor. Served with Spanish rice, guacamole garnish, flour tortillas

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- QUESO CHICKEN** ★ .....11.50  
"CARLOS' TOP 20" Sliced grilled chicken with queso blanco
- CHORIZO CHICKEN** ★ .....12.50  
"CARLOS' TOP 20" Grilled chicken, chorizo and queso blanco
- POBLANO CHICKEN** .....12.50  
Grilled chicken with slices of poblano peppers, grilled mushrooms and melted cheese
- MARGARITA CHICKEN** .....12.00  
Grilled chicken, lime, our signature golden Margarita, smoked bacon, roasted corn, black beans and queso blanco

## Seafood\*

**GF** ALL GLUTEN FREE

Served with Spanish rice and guacamole garnish

- TILAPIA ASADA** .....13.00  
Tender and delicious marinated tilapia, grilled with lemons
- DEVIL SHRIMP** .....14.00  
12 jumbo shrimp, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes. Simmered in hot creamy sauce
- SHRIMP COZUMEL** ★ .....14.00  
"CARLOS' TOP 20" 12 grilled shrimp with grilled mushrooms served over a bed of rice and dressed with queso blanco. Delicioso!
- ADOBO SHRIMP** .....14.00  
"CARLOS' TOP 20" 12 grilled jumbo shrimp simmered in guajillo-chipotle spicy sauce
- SHRIMP CON QUESO** .....14.00  
12 jumbo shrimp grilled with poblano peppers, red pepper and fresh mushrooms, smothered with queso blanco
- JALAPEÑO CRÈME SHRIMP** .....14.00  
12 jumbo shrimp grilled with onions, pork chorizo, jalapeños and simmered in creamy white sauce

## PORK

Our tender and juicy pork is slow cooked 6 hours with Senior Carlos' recipe  
Served with refried beans, Spanish rice, guacamole garnish, flour tortillas

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- PORK CARNITAS** ★ .....12.00  
The original carnitas, juicy and tasty
- CHILE VERDE CARNITAS** .....12.00  
Pork carnitas simmered in green salsa



# CARLOS' FAMILY FAVORITES\* 🌟

ALL 4 ARE "CARLOS' TOP 20"

These are our most popular dishes and every member of my family has their favorite. For each option you need choice your filling. Buen Provecho!

## BURRITO SANCHO

Senior Carlos' favorite: The "BIG PAPA" Burrito

An extra large tortilla filled with your choice of filling plus rice, beans, lettuce, sour cream, cheese and tomatoes. Folded and baked. Red mild sauce and queso blanco on top

## BURRITO MIJAS

Carlos' favorite: The "CALIENTE" burrito

A delicious combination of whole pinto beans, rice and your choice of filling. Covered with slow roasted "HOT" sauce and queso blanco. Guacamole, lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes on the side

## QUESADILLA LOCA

Lupita's (Carlos' wife) favorite

An extra large flour tortilla, grilled and filled with cheese and your choice of filling. Folded and covered with queso blanco. Served with rice, beans, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and guacamole

## CHIMICHANGA GRANDE

Pita's (Carlos' Daughter) favorite

Huge flour tortilla filled with your choice of filling, folded and fried until golden brown (also available soft-baked), covered with queso blanco. Served with rice, beans, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and guacamole

## CHOOSE YOUR FILLING

Seasoned Ground Beef .....	10.50
Shredded Chicken .....	10.50
Shredded Beef.....	10.50
Spicy Chicken Tinga.....	10.50
Al Pastor Chicken .....	12.00
Veggie Fajita (onions, bell peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms) ....	11.00
Pork Carnitas .....	11.00
Steak or Chicken Fajita Style* (green peppers, onion, tomato).....	12.50
Al Carbon* (steak with chorizo) .....	12.50
Shrimp (10 grilled shrimp with bell pepper, onion, tomato).....	13.00

## VEGAN DINNERS

Our Spanish rice and refried beans are 100% Vegan

All entrees are served with refried beans, Spanish rice, guacamole garnish

### VEGANA AZTECA FAJITA..... 14.00

Onions, tomatoes, bell pepper, mushrooms, black beans, corn, vegan sausage chorizo, poblano peppers and Portobello

### VEGAN PINEAPPLE..... 15.50

Half of a ripe and sweet pineapple grilled and filled with mushrooms, onions, pineapple chunks, vegan sausage chorizo, corn, black beans and Portobello. Served with flour tortillas

### VEGAN STREET TACOS ..... 13.00

Vegan sausage chorizo, corn, black beans with fresh onions and cilantro

### ENCHILADA VEGAN DINNER..... 12.50

Three corn enchiladas filled with avocado, mushrooms and vegan sausage chorizo, covered with your choice of salsa: original mild red, medium green or roasted HOT



## FAJITAS\*🌟

Our House Specialty. We cook our fajitas with a light coat of vegetable oil over low heat, achieving a perfect blend of flavors. Bell peppers, onions and tomatoes grilled with your choice of meat. Served with Spanish rice, refried beans, guacamole garnish and flour tortillas

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### HOUSE STEAK OR CHICKEN 🌟 ..... 15.00

Choose steak, chicken or mix with bell peppers, onions and tomatoes

### TEXAS FAJITAS 🌟 ..... 16.00

Steak, chicken, 6 jumbo shrimp, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes

### JALAPEÑO CHICKEN FAJITAS 🌟 ... 14.00

"CARLOS' TOP 20" Chicken, chorizo, jalapeños and creamy hot sauce

### SHRIMP FAJITAS ..... 16.00

12 jumbo shrimp, 2 colossal shell-on shrimp, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes

### TROPICAL FAJITAS ..... 15.00

"CARLOS' TOP 20" Steak, chorizo, bacon, mushrooms, onions, pineapples and baked with cheese

### DEGO'S FAJITAS 🌟 ..... 18.00

Steak, chorizo, chicken, pork, 2 colossal shell-on shrimp, onions, bell peppers, tomatoes

### SPICY CHICKEN MANGO FAJITAS 🌟 .... 15.00

Chicken, mango, bacon, jalapeños, onions, mushrooms and light touch of queso blanco

### FUNDIDO FAJITA ..... 16.00

"CARLOS' TOP 20" - CHEF CARLOS' FAVORITE FAJITA!

12 jumbo shrimp, chorizo, onions. Baked with Chihuahua melted cheese

### FAJITA DURANGO ..... 15.00

Steak, chicken, pineapple, onions, spicy chipotle sauce, melted cheese

### PORK JALAPEÑO FAJITAS ..... 14.00

Tender grilled pork carnitas, onions, tomatoes, fresh jalapeños

### SEAFOOD FAJITAS ..... 17.00

12 jumbo shrimp, 2 colossal shell-on shrimp, tilapia, bell pepper, onions, tomatoes

## BURRITOS & ENCHILADAS\*

### BURRITO SANCHO 🌟 ..... 10.50

"CARLOS' TOP 20" - THE "BIG PAPA" BURRITO

A large burrito filled with your choice of filling (ground beef, shredded beef, chicken, spicy chicken Tinga, or shredded chicken). Rice, beans, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and cheese. Red mild sauce and queso blanco on top

### BURRITO MIJAS 🌟 ..... 10.50

"CARLOS' TOP 20" - THE "CALIENTE" BURRITO

A delicious combination of whole pinto beans, rice and your choice of filling (ground beef, shredded beef, chicken, spicy chicken Tinga, or shredded chicken). Covered with slow roasted "HOT" sauce and queso blanco.

Guacamole, lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes on the side

### BURRITOS DELUXE 🌟 ..... 9.00

A beef and bean burrito alongside a chicken and bean, baked with red mild sauce and cheese. Served with lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes

### ENCHILADAS SUPREME 🌟 ..... 9.00

"CARLOS' TOP 20"

Four enchiladas (beef, chicken, cheese and bean), baked with red mild sauce and cheese. Served with lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes

### ENCHILADAS VERACRUZ 🌟 ..... 9.00

"CARLOS' TOP 20"

Two cheese enchiladas with shredded pork on top. Baked with red mild salsa and cheese. Served with rice, beans and guacamole garnish

### ENCHILADAS DINNER 🌟 ..... 10.00

Choice of ground beef, spicy chicken tinga, shredded chicken, pork or cheese. Three enchiladas covered with your choice of salsa: original mild red, medium green, roasted HOT or white queso blanco. Served with rice, beans and guacamole garnish



## PINEAPPLE DON CHARLY\*

"CARLOS' TOP 20" - Just spectacular! Half of a ripe, sweet pineapple grilled and filled with mushrooms, onions, pineapple chunks baked with melted cheese on top. Served with rice, beans, guacamole garnish and flour tortillas. **GF** GLUTEN FREE? Request to substitute flour tortillas for corn tortillas

<b>ORIGINAL</b> ..... 16.00	<b>MANGO-BACON</b> <b>★</b> ..... 17.00
Steak, chicken or mixed	12 jumbo shrimp, bacon, mango, chorizo
<b>TARASCO</b> <b>★</b> ..... 17.00	<b>VEGANA</b> ..... 16.00
Steak, chicken, chorizo and 2 colossal shell-on shrimp	This is a 100% vegan dish and is not served with cheese or sour cream.
<b>SHRIMP</b> ..... 17.00	Vegan sausage chorizo, mushrooms, corn, black beans and Portobello
12 jumbo shrimp and 2 colossal shell-on shrimp	

## COCINA MEXICANA CLASSICS\*

<b>FAJONES</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 11.00	<b>CALIENTE COMBO</b> <b>★</b> ..... 12.00
"CARLOS' TOP 20" Steak and chicken grilled with bell peppers, onions and tomatoes, over a bed of Spanish rice, dressed with queso blanco and fresh cilantro. Flour tortillas. <b>GF</b> Request corn tortillas	"CARLOS' TOP 20" Pork burrito, chicken enchilada and pork tamale baked with HOT roasted tomatillo red sauce and cheese. Served with rice, beans and guacamole garnish
<b>CHILE RELLENO COMBO</b> ..... 11.00	<b>NACHOS FAJITA</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00
2 poblano peppers stuffed with cheese, roasted, peeled, coated with eggs and baked with mild red salsa. Served with rice, beans and guacamole garnish	"CARLOS' TOP 20" Steak, chicken, bell peppers and tomatoes over a bed of cheese nachos, covered with queso blanco. Guacamole garnish on the side
<b>CHILE "ROJO" ASADO</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00	<b>TACO DINNER</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 8.50
"CARLOS' TOP 20" A roasted sweet red pepper filled with 6 shrimp grilled with onions, mushrooms, pork chorizo, queso fresco. Served over rice and dressed with queso blanco	3 hard beef tacos with lettuce and cheese. Served with rice and beans
<b>MEXICAN COMBO</b> <b>★</b> ..... 12.00	<b>TACO SUPREME</b> ..... 8.50
"CARLOS' TOP 20" Chile relleno, pork tamale in red salsa, pork tamale in green salsa served with rice, beans and guacamole garnish	4 soft flour tacos filled with cheese. 2 ground beef and 2 chicken. Lettuce, sour cream and tomatoes

## GOURMET STREET TACOS\*

3 traditional "street" tacos are cooked with fresh ingredients and exquisite flavors. Prepared with double stacked grilled "CORN" tortilla  
Served with refried beans, spicy homemade salsa, cilantro, onions and guacamole garnish (Please, no substitutions)

<b>FISH TACOS</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 13.00	<b>CARIBBEAN TACOS</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00
Grilled tilapia, onions, bell peppers, tomatoes	Chicken, jalapeños, pineapple, grilled cheese
<b>SHRIMP TACOS</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 13.00	<b>AL PASTOR CHICKEN TACOS</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00
9 jumbo shrimp, onions, bell peppers, tomatoes	"CARLOS' TOP 20" Chicken simmered in chipotle mild sauce, fresh cilantro, onions
<b>CARNE ASADA TACOS</b> <b>★</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00	<b>PORK CARNITAS TACOS</b> <b>GF</b> ..... 12.00
"CARLOS' TOP 20" Grilled sliced steak with fresh onions, cilantro	Tender slow cooked pork with fresh cilantro, onions

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## Niños Menu

Kids meals are served for kids under 10 years old

Served with one side and choice of ice cream or apple sauce.....5

2 CRUNCHY TACOS	2 SOFT TACOS	2 ENCHILADAS
Ground beef, lettuce and cheese	Ground beef, lettuce and cheese	Chicken or beef enchiladas with red mild sauce and cheese

### CHOOSE ONE SIDE

Refried Beans Spanish Rice French Fries

QUESADILLA	BURRITO	CHICKEN NUGGETS
Filled with cheese	Ground beef or chicken burrito covered with mild red sauce and cheese	



## A La Carte & Combos

Choose and create your very own combination! Add \$3.50 to add rice, beans and guacamole garnish (lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes and guacamole)

**TACOS** GF ..... 1.90  
Hard or soft shell tortilla, filled with your choice of ground beef or chicken, with lettuce and cheese

**STREET TACOS** GF ..... 3.00  
Double stacked grilled corn tortilla with onion and cilantro. Choose Carne Asada, Pork Carnitas, Grilled Chicken or Al Pastor Chicken

**ENCHILADAS** ..... 2.25  
Corn tortilla rolled and baked with mild red sauce and cheese. Choose ground beef, chicken, shredded beef, spicy chicken tinga or pork

**TAMALE** GF ..... 2.25  
Handmade and filled with spicy pork mole, baked with red mild sauce and cheese

**TOSTADA** GF ..... 2.75  
Flat crunchy corn tortilla with beans, lettuce, tomato and sour cream. Choice of ground beef, chicken, shredded beef, spicy chicken tinga or pork

**BURRITO CARTA** ..... 3.50  
Flour tortilla rolled and filled with your choice of ground beef, chicken, shredded beef, spicy chicken tinga or pork. Baked with red mild sauce and cheese

**QUESADILLA CARTA** ..... 3.75  
Flour tortilla grilled with cheese. Choice of ground beef, chicken, shredded beef, spicy chicken tinga, pork, spinach or mushrooms

**CHIMICHANGA CARTA** ..... 4.50  
A large fried flour tortilla covered with queso blanco. Filled with your choice of ground beef, chicken, shredded beef, spicy chicken tinga or pork

**CHILE RELLENO** ..... 4.00  
Roasted poblano pepper stuffed with melted cheese, coated with egg and baked with mild salsa

## Sides

Rice and beans are 100% vegan

GUACAMOLE 2 oz. ....	1.50	WHOLE PINTO BEANS <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">GF</span> .....	2.00
QUESO BLANCO 2 oz. ....	1.50	SHREDDED CHEESE .....	1.50
PICO DE GALLO 2 oz. ....	1.00	TORTILLAS .....	1.00
SOUR CREAM 2 oz. ....	1.00	SLICED JALEPEÑOS .....	1.25
SPANISH RICE <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">GF</span> .....	2.00	CHILES TOREADOS .....	1.25
REFRIED BEANS <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">GF</span> .....	2.00	FRENCH FRIES .....	2.00



# Cocina de Carlos & The True Taste of Mexico™

## A Fresh Start in Waterville & The Legend of Smedlap's Smithy

Fresh history is always being made, so our story starts with chef/owner Carlos Mendez and general manager Cesar Garcia. Together they've brought the amazing fresh Mexican food concept of the original Cocina de Carlos (Co-SEEN-Ah day Carlos) to historic downtown Waterville. Carlos is originally from Jalisco, Mexico near Guadalajara and comes by his passion for great food naturally. He, his father and other family members have been preparing delightful "secret family recipes" for as long as he can remember.

This is a very friendly place and no doubt future generations will note that Cocina de Carlos was passionate about quality and freshness from the very beginning. Nothing is ever frozen but the ice cubes, and no ingredients come in cans. Fresh produce is personally selected each week to ensure the best quality and taste. Following the success of the Perrysburg location, Carlos wanted to serve "The True Taste of Mexico™" to others in the region. But where? With its well-established, but curious history and great location, Smedlap's Smithy was an easy choice for his next adventure.

The Smedlap Story. Smedlap Effingtass was a colorful, enterprising but somewhat shady character who fled Lynchburg, Tennessee just ahead of a mob. He arrived in Maumee around 1810 and within days, set up a still and began supplying "firewater" to the Indians. Sometime during the Battle of Fallen Timbers, General Anthony Wayne ran into Smedlap. Sensing an opportunity to support the troops and make a few bucks,

he invited the General to sample his wares. After several generous pours, Smedlap presented the bill and that's when the Mad Anthony Wayne moniker was born.

The Maumee was an important trade route in the 1830's. One late afternoon a slightly toasted Smedlap was down by the towpath skipping stones in an effort to establish, for men of science everywhere, the exact distance represented by "a stone's throw away." But his efforts were interrupted when he spied a lovely young lass aboard a Waterville-bound barge. Abandoning his pile of stones, Smedlap leapt aboard the slow-moving craft and slipped in among a flock of sleeping sheep.

As morning dawned, he introduced himself to the young lovely who had captured his heart. She turned out to be Quindora O'Malley, daughter of Throck O'Malley, Waterville's one and only blacksmith. Quindora was headed home after a frantic letter from her mother reported that dad had tired of the anvil and run off with a hooper from the local dance hall. So the lovestruck Smedlap became a smithy and was instantly popular with the horse crowd, which included just about everyone back then. Whether his distilling talents were a factor in that success is unknown.

Skipping a hundred years or more forward, it was 1976 when Smedlap's very distant decendent and nephew Don Buckhout decided to open a restaurant on this site in tribute to his great uncle once removed, naming it Smedlap's Smithy. So began a tradition of great food, spirits and fun in the old blacksmith shop in Waterville. In 2008, the Favorite family acquired the place and carried on the tradition until unfortunate circumstances caused it to be shuttered in December 2014. But great things are always just around the corner and a fresh start was about to happen.

At Cocina de Carlos, the spirit of Smedlap remains a delightful presence and a distant memory. Today, our fabulous fresh Mexican food brings wide smiles. And knowing that the spirit of fun requires the finest margaritas in the land, we serve only 100% agave tequila, the finest available. Welcome to what we hope becomes your new favorite place for incredible food, friends and fun.

