

NASCAR Cafe

Where The Best Times Win!

A day of racing around Orlando can leave even the most powerful engines sputtering and wheezing. Before you hit the wall, swing into NASCAR Cafe for a pit stop: Kick off those old treads, refuel that empty tank and get some new spark for maximum performance.

NASCAR's only officially sanctioned restaurant.

Gear down and cruise over to Universal Studios CityWalk where NASCAR Cafe is one of the shining stars in a 30-acre lineup of themed restaurants, nightclubs, movie houses and specialty shops. NASCAR Cafe has a favorable starting position on the entertainment circuit as NASCAR's only officially sanctioned restaurant.

Fans love it! "Racing is the most popular sport in America and its got the most loyal fan base. Once a NASCAR fan finds what he likes he tends to stay with it," said Al Varlan, general manager.

"Making a good showing in the tourist venue is crucial because his restaurant must be proven daily," said Varlan. NASCAR Cafe stands up to that challenge. The post-race inspection reveals that NASCAR Cafe is a winner. Varlan said the loudest cheers from the fans are that the food is fantastic and the portions are very generous.

Just one taste of the NASCAR Cafe and you'll be a fan forever. So, pull into a NASCAR Cafe booth for great service! The "pit crew chiefs," the waitresses, check your appetite with Dipstick Fried Cheese (4.99). These zesty mozzarella sticks are



perfect for tasting the marinara sauce level.

The superior Jarrett BBQ Chicken & Rib Combo (14.99) takes the early lead! This smokin' barbeque feast of tender, meaty hickory-smoked pork ribs and moist barbeque breast, equipped with fries, baked beans and cole slaw, blows the doors off its barbeque competitors. One porky rival, "The Pit Pig Sandwich" (7.99) is a big contender with lots of tender, lean hickory-smoked, hand-pulled pork, sliced onion and barbeque sauce with cole slaw.


Heading into the last turn, a trio of tastes, "The Collision Chicken" (9.99), a half-pound tender breast topped with sliced ham and smoked cheddar with real "smashed" potatoes and green beans hits the spot. But it's no accident that these three collided.

High octane libations and specialty drinks are pumped at the bar. A collection of oil drums bearing racing sponsor logos are sure to get you into the spirit.

Though the competition is stiff, in the end the desserts always enjoy a sweet victory. Inflate that spare tire to its capacity: Roll out on the full-blown chocolate taste of a Chocolate Fudge Tire (5.99), moist chocolate cake under a mound of vanilla ice cream, topped with thick fudge sauce.

With a hardy "Gentlemen, start your engines!" the Cafe becomes the speedway. Suspended race cars overhead spin out in the air with tremendous rumbling. The excitement accelerates with multi-screen audio-visuals sizzling with racing and music videos.

After the main event be inspired by actual NASCAR vehicles and memorabilia, purchase the latest officially-licensed NASCAR wearables and collectibles, and play in the interactive game room. Blast into the sight, sound, and feel of being in the driver's seat in the NASCAR Cafe Race Simulator, a four-minute montage of ESPN SpeedWorld in-car footage from actual NASCAR Winston Cup races.

NASCAR Cafe at Universal Studios CityWalk serves lunch and dinner daily. Call 407-224-7223 for hours, group rates and information. 

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