

The Taft School: Area Restaurants

Bantam

[La Cupola](#)

637 Bantam Road (Route 202)

860-567-3326

Italian Cuisine

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Casual/nice attire

Reservations recommended

Hours:

Tues-Thurs: 12:00-8:00 PM

Fri-Sun: 12:00-10:00 PM

Bar: Sun-Thurs: 12:00 PM-1:00 AM

Fri-Sat: 12:00 PM-2:00 AM

Closed Monday

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto Route 202 West. Follow Route 202 for approx. 3 miles. The restaurant will be on your left. (20 min. from Taft)

[Woods Pit BBQ & Mexican Cafe](#)

123 Bantam Lake Road (Route 209)

860-567-9869

Barbecue & Mexican Fare

Kids' menu, Vegetarian dishes, Separate bar

\$ Inexpensive

Major credit cards accepted

Hours:

Sun-Thurs: 11:30 AM-9:00 PM

Fri & Sat: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Directions:

Go North on Route 63. Turn left onto Route 109 East (East Street). Bear right onto Route 209 North (Bantam Lake Road). Follow Route 209 for 2.5 miles. The restaurant will be on your right. (20 min. from Taft)

Bethlehem

[The Painted Pony](#)

74 Main Street North (Route 61)

203-266-5771

Italian-American Cuisine

Separate Bar

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Casual Attire

Hours:

Sun-Thurs: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

Brunch: Thurs & Sun 11:00 AM-2 PM

Directions:

Go West on Route 6. Turn right onto Route 61 North. Follow Route 61 for about 2.5 miles. The restaurant will be on your left upon entering Bethlehem. (10 min from Taft)

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[Woodward House](#)

4 The Green
203-266-6902
\$\$\$ Expensive
Major credit cards accepted
Nice attire
Reservations requested

Hours:

Mon, Thurs, & Fri: 6:00-9:00 PM
Sun: 5:00-8:00 PM
Sat: 6 & 8:30 PM Seatings
Closed Mon & Tues

Directions:

Go West on Route 6.
Turn right onto Route 61 North. Follow Route 61 to the blinking light in the center of Bethlehem.
Take a left onto Route 132 and immediate left onto The Green Road. The restaurant will be on your right in a colonial house. (10 min. from Taft)

Litchfield

Aspen Gardens

51 West Street
860-567-9477
Mediterranean Fair | Outdoor Heated Patio
Moderate | Major credit cards accepted
Sun-Thurs: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM
Fri-Sat: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

Take a left out of Taft's main gate. At the 3rd light, take a left onto Route 63 North, and follow for approximately 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto West Street. Restaurant is on the left at the end of the green. (20 minutes from Taft)

[At the Corner](#)

3 West Street
860-567-8882
American Cuisine
\$\$ Moderate to \$\$\$ expensive
Reservations suggested
Lunch: 11:30 AM-3:30 PM
Dinner: 4:30-9:30 PM

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto West Street.
Restaurant is on the left on the corner of West Street & Route 63. (20 min. from Taft)

[Señor Pancho's](#)

Litchfield Commons (Route 202)
860-567-3663
<http://www.senor-panchos.com>
Mexican cuisine
Separate bar
\$\$ Moderate
All major credit cards
Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM
Fri-Sat: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

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Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto Route 202 West. The restaurant will be on your left in Litchfield Commons. About 1 mile from the intersection of Routes 63 & 202. (20 min. from Taft)

Tollgate Hill Inn

571 Torrington Road (Route 202)
860-567-1233

Hours:

The historic Captain William Bull Tavern is open for dinner and cocktails:

Thurs-Sat: 5:00 PM-10:00 PM

Sun: 4:00 PM-7:30 PM

Take a left out of Taft's main gate. At the 3rd light, take a left onto Route 63 North, and follow for approximately 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. At the intersection of Route 63 and Route 202, take a right onto Route 202 East. Proceed for 2.25 miles and the inn will be on your left. (20 Minutes from Taft)

Village Restaurant

25 West Street
860-567-8307

American Cuisine with a hint of Italian

Separate bar

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Reservations recommended

Casual attire

Hours:

Sun-Thurs: 11:30 AM-9:30 PM

Fri-Sat: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto West Street. Restaurant is on the left in the middle of the green. (20 min. from Taft)

West Street Grill

43 West Street
860-567-3885

New American Ethno-centric Cuisine

\$\$\$ Expensive

Major credit cards accepted

Dinner reservations required on weekend's

Nice attire

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Fri: 11:30-2:30 PM

Sat-Sun: 11:30-3:30 PM

Dinner: Mon-Thurs: 5:30-9:30 PM

Fri-Sun: 5:30-10:00 PM

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green.

Turn left onto West Street. Restaurant is on the left at the end of the green. (20 min. from Taft)

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Middlebury

Bella Luna

530 Middlebury Road (Route 64)

203-598-0829

Varied Italian Cuisine

\$\$ Moderate

MasterCard/Visa

Reservations recommended

Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 11:00 AM-9:30 PM

Sat-Sun: 4:00 PM-9:30 PM

Directions:

Go South on Route 63 to the intersection of Routes 63 & 64. Turn right at the light onto Route 64. Follow for about 1 mile. Restaurant is located in the Village Square Plaza. (10 min. from Taft)

Leo's

900 Straits Turnpike

203-598-0166

Gourmet breakfast and lunch, creative daily specials

\$\$ Moderate

Personal checks accepted

Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Sat: 8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

Directions:

Go South on Route 63 to the intersection of Routes 63 & 64. Go straight through light. Approx. .5 miles on left, enter Crossroads Plaza. Restaurant is near Holiday Matrix Gym. (10 min. from Taft)

[Maggie McFly's](#)

6 Woodside Avenue

203-577-2205

Continental

Cuisine with daily specials

Separate bar

\$ Inexpensive to \$\$ moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Casual attire

Reservations recommended 4+

Hours:

Mon-Sat: 11:30 AM-10:30 PM

Sun: 10:30 AM-10:00 PM

Cafe Menu: 10:30-12:30 AM

Brunch Menu: 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Directions:

Go South on Route 63 to the intersection of Routes 63 & 64. Go straight through the light. The restaurant is .25 miles on the right of Woodside Avenue. (10 min. from Taft)

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Morris

Popey's Ice Cream

ROUTE 109

860-567-0504

All American Food & Ice Cream

Eat-in or Picnic Grove

\$ Inexpensive Cash only

Closed October 1 for winter

Opens second week of March

Hours(open mid-April to October)

Tues-Sun: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Closed Mon

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 8 miles. Turn left onto Route 109 West at the four corners in Morris. (Junction of Routes. 63 & 109) Follow to the intersection of Route 61. Restaurant is on the SW corner of the intersection at Routes 109 & 61. (20 min. from Taft)

New Preston

Boulder's Inn

East Shore Road (Route 45)

860-868-0541

<http://www.bouldersinn.com>

American Cuisine

\$\$ Moderate to \$\$\$ expensive

All major credit cards

Reservations Suggested

Hours:

Wed-Thurs: 5:30-9:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 5:30-10:00 PM

Sun: 5:00-8:30 PM

Closed Mon and Tues

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto Route 202 West. Turn right on Route 45 North to Lake Waramaug. Turn right onto East Shore Road. (45 min. from Taft)

Hopkins Inn

22 Hopkins Road

860-868-7295

Continental Cuisine with Swiss and Austrian specialties

Moderate to expensive

Major credit cards & Personal checks accepted

Nice attire

Hours:

Lunch: Tues-Sat: 12:00-2:00 PM

Dinner: Tues-Fri:6:00-9:00 PM

Sat: 5:30-9:00 PM

Sun: 12:30-9:00 PM

Closed Mon

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto Route 202 West. Turn right on Route 45 North to Lake Waramaug. Turn Right onto East Shore Road and take the

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first left onto North Shore Road. Take second right onto Hopkins Road. The Inn is at the top of the hill overlooking the lake. (45 min. from Taft)

Oliva

18 East Shore Road

860-868-1787

Mediterranean Cuisine

\$\$ Moderate to \$\$\$ expensive

Accepts all credit cards

Reservations required, BYOB optional

Hours:

Dinner: Wed-Sun: 5:30-9:30 PM

Lunch: Sat & Sun: 12:00-2:30 PM

Closed Mon & Tues

Directions:

Go North on Route 63 for approx. 10 miles to the Litchfield Green. Turn left onto Route 202 West. Turn right on Route 45 North to Lake Waramaug. (E. Shore Road). The restaurant is .25 miles on the right. (45 min. from Taft)

Southbury

[Julio's Wood-Fired Pizza & Grill](#)

220 Main Street South

203-264-7878

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Outside dining available

Hours:

Lunch: Tues-Fri: 11:30 am.-2:30 PM

Dinner: 4:30-10:00 PM

Sat & Sun: 4:00-9:00 PM

Closed Monday

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 through Woodbury to Southbury. At the stop light with the Southbury Plaza to the left, take a right onto Main Street South. The restaurant is on your right. (20 min. from Taft)

[Maggie McFly's](#)

Route 172 & Main Street South

203-264-5700

Continental American cuisine

Separate Bar

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Sat: 11:30 AM-10:30 PM

Sun: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Thurs-Sat: Late night menu until 11:30

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 through Woodbury to Southbury. At the stop light with the Southbury Plaza to the left, take a right onto Main Street South. The restaurant is on the left just before The Southbury Travel Center. (20 min. from Taft)

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[Señor Pancho's](#)

Union Square
203-262-6988
Mexican cuisine
Separate Bar
Live Mariachi Thurs-Sun
\$\$ Moderate
Major credit cards accepted

Hours:

Sun-Thurs: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 11:30 AM-11:00 PM

Directions:

Route 6 West through Woodbury to Southbury. At the stop light with the Southbury Plaza to the left, take a right onto Main Street South. The restaurant is on your left in Union Square. (20 min. from Taft)

Torrington

Anthony's Restaurant

258 Main Street
860-489-6656
Italian Cuisine
\$ Inexpensive
Major credit cards accepted

Hours:

Tues-Sun: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Closed Mon

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 North.

Take exit 44 off Route 8. Take a sharp left at the end of exit onto East Main Street. At the intersection of Main Street take a right. The restaurant is .25 miles on the right. (20 min. from Taft)

Berkshire Cafe

71 Albert Street
860-489-0600
American cuisine / pizza / grinders
\$ Inexpensive
Cash Only

Hours:

Mon-Sat: 11 AM-11 PM

Sun: 11 AM-10 PM

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 North. Take exit 43 off Route 8. Left onto Harwinton Ave. Proceed .25 miles to E. Albert Street. Becomes Albert Street. Restaurant is on the left. (20 min. from Taft)

[The Venetian Restaurant](#)

52 East Main Street
860-489-8592
Italian Cuisine
\$\$\$ Expensive

Hours:

Lunch: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

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Dinner: 5:00-10:00 PM

Closed Tues

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 North. Take exit 44 off Route 8 towards downtown. Sharp left onto East Main Street. (20 min. from Taft)

Washington

[G.W.Tavern](#)

20 Bee Brook Road (Route 47)

860-868-6633

American/Classic New England Cuisine

Separate bar

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Reservations recommended

Nice attire

Lounge with fireplace Dining in enclosed patio overlooking brook

Hours:

Lunch: Sun-Mon: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Lite Fare: Sun-Mon: 2:30-5:30 PM

Dinner: Mon-Thurs: 5:30-10:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 5:30-11:00 PM

Sun: 5:00-9:30 PM

Brunch: Sat: 11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Sun: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Take a right onto Route 47 North to the center of Washington Depot. Take a right onto Route 109. The restaurant will be on the right. (30 min. from Taft)

[The Mayflower Inn](#)

118 Woodbury Road (Route 47)

860-868-9466

Gourmet New England Cuisine

Separate bar

\$\$\$ Expensive

Major credit cards accepted

Reservations required

Nice attire

Hours:

Breakfast: 7:30-10:30 AM

Lunch: 12:00-2:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00-9:00 PM

Tap Room Menu: 12:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Take a right onto Route 47 North to the center of Washington Depot. Restaurant is 8 miles on the right. (25 min. from Taft)

[JD Tuckers](#)

38 Bee Brook Road, Route 47

860-868-9605

American Cuisine

\$\$ Moderate

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Major credit cards accepted

Casual attire

Hours:

Opens daily @ 11:30 AM

Sunday Brunch 10:30-2:00

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Take a right onto Route 47 North to the center of Washington Depot. Take a right onto Route 109. The restaurant will be on the right just past Route 109 and the GW Tavern.

Waterbury

[Brass Mill Mall Restaurants:](#)

Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza: 203-755-6224

Chili's Grill & Bar: 203-757-6397

Ruby Tuesday's: 203-757-5509

T.G.I.Friday's: 203-591-8800

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 South to I-84 East. Exit I-84 at Exit 23 (Hamilton Ave) turn right and follow signs to the mall. (10 min from Taft)

[Carmen Anthony Steakhouse](#)

496 Chase Avenue

203-757-3040

Best Steakhouse in New Haven County (*Connecticut Magazine*)

\$ Moderate to expensive

Major credit cards accepted

Weekend reservations recommended

Nice attire

Cigar bar

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Fri:11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Dinner: Mon-Thurs: 5:00-10:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 5:00-11:00 PM

Sun: 4:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 South to Exit 36. Turn left at the end of ramp and left at the light. Go approximately .75 miles. Restaurant is on the left. (15 min. from Taft)

[Diorio's](#)

63 Grand Street

203-754-5111

Northern Italian Cuisine Bistro atmosphere

\$\$ Moderate to expensive

Major credit cards accepted

Weekend reservations recommended

Nice attire

Valet parking Thurs-Sat

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Fri:11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Dinner: Mon-Sat:5:30-10:00 PM

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 South to I-84 East. Take Exit 22 (Baldwin Street). Take three lefts -

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South Main Street, Grand Street, and Bank Street. Look for black awning on left. Municipal parking across the street. (15 min. from Taft)

[Drescher's](#)

25 Leavenworth Street

203-573-1743

German American, Seafood, Steaks

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted Reservations recommended for 5+

Casual attire

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Fri:11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Dinner: Mon-Thurs: 5:00-9:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 5:00-10:00 PM

Closed Sun

Directions:

Go East on Route 6 to Route 8 South to I-84 East. Take Exit 21 (Meadow Street). Go right off the ramp. Turn right onto Field Street. Go up the hill, straight through the stop sign, and through the light (Grand Street). (15 min. from Taft)

[San Marino Ristorante Italiano](#)

111-23 Thomaston Avenue

(203) 755-1148

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Sat: 11:30 AM-11:00 PM

Sun: 12:00 PM-10:00 PM

Directions:

Go left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East. At the 4th traffic light, take a right onto Route 262 (Route 262 makes a hard left) and follow signs to Route 8 South. Take Exit 34 (West Main Street/ Downtown Area). Take a left at end of exit. Go straight through light. Take a left into Colonial Plaza driveway located before the Shell Gas Station on left. (15 minutes from Taft)

Watertown

Chubba's

1044 Main Street (Route 63)

860-274-4900

The best bagels in Watertown

\$ Inexpensive

Specialty coffees/great sandwiches

Serving breakfast and lunch

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 6:00 AM-3:30 PM

Sat: 7:00 AM-2:30 PM

Sun: 7:00-11:30 AM

Directions:

Go Left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East. At second light, go right onto Route 63 South (Main Street). Go through three lights. Chubba's is on right in Watertown Commons. (5 min. from Taft)

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Golden Palace

544 Straits Turnpike (Route 63)
860-274-6779
Polynesian, Cantonese, Szechwan
\$ Inexpensive to \$\$ moderate
Major credit cards accepted No personal checks
Weekend reservations required
Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 11:30 AM-9:00 PM
Fri-Sat: 11:30 AM-11:00 PM
Sun: 12:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go Left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East. At second light, go right onto Route 63 South (Main Street). Stay on Route 63 and bear right at Carvel onto Straits Turnpike. At 2nd light go straight and turn right into Pioneer Plaza just before the McDonalds. (10 min. from Taft)

Matteo's

971 Main Street (Route 63)
860-274-9800
Gourmet cafe and bakery
Homemade soups daily
\$\$ Moderate
Major credit cards accepted
Eat in or take out
Casual attire

Hours:

Café:
Mon-Tues: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wed-Fri: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Sat: 11:00 AM-9:00 PM
Dining: Wed-Sat: 5:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go Left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East. At second light, go right on Route 63 South (Main Street). Go through 3 lights. Restaurant is on the left across from Fred's Car Wash. (5 min. from Taft)

Roma Ristorante

179 Davis Street
860-274-2558
Italian cuisine
\$\$ Moderate
Major credit cards accepted
Reservations recommended
Casual attire

Hours:

Lunch: Daily 11:30 AM-2:30 PM
Dinner: Mon -Thurs: 5:00-9:30 PM
Fri-Sat: 5:00-10:00 PM
Sun: 3:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go Left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East. At second light, go right onto Route 63 South (Main Street). Stay on Route 63 and bear left at Carvel staying on Main Street. Turn right at the intersection of Davis Street. Roma's is about .5 miles on the left. (10 min. from Taft)

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Sweet Basil Cafe & Deli

465 Main Street

860-274-0155

\$ Inexpensive

Cash or Check/No Credit Cards

Eat in or take out

Tues, Wed, Fri: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Thurs: 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

Sat: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Closed Sunday & Monday

Go left out of Taft's main gate onto Route 6 East, take 3rd right onto Town Hall Drive. At stop sign take a right onto Route 63 (Main Street). Cafe is about 100 yards on the left. (2 minutes from Taft)

Woodbury

[Carmen Anthony Fish House](#)

757 Main Street (Route 6)

203-266-0011

Seafood

Separate bar

Casual attire

\$\$ Moderate to expensive

Major credit cards

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Fri: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Sat: 12:00-2:30 PM

Dinner: Mon-Thurs: 5:00-10:00 PM

Fri-Sat: 5:00-11:00 PM

Sun: 12:00-9:00 PM

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Look for Restaurant after the junction of Routes 6 & 64, on left hand side. (15 min. from Taft)

[Carole Peck's Good News Cafe](#)

694 Main Street South (Route 6)

203-266-4663

New American with a healthy twist

Separate bar

\$\$ Moderate

Major credit cards accepted

Reservations suggested

Nice attire

Hours:

Mon: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Wed-Sat: 11:30 AM-10:00 PM

Sun: 12:00-10:00 PM

Closed Tues

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Look for Restaurant after the junction of Routes 6 & 64, on right hand side. (15 min. from Taft)

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Charcoal Chef

670 Main Street North (Route 6)
203-263-2538
Charcoal-broiled American Cuisine
\$ Inexpensive
No credit cards Personal checks accepted
Casual attire

Hours:

Mon-Tues: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM
Wed-Thurs: 8:30 AM-9:00 PM
Fri-Sat: 8:30 AM-9:30 PM
Sun: 12:00-8:00 PM

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Once you have crossed the town line into Woodbury, 2 miles on the left. (10 min. from Taft)

John's Cafe

693 Main Street South (Route 6)
203-263-0188
New American Bistro, home-made desserts
\$\$ Moderate
Major credit cards accepted
Casual attire

Hours:

Lunch: Mon-Sat: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM
Dinner: Mon-Sat: 5:30-9:00 PM
Closed Sun

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Go through the light at the intersection of Routes 6 & 64. Take second left. (15 min. from Taft)

Longwood Country Inn

1204 Main Street South (Route 6)
203-266-0800
Gourmet dining in an early American atmosphere
\$\$ Moderate to \$\$\$ expensive
Major credit cards accepted
Reservations recommended
Nice attire

Hours:

Lunch: Tues-Sat: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM
Dinner: Tues-Sat: 4:30-9:00 PM
Sun Brunch: 11:30 AM-3:30 PM
Closed Mon

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Once you have crossed the town line into Woodbury, 12 miles on the right. (20 min. from Taft)

San Remo Pizza and Restaurant

135 Main Street North (Route 6)
203-263-4442
\$ Inexpensive
All major credit cards Casual attire

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Hours:

Tues-Sun: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Closed Mon

Directions:

Go West on Route 6 to Woodbury. Once you have crossed the town line into Woodbury, 6.2 miles on the right. (10 min. from Taft)

The above restaurants and accommodations can be reached in forty minutes or less depending upon traffic conditions. For additional information, go to www.litchfieldhills.com.