

The Cottage

Bar and Restaurant



1927-2017

Celebrating 90 Years

Soups

Try our Alarming Chilies

Chili Blanco

Made with diced chicken, pinto beans and our secret ingredient. Served with tortilla chips on the side.

Cup 4.19 Bowl 4.79

3-Alarm Chili

With ground chuck and red beans. Tortilla chips served on the side.

Cup 4.19 Bowl 4.79

4-Alarm Chili

Made with sirloin, no beans. Topped with shredded cheese diced onion, and tortilla chips.

Cup 4.29 Bowl 4.99

Fresh Homemade Soups Cup 3.99 Bowl 4.59

Made fresh daily with assorted crackers on the side.

Salads

Tossed Green Side Salad

3.99

Mixed greens topped with fresh tomato, cucumber, red onion, sliced mushrooms, and shredded cheese

Parmesan Peppercorn Chicken Salad

8.99

Marinated grilled chicken breast served over mixed greens, served with parmesan-peppercorn dressing, with tomato, red onion, sliced mushrooms, cucumber, and parmesan cheese. Garlic bread served on the side.

Tuna Salad Bowl

8.99

mixed greens topped with our fresh lemon herb tuna salad, shredded cheese, tomato, cucumber, sliced mushrooms, and red onion.

*Salad Burger

8.99

1/3 lb. Angus Burger with melted Swiss, served on a bed of mixed greens, and topped with tomato, cucumber, red onion, and sliced mushrooms. Cottage cheese served on the side.

Mexican Entrees

Wet Burrito

9.99

Ground beef, lettuce, and cheese rolled into a flour tortilla, then topped with homemade enchilada sauce and shredded cheese. Tortilla chips and fresh salsa served on the side.

Chicken Wet Burrito

9.99

Seasoned, diced chicken, lettuce, and cheese rolled into a flour tortilla, then topped with homemade chicken enchilada sauce and shredded cheese. Tortilla chips and fresh salsa served on the side.

Taco Salad

9.49

Ground Beef, shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped tomatoes, onions, and ripe olives, served on a bed of lettuce in an edible bowl. Fresh salsa on the side

Substitute chicken for .50 extra.

Chips and Cheese Super

9.49

Tortilla chips covered with seasoned ground beef, melted cheese, chopped tomatoes, onions, and jalapeno peppers. Served with sour cream and fresh salsa on the side.

***NOTICE: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.**

Our Famous Burgers

All of our famous burgers are 1/3 lb. fresh Beef patties, prepared exclusively for the Cottage Bar, and are cooked to order.

*Cottage Burger 10.49

Downtown's most famous burger, also voted "Best Burger in Michigan by USA Today". Served on a dark rye bun, smothered with green olives, lettuce, tomato, bacon, Swiss and American cheeses, and our signature hickory mayonnaise.



*Smokehouse Burger 10.29

Served on a pretzel bun, topped with in-house smoked BBQ pork, smoked gouda, jalapenos, lettuce, tomato, and our signature hickory dressing.

*Kentucky Bourbon Burger 10.29

Served on a sourdough bun with Cheddar Cheese, Bacon, lettuce, tomato, haystack onions, and house made bourbon glaze.

*Milwaukee Cheddar Burger 9.79

Served on a sourdough bun with cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.

*Mushroom Cheeseburger 9.99

Served on an onion bun with fresh crimini mushrooms, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.

*Bacon Bleu Cheese Burger 9.99

Served on a sourdough bun topped with bacon, Swiss cheese, and bleu cheese dressing, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.

*Tijuana Burger 11.49

Topped with Cheddar cheese and guacamole on an onion bun, with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise. Tortilla chips and fresh salsa on the side.

*Chili Burger 11.49

Burger patty served open faced on an onion bun, covered with our 3 Alarm chili, Co-Jack cheese, and chopped onion. Tortilla chips on the side.

*Mac & Cheese Burger 10.29

1/3 pound burger cooked to order, served on a sourdough bun, and topped with chipotle Mac & cheese, haystack onions, lettuce, tomato and Cajun Aioli

*Patty Melt 9.99

Served on grilled swirl rye bread, topped with Swiss cheese, green olives, sauteed onions, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.

Alternative Burgers

Grilled Alaskan Salmon Burger 9.99

Great alternative (only 3 grams fat, 90 calories), served on a whole grain bun with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.

Garden Veggie Burger 9.99

All natural patty made of fresh vegetables, brown rice, rolled oats, and seasonings. 150 calories/5g. fat/4g. fiber per patty Served on a whole grain bun with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, mustard, cucumber, and red onion

Black Bean Burger 11.99

Black bean burger served on a whole grain bun, with cheddar cheese, guacamole, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise. Tortilla chips and fresh salsa on the side.

Turkey Burger 9.99

Ground turkey, lightly seasoned and grilled, served on a whole grain bun, and topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayo.

Kitchen Hours: 11AM to 11PM Monday, 11AM to Midnight Tues.-Thurs. 11AM to 12:30AM Friday and Saturday

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Old Standbys

- Chicken Santa Fe** 11.99
Marinated grilled chicken breast, topped with cheddar cheese and guacamole, served on an onion bun with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise. Chips and fresh salsa on the side.
- Reuben** 8.49
Fresh cooked corned beef and sauerkraut served on grilled swirl rye bread, with Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing.
- Tuna Cheddar** 7.99
Melted sharp cheddar over our lemon herb tuna salad, served on a sourdough bun with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise.
- Hot Meatloaf Sandwich** 9.49
Ronnie's famous homemade meatloaf, warmed and served on white bread, with fresh mashed potatoes, covered with beef gravy.
- Hot Turkey Sandwich** 9.49
Sliced turkey breast, warmed and served on white bread, with fresh mashed potatoes, covered with chicken gravy.
- Hot Beef Sandwich** 9.49
Sliced roast beef, warmed and served on white bread, with fresh mashed potatoes, covered with beef gravy.
- Turkey Bacon Gouda Sandwich** 8.99
Fresh roasted Michigan turkey, topped with bacon, smoked gouda, grilled onion, lettuce, tomato, and Mrs. Dogs Disappearing mustard, served on a pretzel bun.
- Turkey Ranch Wrap** 7.99
Sliced turkey breast, rolled into a flour tortilla, with shredded cheese, lettuce, tomato, and ranch dressing.
- Spicy Black Bean Quesadilla** 10.49
Our own black bean dip wedged between a flour tortilla, topped with sour cream, guacamole, chopped tomatoes, onions, and ripe olives. Served on a bed of lettuce with tortilla chips and fresh salsa on the side.
- Pulled Pork Sandwich** 8.49
House smoked pork BBQ served on a pretzel bun, with lettuce, BBQ sauce, and a side of coleslaw.
- Shrimp Po Boy Sandwich** 10.49
Pub battered shrimp, deep fried, and served on a hoagie roll with lettuce, tomato, and Cajun aioli.

Substitute a Pretzel bun on any sandwich for .25 extra Gluten free bun available on request

Cottage Basics

- Club Sandwich** 10.99
Sliced turkey, bacon, Swiss and American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise on three slices of toasted white bread, and served with cottage fries on the side. Substitute French fries for .50 extra.
- *1/3 Pound Angus Burger** 10.99
Fresh 1/3 lb. burger grilled to order. Served on a white bun with cottage fries served on the side. Dressed the way you like it. Bacon .50 extra, American, Swiss, or cheddar cheese .25 extra, Lettuce and tomato .25 extra, ketchup, mustard, pickle, mayonnaise, onion, BBQ sauce, no charge. Substitute French fries for .50 extra
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich** 10.99
Served on an onion bun with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise. Cottage fries on the side. Substitute French fries for .50 extra
- French Dip** 10.99
Roast beef with melted Swiss cheese, served on a sourdough bun, with au-jus. Cottage fries served on the side. Substitute French fries for .50 extra.
- Chili Dogs** 9.99
2 grilled all beef franks, served on whole grain buns, open faced, and smothered with 3 Alarm Chili, cheese, and diced onions. Cottage fries served on the side. Substitute French fries for .50 extra.
- Deep-Fried Chicken Tenders** 10.99
Home style battered chicken tenders, fried to a golden brown, and served with cottage fries and BBQ sauce on the side. Substitute French fries for .50 extra.

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Dinners

Fish and Fries

13.99

Alaskan Pollock, breaded & deep fried, served with tartar sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of Cottage fries, French fries, or Brew fries

Shrimp and Fries

14.99

Golden fried beer battered Shrimp, served with cocktail sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of Cottage fries, French fries, or Brew fries.

Chicken Tenders and Fries

13.99

Home style battered chicken tenders, fried to a golden brown, and served with BBQ sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of Cottage fries, French fries, or Brew fries.

Extras

All of our fried foods are prepared with "0" trans fat oils

The "Original" Cottage Fries

3.99

Michigan potato wedges, skin on, deep fried to a golden brown.

French Fries

4.49

Brew City Fries

4.99

Waffle cut potatoes, beer battered, and lightly seasoned.

Sweet Potato Fries

5.99

Served with Cinnamon Yogurt Sauce

Battered Onion Rings

5.99

Fried Green Beans

5.99

Green Beans rolled in an onion batter, deep fried, and served with Wasabi Ranch Dressing.

Fried Zucchini Sticks

5.99

Fried Beer Battered Mushrooms

5.99

Chips and Fresh Salsa

5.49

Chips and Cheese

7.29

Corn tortilla chips topped with Shredded cheese, with fresh salsa on the side

Chips and Cheese Deluxe

7.99

topped with chopped onions, tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, and ripe olives. Fresh salsa on the side.

Potato Nachos with Cheese

8.99

Cottage fries covered with Co-Jack cheese.

Sour cream .25, ground beef .50, bacon .50, ripe olives .25, tomatoes .25, onions .25 "Everything" 10.49

Drinks

Soft Drinks 2.75

(1 free refill) *Coca-Cola Diet Coke*

Coffee 2.75

*Roasted whole bean.
Fresh ground to order.*

Milk 2.75

2% milk fat.

Juices 2.75

Hot Tea 2.75

Regular, flavored, or caffeine free herbal.

Brewed Iced Tea 2.75

(1 free refill)

Hot Chocolate 2.75

Children's

Menu

(12 and Under)

Chicken Tenders 5.99

Grilled Cheese 4.99

Hot Dog 4.99

Fried Fish 5.99

Cheeseburger 6.99

Mac & Cheese 6.99

All children's menu items come with French Fries and choice of beverage.

Desserts

Carrot Cake 4.99

*With crushed pineapple, walnuts,
and cream cheese icing.*

Specialty Dessert

Ask your server for selection on other desserts.

The History

*The Cottage was first opened in 1927 by Earl and Marie Coon. Originally a sandwich shop that catered to the surrounding factories, sometimes the orders were 200-300 burgers at a time. The Coon's kept Grand Rapids in burgers right through prohibition. When the 18th amendment was repealed in 1933, they obtained a license to sell beer and wine. Then, in 1934, they obtained a license to sell liquor and became "The Olde Cottage Bar and Grill". Business just kept getting better as "The Cottage" became a popular place for businessmen from downtown and reporters from the "Grand Rapids Herald" who enjoyed the warm, friendly atmosphere of the restaurant. In 1952, the Coons retired and Peter Varano became the proprietor. The Cottage maintained it's standard of good food and drinks through the 60's. In 1967, The Verhil family became the third and current owners. The interior hasn't changed much, and most is still intact, including the art deco mahogany bar. After 91 years, we are proud to be the oldest operating bar and restaurant downtown. The Verhil family has maintained a high standard of quality food and good drinks.
EAT, DRINK, and ENJOY!*

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