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## Your Ultimate Summer Food and Drink Bucket List

11 things you have to eat (and drink) this summer.

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You've had a couple mustard-slathered singles from Walter's, met friends for drinks on the rooftop at Red Hat on the River, played corn hole over craft beers at Captain Lawrence, and sampled your way through all the flavors at The Blue Pig and King Kone — but there are still plenty of items to check off your foodie bucket list this summer. Try a few (or all) of the suggestions below, and maybe they'll become your new summer standards.

### 1. Hit a Beer Garden



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**Village Beer Garden**, which opened next to the Port Chester train station in May, serves a short list of European and craft beers, plus sausages, crisp onion rings and other German-inflected dishes (there's also ping pong!). While the beer garden at Sleep Hollow's **Bridge View Tavern** has one of the county's best craft beer lists — and killer wild-boar chili fries.

## 2. Order a Fresh-Tomato Pie at Frank Pepe



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Devotees of this New Haven import know summer — July to September, to be exact — is the best time to visit. That's the only time **Frank Pepe** makes this garlicky pie (dare we say, it's as good as the white clam) with juicy chunks of ripe, peak-season tomatoes.

### 3. Skip the Iced Coffee



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Get your caffeine kick from an affogato — espresso poured over ice cream — Italy’s answer to hot-weather coffee drinking. Try it at **Bluebird** in Cross River where it’s made with Stumptown Coffee and the shop’s small-batch ice cream, or indulge at the marble bar at **Boro6** in Hastings-on-Hudson, where you can have your espresso poured over milk-chocolate scoops from nearby Penny Lick Ice Cream Company.

#### 4. Cool Down with an Italian Ice



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Frozen yogurt may be trending, but we're suckers for the refreshing texture of Italian ices. Try Staten Island's famous water ices at the new North Castle location of **Ralph's**. Or grab an old-school ice in flavors like lemon, mixed berry, mango, and lime at **Walter's** (made in-house since the '50s).

## 5. Discover a New Favorite Spot on the Water



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Sip cocktails and share a few rounds of upscale bar bites on the trendy 100-seat patio at **3 Westerly** in Ossining. Grab an oversized pretzel and a casual beer at **Barley on Hudson** in Tarrytown, a new space from the owners of The Barley House that's literally right on the water. Or, cool off on the beach in Rye with a tiki-umbrella-adorned frozen drink at **Ocean Grille**.

## 6. Spend a Wednesday Night at Winston



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We love the rooftop at Red Hat, but Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the hottest rooftop in Westchester is at **Winston** in Mount Kisco, where there's live jazz and potent cocktails.

## 7. Check Out a New 'Cue Spot



PHOTO COURTESY OF REVENGE BBQ

**Revenge BBQ** in Irvington is doing authentic Texas-style barbecue — smoked, meltingly tender beef ribs, jalapeño-cheddar sausages, brisket — with all the fixings. Meanwhile, **Three Little Pigs BBQ** in Hawthorne knows how to infuse just the right amount of smoke flavor into its wings and five-spice pork belly.

## 8. Slurp Some Oysters





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These bivalves are definitely having a moment, and there's an oyster bar for every taste in the county. Get loud and raucous at **Little Drunken Chef** in Mount Kisco, channel classic New York at White Plains' **KEE Oyster House**, or head to Port Chester to work your way through a dozen Kumamotos and Glidden Points at **Saltaire's** 'Oyster Lounge.'

## 9. Do Date Night with Nitro Cocktails



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restaurant – for drinks first. Try the Spice & Ice, a spicy (habañero) looking crazy cool, the liquid nitrogen doesn't dilute the drink



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If you've mastered ribs, chicken, and porterhouse steaks, head to craft nose-to-tail butcher shop **Campbell Meats** in Dobbs Ferry or the artisanal-butcher counter at **Siegel Bros. Marketplace** in Mount Kisco and have the experts recommend a new (and maybe more affordable) cut to throw on the grill.

## 11. Get Your Fill of Lobster



PHOTO COURTESY OF PURDY'S FARMER & THE FISH

It seems like every restaurant has lobster on the menu right now, but we're especially fond of the the Maine lobster boil – lobster, clams, corn, and fingerling potatoes – at **Purdy's Farmer and the Fish** in North Salem. Or head to **The Tavern at Croton Landing**, where lobster takes center stage in rolls, sliders, quesadillas, BLTs, and weekend-only omelets.

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