

BLUE SURF ARBORETUM WEST

A Coastal Haven with Exquisite Cocktails

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Blue Surf Arboretum West is conveniently located off Military Cutoff Road near Mayfaire Town Center and is a culinary haven for modern American cuisine. Blue Surf Arboretum West presents a unique dining experience, boasting a full bar and table service for lunch and dinner. It even serves brunch on the weekends.

Let's dive into the culinary journey this restaurant provides and the new cocktail sensations that are lighting up the menu this season.

The Focal Point: A Stylish Indoor/Outdoor Bar

At the heart of Blue Surf Arboretum West lies a meticulously designed indoor/outdoor bar. The concrete countertop, locally crafted with extra depth, serves as a spacious platform for both drinks and dining. The mirrored shape and size of the bar on either side of the restaurant coupled with the roll-up garage door windows seamlessly unite the indoor and outdoor spaces. The result is a visual spectacle, especially during nice weather when the boundaries between the two blur.



The Blue Surf Arboretum West outdoor patio is a harmonious coastal retreat.

Unique & Elevated Elixirs: Where Local Meets Luxe

The cocktail menu, a testament to bar manager Justin Petronaci who has been very creative, features signature drinks like Landfall Crush, Bourbon Street Car, Signature Margaritas and High-Fashioned Banana. Blue Surf Arboretum also makes a great espresso martini for those willing to try something new. For a unique adventure, we invite you to try some new flavors where every taste is an unexpected delight.

An Atmosphere of Coastal Comfort

The ambiance at Blue Surf Arboretum West is an ode to open-air living, whether you're seated inside or on the patio. The restaurant is designed to be an invitation to unwind, savor a great meal, and revel in the unique charm of this coastal oasis. A soothing blue-and-sand color scheme, local art and a huge covered patio create a beachy ambiance. The design seamlessly connects indoor and outdoor spaces, uniting them into a harmonious coastal retreat.

Taste the Difference: Good Food, Great Memories

Blue Surf Arboretum West stands not just as a culinary destination but as a testament to the resilience and creativity of Wilmington's local businesses during the pandemic. It invites patrons to indulge in a coastal haven, where every bite, every sip, and every moment is crafted with care.

"We think we found that sweet spot. It is a casual, coastal feel, but a step up", owner Colleen Kochanek shares. "You can always expect to have a really good meal highlighting unique flavors, and a really nice evening. When you're here, you're part of the Blue Surf family, so we want you to feel right at home."

Join us, whether you're a local or a guest, and let Blue Surf become your go-to place for cherished moments and creating new memories that linger long after the last sip.

Cheers to creating unforgettable memories together.

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Signature Cocktails

High-Fashioned Banana

- Banana-Infused Bacardi 151
- Appleton Estate Jamaican Rum
- Cinnamon
- Cocoa Bitters



Bourbon Street Car

- Bulleit Bourbon
- Cointreau
- Lemon
- Tropical Lightning Demerara Syrup



Landfall Crush

- Tito's Handmade Vodka
- Fresh Watermelon
- Lime
- Basil



Every single one of the handcrafted cocktails are a celebration of fresh, unique flavors with each sip taking you to your very own oasis. Don't see your favorite cocktail listed? Just ask the bartender.