

From Tanglewood Ordinary Country Restaurant, 2210 River Road West, Maidens, VA 23102, telephone 80four area code 556-3284

[This document is “beta”, so it will be revised often—the goal is to “one page” all the important things about Tanglewood Ordinary with more reading for those who wish it. Please make suggestions, using any one of the send email clicks at the bottom of most pages] 20161012v1a

We serve authentic FamilyStyle dinners, with seconds on the house, so we don't let you go away hungry. Your table could well resemble the food photo on our front welcome page and in some strangely complimentary food reviews, which have made us so busy since Summer of 2016. Groups are a specialty but parties from one to capacity are welcome.

Reservations are much more important since we became busier (those food reviews!), so we now ask you make them for all size parties and for anytime between our open hours but on the hour & half hour, please. Please be patient if you arrive as a walk-in, or even with a reservation at a particularly busy time--it may take time to get each group seated, those folks with reservations who arrived first right before you did. If we seat someone in a way that appears to be out of turn, there is probably a good reason, so please be patient with us—we know that you don't like to wait.

If you'll need high chairs, any other special seating (for NFL ball player sizes, for example) or other special arrangements, please tell us when you make your reservation so we can offer our best efforts to help. The same thing applies to dietary, mobility and similar requests. “On the way in when you arrive” will often be too late, since our specialized & limited concept, an older though charming environment and other unique factors can complicate our flexibility, sometimes even with advance notice.

If you'll need to “split” the bill for your table, in a way other than equally, please let us know in advance so we can offer suggestions to save you time. There is another section on this site that goes into more detail. Equal amount splits (mixed payment types are fine—cash - check - charge) can be done at checkout when you leave, with little extra time required, but we do need all payors in the group there at one time.

Holidays and special event weeks are special cases in many ways. Make sure you check this site or call/email/text for more information and do make a reservation.

See the Price list pdf file elsewhere on this site for dinner prices (Holidays may be different), along with a separate Wine & Beer list. Please note we do not include gratuity/tips. They are up to the guest regardless of party size.

See the Tanglewood Plate option below for an alternative to the full FamilyStyle dinner (and it is ideal for takeouts). We can also sell individual food items by weight or measure. And we cater!

If your group has less than 6 Adults & paying kids, our full FamilyStyle dinner will include our very famous Fried chicken (and that is what you came for, right?) plus one additional entrée for your group as a whole from what we have that day. Generally we add Grandmother's daily vegetables to that, almost always Mashed potatoes (real) & Green beans (tasty & NOT al dente) plus 2 more. But there's more! Cole slaw – Biscuits – Cornbread – Gravy!

Lately we have featured these extra entrees: Country ham (Etzler's, from Troutville VA, salt-cured, Smithfield style but not as salty in my opinion), Roast beef and pork BBQ, along with a couple of seafood/fish choices on Thursday, Meat loaf on Friday and Pot roast (it is torture that I am writing about Pot roast during dinner time on a day TW is NOT OPEN, oh my!) on Saturday.

Beverages & dessert are available extra; however, read on a bit.

You can take things home that are left with a couple of notes: all containers are \$1 each, and we have to reserve the right to limit what is taken where 2nds were ordered at a table beyond the initial serving. Tanglewood is fairly unique among family-style and other all you can eat concepts—most do not allow any food to be taken out from dinner table leftovers.

If you have 6 or more adults and above-age-3 kids (6 or more “paying” customers), we can offer you a “Group rate”, which will reflect a discount (\$2+, for adults) for each guest, over separate prices. It includes dinner, dessert and beverages, for the entire group, but only if all agree on using it. If so, you get a choice of Tea, Coffee or Lemonade, and each guest can have more than one (think, dessert coffee for no extra charge!), PLUS our famous apple Cobbler with ice cream. If using the Group rate, any guest can “trade up” to a fancier dessert for only the difference in cost and on an individual basis. We also have Wine and Beer (Including craft offerings & local wines, too--Elk Island), milk, fruit juices and canned sodas; those are sold each and at an extra cost over the Group rate but well worth it if you so choose. Beyond that, just add Tip & sales tax.

Cakes commercially prepared elsewhere are allowed in but please give us ADVANCE notice with your reservation and take note that our Cake Group rate then applies without exception and regardless of party size. Please see that Price list pdf file. Plates & ice cream and the Group rate beverages are included.

If you come with a party of four or fewer, we do offer the Tanglewood Plate menu if appetites are light that evening, consisting of an entrée two sides and bread, for \$10 to \$13, with a similar “catch” as the group rate--we can only do one type of service at a table. Those prices apply for all ages and can be taken out as well.

A word about meat/entrée choices & all our other items in general:

We occasionally, but rarely, run out of one or more before a night is over, including

the Specials of that day if any. What we promise you is this: you'll have plenty to eat, even if some things aren't available. And we do try to avoid running out—it is fairly rare -- but it can happen.

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