

From Tanglewood Ordinary Country Restaurant, 2210 River Road West, Maidens, VA 23102, telephone 804 area code 556-3284

[This document is still in “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]

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!), and frankly they help us help you by making it possible to plan more “knowledgeably”, so we now ask you to make them wherever possible for all size parties, anytime between our open hours but on the hour & half hour, please. If you arrive as a walk-in, or even if you have a reservation, please be patient if things are busy when you arrive--it may take time to get each arriving group seated, including 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 football player & Sumo wrestler 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, that day or when you arrive” will often be too late, since our specialized & limited concept, as well as an older though charming environment and other unique factors can complicate our flexibility, sometimes even with advance notice. In fact emailing details of any special requirements is the very best way to let us know and confirm what we can do.

If you'll need to “split” the bill for your table, in a way other than equally, just let us know--it is now EASY to do. We will present a preliminary receipt that your group can use to pass around to mark who will be paying for what items, and when you hand it back, we will use it to prepare individual tickets with each paying party's name on it. We are working an even easier method—stay tuned.

All you have to do is write down a list the names of each person paying part of the bill (use the back of the receipt), and put a number or letter beside each name. Then on the front of the receipt, each payor can put their number or letter beside each item. We'll do the rest. Please note that getting those individual tickets ready does take time and may be delayed when we are busy, but waiting in line at check out will be minimized if not totally eliminated.

Equal amount splits (even using 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 (wish I had some NOW) on Saturdays.

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 \$1.25 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 good discount (over \$2 each, 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, from just over \$10 to under \$14, 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. *We reserve the right to offer only full FamilyStyle service on Saturday & Sundays.*

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.

This is a constantly being improved document—and you can help by telling us of anything incorrect or in need of improvement, clarification, or something that is missing. Please send us an email with your comments!

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