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DOING ONLINE?

7 Eastside Breakfasts



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1 CREAM GRAVY WITH BISCUITS AND EGGS

The Grange Café 15611 Main St., Duvall

Located in the old 1920s Cherry Valley Grange building on picturesque Main Street, the Grange Café is country charm with a menu sure to be a locavore's delight, serving items from several local farms, organic eggs and all-natural meats. Their homemade biscuits are rustic and scone-like and soak up the thick cream gravy dotted with chunks of ham that's heaped atop this classic farm-style breakfast. Don't miss their eggs Benedict dishes (available with ham or vegetarian) which also feature the biscuits. \$12, breakfast served weekends from 9am to 2pm, grangecafe.com

2 CORNED BEEF HASH & EGGS

Hector's 112 Lake St. S., Kirkland

Stick-to-your-ribs breakfast fare, Hector's take on this classic breakfast dish with their corned beef mixture of peppers, beef and potatoes topped with poached eggs and rich hollandaise sauce. It's a hearty breakfast that goes especially well with a spicy Bloody Mary. It's served on their daily breakfast menu and their weekend brunch menu. \$12, breakfast served daily 7:30am to 4pm and weekends, 8am to 4pm, hectorskirkland.com

3 CHILAQUILES DEL DIA

Barrio 10650 N.E. 4th St., Bellevue

Throw a spicy kick into your weekend with a plate of savory chili sauce-soaked tortilla wedges tossed with bits of pork and topped with a fried egg and queso fresco. The preparation of this dish varies, depending on ingredients, so it's like ordering something new every time, but its warm, spicy comfort is a constant. A traditional dish from Mexico, it's a simply prepared and richly flavorful dish that's a delicious departure from the typical eggs n' toast fare. Half order \$9, full order \$13, brunch served weekends only from 10:30am to 4:30pm, barriorestaurant.com. >>




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4 MALTBY CINNAMON ROLL *Maltby Café*
 8809 Maltby Road, Snohomish
 National attention has been given to this quaint café that used to be an old schoolhouse. But it's not just its charm that brings in so many people – it's their signature cinnamon rolls. Once you experience one, you'll know why. Made fresh daily and the size of a dinner plate and glossy with a sugar glaze this epic cinnamon roll is a doughy sugar-spiced delight encourages sharing and most likely a nap afterward. \$6.95, serving breakfast weekdays, 7am to 11:15am and all day on weekends, maltbycafe.com.

5 MONTE CRISTO SANDWICH *Village Square Café*
 16150 N.E. 85th St., Ste. 104, Redmond
 An old-school diner fan's delight, the vintage-framed ads on the walls and soda fountain bar are a perfect backdrop for ordering the breakfast sandwich of champions, the classic Monte Cristo – thick slices of bread, hugging layers of turkey, ham and cheese, dipped in an egg batter and fried to crisp perfection. Dusted with powdered sugar and a side of preserves, it's a delightful combination of sweet and savory. It's served with a side of hash browns, so don't be afraid to split an order – it's a mouthful. Open Monday to Saturday, 6am to 3pm, Sunday, 7am to 3pm.

6 BRIOCHE FRENCH TOAST *Trellis*
 220 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland
 Located in the Heathman Hotel near the Kirkland waterfront, Trellis attracts both visitors and locals alike with their farm-to-table dining menus, focused on local ingredients. Their thick slices of brioche French toast served with fragrant house made orange tomato marmalade exemplifies their baking skills. Any of their bakery items, from their flaky croissant to their sugar-dusted doughnuts, are winners. \$11.50, breakfast served daily 11am to 2pm, weekends 6am-2pm, heathmankirkland.com.

7 DIM SUM AND MALAY PANCAKES *Wild Ginger at the Bravern*
 11020 N.E. 6th St., Ste. 90, Bellevue
 Small plates of chopped pork and shrimp shu mai, steamed pork bun hum bao and sticky-sweet kabocha squash dumplings served with a mix of spicy and savory sauces are a friendly introduction to those unfamiliar with dim sum. It encourages people to share plates and sample many flavors. A sweet finish are the Malay Pancakes, sponge-like cakes drizzled with peanuts and sweet coconut sauce. Dim sum items range from \$2 to \$6 and pancakes are \$9, weekends only, from 11am to 3pm, wildginger.net. 

The 425 magazine feature, "Flavor," examines specific food and drink favorites and trends and how they are served differently at restaurants around the Eastside. Do you have a Flavor that you'd like to see featured? E-mail editor@425magazine.com.