

WELCOME TO THE

# The Bear Pit

Delicious  
Missouri Style  
Bar-B-Q!

Dern Tootin'  
We Cook with Wood!



Check Out Our Catering & To Go Menus Online: [www.bearpitbbq.com](http://www.bearpitbbq.com)  
Hours: Sunday–Thursday 11:30am – 9pm • Friday & Saturday 11:30am – 10pm



## Taste the History



The Bear Pit's history began in the late 1940's, when original owner Ben Baier moved from Missouri and started a small barbecue shack in Newhall, California.

After several years the popularity of his food spread, so he decided to move to the northern San Fernando Valley town of Dennis Park (later Mission Hills) and start a small take-out restaurant. He partnered with Don Carrow (of Carrow's Restaurant fame) and had country singer Tennessee Ernie Ford as an early endorser of the restaurant.

He built a small building at this location. He constructed a brick oven, called a pit, and used local hardwoods to slow smoke beef, pork, spareribs and chicken. His unusual vinegar-based coleslaw and sweet barbecue bean recipe became the backbone of his menu.

As the San Fernando Valley grew from being an agricultural community to a major city, the Bear Pit grew along with it. In the early 1960's, the restaurant was sold to Ruben and Bea Gordon. The Bear Pit became a landmark in the Valley, so Gordon built two more Bear Pit restaurants in Canoga Park and Glendale.



The Bear Pit has been around the San Fernando Valley since 1954.

The founder of the Bear Pit developed the original recipes and slow cooking methods in Kansas City, Missouri that we still use today.

In 1976, the Gordon's decided to retire, so they sold the chain to Burton and Shirley Schatz, veteran restaurant operators. The Schatz's kept the original recipes, but added many new items, such as barbecue turkey, beef back ribs, and especially Shirley's New Fashioned barbecue sauce. Her own invention, Shirley's sauce was an immediate hit, and became almost as popular as the original.

By 1988, the Schatz's decided to retire, sold the Glendale and Canoga Park restaurants, and sold this restaurant to their son, Andrew, in 1988. He has

continued the traditional recipes and cooking methods to this day, adding baby back ribs and Louisiana hot links for a wide variety of tastes.

Thanks for visiting our restaurant.

We hope you enjoy your experience when you Taste the History!



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Buffet Catering for Parties from 25 - 500 Guests

Let us Cater your next event! Delicious Bar-B-Qued meats with all the fixin's.

Ready to serve! Full course meals for reasonable prices.

Ask your server for a Catering Menu.



## Senior Menu

Over 60 Years of Age!  
Add a Dinner Salad to any Senior Entree for 1.49



### Barbecue Chicken

Light or Dark Meat with Garlic Toast and Choice of One: Cole Slaw, BBQ Beans or French Fries 7.95

### Beef, Pork, Ham, or Turkey Sandwich

Served with Choice of One: Cole Slaw, BBQ Beans or French Fries 7.95  
Garlic Toast or Grilled Sourdough .50¢ Extra

### Chicken Sandwich Boneless & Skinless

Served on Sesame Bun with Choice of One: Cole Slaw, BBQ Beans or French Fries 8.50  
Garlic Toast or Grilled Sourdough .50¢ Extra

### Fish 'N' Chips

Served with Cole Slaw 7.95



## Beverages

Coffee, Tea or Fresh Brewed Decaf 2.25  
Iced or Sweet Tea (Free refills) 2.50  
Milk 1.75/2.50  
Chocolate Milk 2.95  
Floats, Thick Malts or Shakes 4.50  
Lemonade (Free refills with Large size) 1.75/2.50  
Soft Drinks (Free refills with Large size) 1.75/2.50  
Apple Juice (For our Younguns) .95¢

### Beer on Tap

Glass 3.50 • Pitcher 8.95  
Bottled Beer (Imported Beer extra) 3.95

### Wine: Chablis • Blush • Burgundy

Glass 4.50 • 1/2 Liter 9.50 • Liter 13.95  
Ask your server about our Premium Wines  
Maximum 3 Alcoholic Beverages Per Person

## Treats and Pastries

Ice Cream Sundaes (Chocolate or Strawberry) 4.50  
Hot Fudge Sundae 4.95  
Ice Cream (Two Scoops) 3.95  
Tuxedo Chocolate Cake 5.95  
Lemon Cream Shortcake 5.95  
Cheesecake 3.50



## Cub Menu

Children Under 12 Only



### "Teddy" Burger Meal

Juicy Burger on a Sesame Bun with BBQ Beans, French Fries, Soft Drink or Milk and a Cub Chocolate Sundae 5.95

### "Teddy" Burger

Juicy Burger on a Sesame Bun, Served with Fries 4.25

### "Teddy C"

Juicy Burger Topped with Cheese, Served with Fries 4.50

### "Pole A' Bear"

Hot Dog on a Bun, Served with Fries 4.25

### Big "C"

Grilled Cheese Sandwich on Toast, Served with Fries 4.50

### The "Champ"

Big "C" with Ham, Served with Fries 4.75

### "Bear Nuggets"

Chicken Nuggets with Special Sauce, Served with Fries 4.25

### "Rib Tickler"

Children's Portion of Baby Back Ribs, Served with Fries 6.50



### Cubbie Sandwich

Choice of Beef, Pork, Ham or Turkey, Served with Fries 4.25

Cub Chocolate Sundae 1.25

## Soup & Salads



**Soup Of The Day**  
Cup 2.95 • Bowl 4.95

**Dinner Salad**  
Choice of Dressing 3.50

**NEW! Wedge Salad**  
Crispy Iceberg wedge with blue cheese crumbles, bacon bits, chopped egg and tomatoes. 9.95



### Grilled Chicken Salad

Boneless and Skinless Grilled Breast of Chicken on Bed of Crisp Greens with Jack Cheese and Honey Sesame Dressing 10.75

### Chef's Salad

Crisp Fresh Garden Greens Mixed with Garnish, plus Julienne Ham, Cheese, Hard Boiled Egg, Tomato Wedges, and Our Delicious Garlic Toast 10.75

### BBQ Chicken Salad

Your choice of Crispy Chicken Tenders or Charbroiled Breast and Garden Greens, Tomato Wedges, Roasted Corn, Tortilla Strips and Spicy Ranch Dressing 10.75

## Lite Eaters

Served with Cottage Cheese, Tomato Slices, Peach Wedges and Ry-Krisp



### Ground Beef Steak

Char-Broiled to Taste with Two Onion Rings and the Above Fixins' 11.50

### Beef, Pork, Ham, Turkey or Chicken

Choice of One with the Above Fixins' 11.50

### Select Steak

Queen Sized, Char-Broiled to Order, Served with Above Fixins' 13.50



**Try our Famous Garlic Toast!**  
3 slices for 3.95



## Snacks & Vittles



**Chicken Tenders** 7.95

**Crispy Hot Wings** 7.95

**Wild Chili Poppers** Stuffed with Cheddar 7.95

**Louisiana Hot Links (2)** 4.75

## Specialties

### Chicken Tenders

Crisp Country Style Tenders, Served with Our Famous Bar-B-Q Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Garlic Toast 11.50

### Steak Sandwich

Select Tender Steak, Char-Broiled to Taste on Garlic Toast with Crisp Salad, Bar-B-Q Beans and French Fries 18.95

### One-Half Pound Ground Beef

Char-Broiled and Juicy, Served with all the Fixins' and Garnished with Onion Rings 10.95

### Knockwurst (2)

Plump and Juicy! Served with Our Famous Bar-B-Q Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Garlic Toast 11.95

### Chili Dog Delight

Topped with our Tasty Texas Chili, Served with French Fries and Cole Slaw 8.50

### Bowl of Chili

A Delicious Bowl Full 8.50

### Chili Size

A Bear Pit Burger, Topped with Chili and American Cheese, Served with Our Famous Garlic Toast 9.95

Minimum Service Charge is 3.00.

Sharing Charge is 3.00 (Except for Younguns).

17% Gratuity will be charged for parties of 8 or more.

We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Sales tax will be added to the retail price on all taxable items.

Take home a few bottles of our delicious  
**Old Fashioned or Shirley's Bar-B-Que Sauce**  
today! 4.75 each



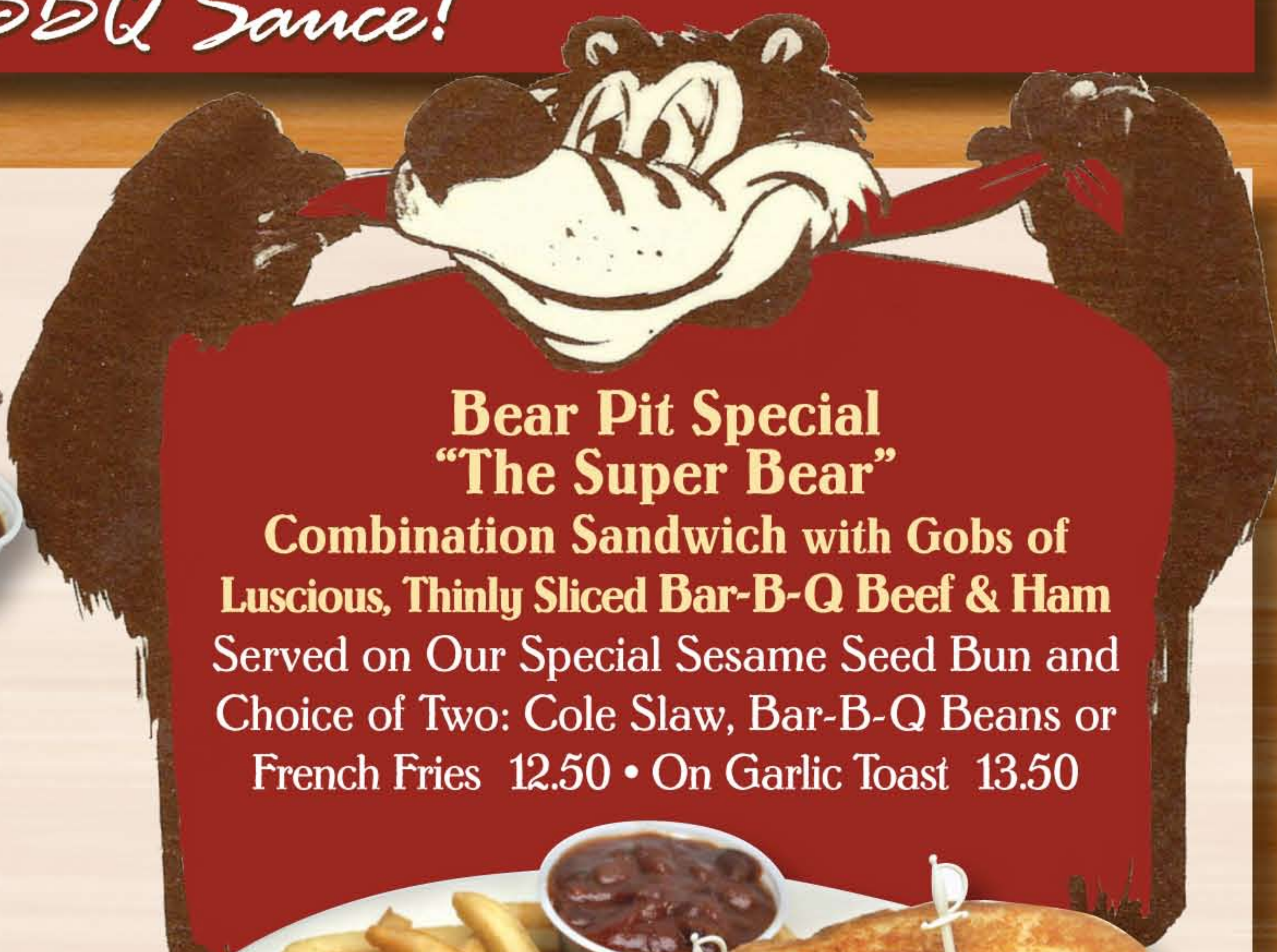
Try our new "Oso Caliente" BBQ Sauce!

## For Hungry Bears!



### Polar Bear Feast

A Combination Bar-B-Q Dinner  
Consisting of Our **Delicious Spareribs** and a  
Choice of Two: **Beef, Pork, Ham or Turkey**  
With Soup, Salad, or Cole Slaw, Deep Fried  
Taters, Bar-B-Q Beans and Garlic Toast 18.95



### Bear Pit Special "The Super Bear"

Combination Sandwich with Gobs of  
Luscious, Thinly Sliced Bar-B-Q Beef & Ham  
Served on Our Special Sesame Seed Bun and  
Choice of Two: Cole Slaw, Bar-B-Q Beans or  
French Fries 12.50 • On Garlic Toast 13.50



### Taster's Treat

Includes **2 Pieces Chicken, 1 Beef Rib,**  
**2 Spareribs, Hefty Portions of Beef and Pork.**  
Served with Soup, Salad, or Cole Slaw, Deep Fried  
Taters, Bar-B-Q Beans and Garlic Toast 25.95

### Hungry Bear Delight

A Whole Side of Meaty Bar-B-Q Spareribs.  
Served with Soup, Salad, or Cole Slaw,  
Deep Fried Taters, Bar-B-Q Beans  
and Garlic Toast 25.95



### The Kodiak

A Delicious Sandwich, Choice of Beef, Pork,  
Ham, or Turkey on Our Own French Bread,  
**Plus:** Two Spareribs, One Beef Backrib, or  
1 Hot Link Served with Choice of Two: Beans,  
Cole Slaw or Fries 12.95 • On Garlic Toast 13.50



**Louisiana Hot Links**  
**3 Spicy Links in Our Special Glaze.**  
Served with Cole Slaw, French Fries,  
Bar-B-Q Beans and Garlic Toast 11.95

### Hot Links Combinations

Includes choice of Soup, Salad or Cole Slaw, Plus  
Bar-B-Q Beans, Deep Fried Taters & Garlic Toast  
**Hot Links & Chicken 13.95**  
**Hot Links & Spare Ribs 17.95**  
**Hot Links & Baby Back Ribs 18.95**



## Tummy Pleasin' Side Dishes

**Bar-B-Q Beans 3.25**

**Chili 3.25**

**Cole Slaw 2.95**

**Deep Fried Taters 3.50**

**French Fries 3.25**

**Sweet Potato Fries 3.75**

**Garlic Toast 3.95**

**Kosher Style Pickles**

Half Order 1.50 • Full Order 2.95

**Onion Rings 4.50**

**Carrot, Celery & Pickle Relish 2.95**

**1 Beef Rib 4.95 • 2 Spareribs 4.95 • 4 Baby Back Ribs 5.95**





## Bar-B-Q Dinners

Served with Choice of Soup, Salad, or Cole Slaw,  
Plus Taters, Bar-B-Q Beans & Garlic Toast



### Baby Back Ribs

Juicy Ribs in our Famous Sauce  
Half Rack 16.95 • Full Rack 23.95

### Bar-B-Q Spare Ribs

They're the greatest! 17.95

### Ribs and Ribs

Winning Combo of Pork Spareribs and Beef Back Ribs  
24.95 • Substitute Baby Back Ribs 2.50 Extra

### Bar-B-Q Pork Spare Ribs & Chicken Combination 18.95

Served with Baby Back Ribs 2.50 Extra



### Grizzly Bear Combination Dinner

Choice of Any Two of The Following  
Bar-B-Q Meats: Beef, Pork, Ham, or Turkey  
Served with Cole Slaw, Deep Fried Taters,  
Bar-B-Q Beans and Garlic Toast 17.50

### Bar-B-Q Beef, Pork, Ham or Turkey

Mouth waterin' good! 14.95

**Bar-B-Q Half Chicken** With Sweet BBQ Sauce  
Smoked in the Pit, Crisped in the Fryer 12.95

### Bar-B-Q Beef Back Ribs

Served with Shirley's New Fashioned Sauce  
Half Rack 14.95 • Full Rack 23.95

### Bar-B-Q Duckling

Glazed with our own Orange Sauce 16.95

### Steak and Ribs

Our Succulent Pork Spareribs combined with Top  
Sirloin Steak and Char-Broiled as you wish 24.50  
Substitute Baby Back Ribs 2.50 Extra



## Bar-B-Q Sandwiches

Served with Choice of Two: Cole Slaw, Bar-B-Q  
Beans or French Fries. Add Cheese for .75¢.

### Beef, Pork, Ham, Turkey, Lamb or try our new Pulled Pork!

On a Sesame Seed Bun 9.75

On a French Roll or Grilled Sourdough Bread 10.50

On Our Famous Garlic Toast 10.95

### Hot Link Sandwich

2 Hot Links on a French Roll 8.95



### Chick'n Pick 'N Sandwich

Charbroiled Skinless Breast on Our Special Sesame  
Seed Bun, with Shirley's New Fashioned Sauce 9.95



### Bear Pit Cubbie's

Three Mini Sandwiches on a Bun  
Mix & Match Beef, Pork, Ham or Turkey

Served with Choice of Two: Cole Slaw,  
Bar-B-Q Beans or French Fries 10.50

## Seafood

### French Fried Jumbo Shrimp

Served on a Bed of Lettuce with French Fries,  
Bar-B-Q Beans, Cole Slaw, Our Own Special  
Cocktail Sauce and Garlic Toast 15.95

### Fish Dinner

Deep Fried Fish Fillets, Served with French Fries,  
Cole Slaw, Bar-B-Q Beans, and Tartar Sauce 13.95

### Fish Sandwich

Deep Fried Fish Fillet on a Bun, Served with French  
Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Lemon 8.50

## Hamburger Corner

Served with Choice of Two: Cole Slaw, Bar-B-Q  
Beans or French Fries. Add Cheese for .75¢.



### Big Bear Burger

"Original" Style Double Deck Hamburger with  
Cheese and All the Trimmings 10.50

### Bear Pit Burger

Char-Broiled and Served on Our Special  
Sesame Seed Bun 8.25 • A la Carte 5.50

### Chili Burger

All of the Above plus Chili 10.25

Substitute Deep Fried Taters for .50¢. Substitute  
Onion Rings or Sweet Potato Fries for 1.00.