# **DINING PICKS: NEAR MIZNER PARK AMPHITHEATER**JOHN TANASYCHUK



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The famous Mac & Cheese and Guinness served at the Dubliner in Mizner Park.

#### Kapow! Noodle Bar

431 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, 561-347-7322, KapowNoodleBar.com

This pan-Asian gastropub injected some muchneeded youth into the collection of restaurants at Mizner Park. Thanks goes to Vaughan Lazar, the guy behind Pizza Fusion, and Scott Frielich and Rodney Mayo, who own more than a dozen restaurants and bars. There are steamed buns, dumplings and, yes, noodles. But order traditional Korean Bibimbap, a hot pot of rice, vegetables, chili pepper paste and a choice of chicken, shrimp, steak or tofu. Bulgogi Street Tacos are filled with Kimchi rib-eye, cabbage, red onion, grape tomato and sriracha aioli. Cocktails such as Kapow Sangria are equally important. (Serving lunch, dinner. Moderate.)

### **Yard House**

201 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, 561-417- 6124, YardHouse.com

Yes, the specialty of the house is the fact that there are as many as 250 taps of imported, craft and specialty ales and lagers. But where else can you find a menu that includes clam chowder and Thai chicken noodle salad, burgers and four-cheese pizza. Committed vegans will appreciate the Gardein section of the menu. This substitute for chicken or beef is used here on a barbecue chicken pizza, in a rice bowl and on its own as "wings." Sushi rolls, tacos plus a dessert menu that includes salted caramel butterscotch pudding round out the offerings. (Serving lunch, dinner. Moderate.)

## The Dubliner

435 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, 561-620-2540, DublinerBoca.com

Along with Shepherd's pie and bangers and mash, you can order a cheese board with a chef's selection of cheese, fresh fruit, clover honey and crackers. There's always fresh fish on the menu, as well as a grass-fed strip steak. The real draw here, however, is the huge selection of beer, both domestic and imported. Unless you plan to participate, you'll want to be finished with dinner before 9:30 on karaoke nights. There's also live music on many nights starting at 10 p.m. (Serving dinner, Sunday brunch. Moderate)





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