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Here are 25 of the best burgers in metro Detroit

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When we asked readers this fall to point us toward Detroit's best hamburgers, hundreds of you sent recommendations.

We read every one, picked the places that sounded best and then hit the streets in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to taste them.

Six weeks and innumerable antacids later, we're presenting our favorites.

Some -- like those at Red Coat Tavern and Miller's Bar -- you've probably tried. But many others are in little-known neighborhood spots any burger lover would be delighted to discover.

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We asked for nominations in four categories:

Old School: The simple classics found at slider joints, neighborhood bars and mom-and-pop diners.

Loaded: Two-fisted burgers piled with toppings and full of meaty flavor. (To keep things simple, we're changing the name from "More Is More.")

High End: Created by chefs using gourmet ingredients.

Alternative: Made with everything from soy to salmon -- anything except beef.

We narrowed the field to create the Free Press Top 25 Burgers roundup, featuring our favorites from all four categories.

Not enough? We're presenting 15 more burgers in our photo gallery we just had to recommend.

We don't claim to include every worthy burger in metro Detroit, but we can promise you that our list will lead you to nothing less than pure burger bliss.

Tums for everyone!

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Additional Facts

How did the Free Press do this?

Picking the best hamburgers isn't rocket science. In fact, it's not science at all. But there was a method to picking our top 25.

Our selection process began with more than 400 suggestions -- including many duplicates, of course -- sent in by Free Press readers earlier this fall.

We couldn't try every burger, so we narrowed the list to more than 60 candidates that sounded the best or most intriguing.

And then we hit the road over several weeks to check them out.

We limited our tasting to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and did not consider national chains.

After tasting was complete, we narrowed the group to 25 burgers -- the maximum we could fit into our print edition.

But we couldn't bear to omit some of the others we tasted, so we picked another 15 to feature on the Web. Together they make up our favorite 40!

Every burger was tasted on site by Free Press Restaurant Critic Sylvia Rector and all were photographed in the restaurants by her or a Free Press photographer. Restaurants were informed their burgers were being considered for the roundup.

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Metro Detroit's best burgers



Other Burgers Not To Miss

Big Rock Chophouse, Birmingham

Stacked with bacon, caramelized onions, sauteed mushrooms, sharp cheddar and tangy-sweet barbecue sauce, Big Rock's BBQ Tenderloin Burger has flavor enough to excite anyone's taste buds. Another enticing option at this destination steak house is a spicy version featuring pepper jack cheese, onion-jalapeno relish and chipotle mayo. Prices include a choice of fries, onion rings or side salad. Not shown on the dinner menu but available anytime. BBQ Tenderloin Burger: \$13. (Photo by SYLVIA RECTOR/DFP)

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