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Metro Alfresco: Big Rock Chophouse

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Surrounded by flowers and ornamental grasses, the Stone Terrace patio at the four-star Big Rock Chophouse is a favorite Birmingham destination. Executive chef Jeffrey Rose's dinner menu features thick-cut aged steaks, succulent lamb chops, fresh fish and classic steak house sides -- at steak house prices, of course. At lunch, the menu is more affordable but still outstanding. Among many good choice are the Salmon BLT, fish and chips with wasabi coleslaw, the chopped Cobb salad and the 10-ounce Chophouse sirloin burger. Reservations recommended. Valet parking. Lunch: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday. Dinner: 4-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, 4-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 4 p.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday. Closed Sundays. 245 S. Eton, east of Woodward off Maple Road. 248-647-7774 and www.bigrockchophouse.com.



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The Stone Terrace is a Birmingham favorite.

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