

# A Resource Guide for Being Vegan in the Capital Region For ALL the Right Reasons



## Capital Region Vegan Network

empowers our community to adopt and maintain a vegan lifestyle through outreach, education, support, and advocacy.

Capital Region Vegan Network has prepared this guide to support people who are interested in vegan resources in the region. We are very fortunate to live in an area where we can readily access vegan food and products.

In this guide, we have included a list of vegan and vegan-friendly restaurants in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Schoharie counties. We've also included lists of stores where you can easily find vegan food, health and beauty products, and clothing items, along with helpful tips when shopping for cruelty-free products.



If you would like additional assistance or support in becoming vegan or just incorporating more plants and/or animal-free foods into your diet, please consider becoming an annual member of Capital Region Vegan Network (information on back cover) and following us on social media for recipe ideas and up-to-date news stories as vegan history is made every day.

If you have any questions regarding where to find vegan products, you can also contact us at info@capregionvegans.org or through any of our social media channels.

We hope these resources will help both new and experienced vegans thrive in the Capital Region, and we hope to see you at our events throughout the year!

Sincerely,

#### Sarah

Sarah A. Shearer, Esq. **Executive Director** Capital Region Vegan Network

#### **DINING OUT: ALBANY CITY AND NEARBY**

#### ALBANY AND NEARBY

**3Fish Coffee:** https://www.facebook.com/3FishCoffee/

**Aashiana:** Middle Eastern http://aashianany.com/8145

Ama Cocina: Mexican http://www.amacocina.com

Athos Restaurant: Greek/Mediterranean https://www.athosrestaurant.com

Barcelona Restaurant: Spanish/Mediterranean http://www.barcelona-albany.com

**Bare:** Smoothies, bowls, juice https://bareblends.com/

V Berben & Wolff's Vegan Delicatessen: http://berben-andwolffs.cafe-inspector.com

**Blaze Pizza:** Vegan cheese http://www.blazepizza.com

**Bombers Burrito Bar:** Mexican www.bombersburritobar.com

**Bountiful Bread:** Counter cafe https://bountifulbread.com/

**Café 217:** http://susiespub.com/secretsusies/cafe-217

**Café Madison:** Breakfast/lunch www.cafemadisonalbany.com

Adapted from list compiled by **518 Vegans:** https://www.facebook.com/

notes/518-vegans/vegan-friendlyrestaurants-in-the-capitaldistrict-/1791680844467556/

All restaurants listed here offer vegan options.

100% vegan menus: V 100% vegetarian: Veg

Cheesecake Factory: American http://thegreenplate.com/blog/so-a-vegan-walks-into-the-cheesecake-factory

**City Line Bar & Grill:** American https://www.citylinebar.com

**CoreLife Eatery:** Counter-serve bowls, salads & soups www.corelifeeatery.com/locations/

**Crave Burgers:** Beyond Burger https://cravealbany.com/

**Delaware Supply Craft Beer Bar:** Light fare. www.facebook.com/ delawaresupply

**DP Dough:** Calzones, vegan cheese; Berben & Wolff's items available https://www.dpdough.com

El Loco: Mexican

www.ellocomexicancafe.com

El Mariachi: Mexican

http://elmariachisrestaurant.com

#### **ALBANY CITY AND NEARBY**

**El Patron:** Mexican No website available

**Veg Healthy on Lark:** Small café http://www.healthyonlark.com

**Ichiban:** Japanese www.ichibanjapanesechinese.com

**Iron Gate Café:** Breakfast/lunch http://www.irongatecafe.com

**Junior's Bar & Grill:** Pub www.juniorsbarandgrill.com/ juniors-albany

**Lazeez:** Indian http://www.eatlazeez.com

**Little Anthony's Pizza:** Vegan cheese/meats, other vegan options https://littleanthonys.org

Maggie McFly's: Impossible Burger and other vegan options www.maggiemcflys.com/albanyny

Maharaja Indian Restaurant: http://www.maharajaofalbany.com

**Mamoun's:** Mediterranean http://www.mamounsalbany.com

Margarita City: Mexican https://www.margarita-city.com/

McGeary's: Pub http://www.mcgearyspub.com

**New World Bistro:** Global http://newworldbistrobar.com

**Oscar's Pizza/Subs:** Vegan cheese https://www.oscarspizzamenu.com

**O'Toole's Restaurant:** Irish pub Beyond Burger available http://otoolesalbany.com

**Pad Thai Noodle:** http://www.padthai-albany.com

**P.F. Chang's:** Asian http://thegreenplate.com/blog/so-a-vegan-walks-into-pf-changs

**Pho Yum:** Vietnamese, http://www.pho-yum.com

**Poke Bar, Lark Street:** Fast-casual http://larkstpokebar.com

**Professor Java's Coffee Sanctuary** http://www.professorjavas.us

**Recovery Sports Grill:** Sports bar Gardein wings & Beyond Burger www.recoverysportsgrill.com

**Restaurant Navona:** Modern Italian and Mediterranean http://restaurantnavona.com/

**Savoy Taproom:** American http://www.savoyonlark.com

**Spinners Pizza & Subs:** www.spinnerspizzaalbany.com/

**Steuben St. Market:** Deli & cafe http://steubenstmarket.com

**Sukhothai:** Thai http://www.sukhothaialbany.com

#### **ALBANY CITY AND NEARBY**

#### **Sweet Basil Thai:**

www.sweetbasilthaialbany.com

#### Taj Fine Indian Cuisine:

http://www.tajofglenmont.com

### **Tanpopo Ramen:** Asian tanpopoalbany.com/index.php

#### TapAsia:

http://www.tapasiaonlark.com

#### The City Beer Hall: Pub http://thecitybeerhall.com

#### The Hollow Bar & Kitchen:

American http://thehollowalbany.com

**The Orchard:** American www.orchardtavernalbany.com/vegan-menu

**The Point:** Restaurant & bar www.thepointalbany.com/

#### Umana Restaurant & Wine Bar: Global street food, Ethiopian www.umanarestaurant.com

## Van's Vietnamese Restaurant: www.vansrestaurantny.com

#### **BETHLEHEM**

Empire Wok: Chinese www.happycow.net/reviews/ empire-wok-delmar-29986

Shalimar: Indian

http://www.goshalimar.com

#### **LATHAM**

**Ala Shanghai:** Chinese www.alashanghai.net/default.html

#### Celadon Thai Restaurant:

www.celadonthairestaurant.com

**CoreLife Eatery:** Counter-serve bowls, salads & soups www.corelifeeatery.com/locations/

**Elevation Burger:** Fast food http://elevationburger.com

**Garden Bistro 24:** Vegan burger and soups sometimes: call ahead http://gardenbistro24.com

**Karavalli:** Indian http://www.karavalli.com

#### Tamarind Thai:

www.tamarindthailatham.com

White Apron Galleria 7: Food court with smoothies, wraps, bowls http://the-white-apron-galleria-7-market.business.site

#### WATERVLIET

Sadudee: Thai

sadudeethaifood.com/home.html

#### **RENSSELAER COUNTY**

#### **AVERILL PARK**

Westfall Station Cafe: American www.westfallstationcafe.com

#### **TROY**

#### V Berben & Wolff's Vegan Delicatessen:

http://berben-and-wolffs.cafeinspector.com

**Brown's Brewing Troy Taproom** https://brownsbrewing.com/troytaproom

**V** Burrito Burrito: Tex-Mex www.burritosquared.com

**Carmen's Cafe:** Cuban/Spanish https://carmenscafetroy.com

**DeFazio's Pizzeria:** Vegan cheese www.defaziospizza.com

**First Choice Caribbean:** Jamaican firstchoicecaribbean.com/8087

Franklin Alley Social Club: vegan hot dogs and bean chili www.franklinalleysocialclub.com/

Harrison's Corner Market & Deli: www.grubhub.com/restaurant/ harrisons-corner-market-96congress-st-troy/609837

**Junior's Bar and Grill:** Pub www.juniorsbarandgrill.com/northgreenbush **Little Pecks:** Cafe http://www.littlepecks.com

**Liza's:** Smoothies, bowls, etc. www.lizasoftroy.com

Muddaddy Flats Quesadillary: https://muddaddyflats.com

**Nighthawks:** Bar & cafe facebook.com/nighthawkstroy

**Pizza Da Vinci:** Vegan cheese www.thepizzadavinci.com

**Shalimar:** Indian http://www.shalimarny.com

**Slidin' Dirty:** Sliders & sides http://slidindirty.com

Sunhee's Farm & Kitchen: Korean https://www.sunhees.com

**Tara Kitchen:** Moroccan http://www.tarakitchen.com

The Greek House: http://www.thegreekhouse.net

The Ruck: Pub https://www.getrucked.com

**Wolff's Biergarten:** German www.wolffsbiergarten.com/troy-new-york

#### **SARATOGA COUNTY**

#### **BALLSTON SPA**

**Alaturco Mediterranean Grill:** www.alaturcogrill.com/index.html

**Iron Roost:** Breakfast/lunch www.ironroost.com

#### **CLIFTON PARK**

**Veg Antipasto's:** Italian http://www.antipastos.com

**Blaze Pizza:** Vegan cheese http://www.blazepizza.com

**CoreLife Eatery:** Counter-serve bowls, salads & soups https://corelifeeatery.com/

**Dog Haus Biergarten:** Burgers, etc. https://cliftonpark.doghaus.com/

**Fruit Loop:** Bowls, smoothies,etc. www.fruitloopcliftonpark.com/

**La Fiesta:** Mexican www.lafiestamexican.com

Oh Corn! Arepas & More: Venezuelan, counter-serve www.ohcornarepas.com

**Saigon Spring:** Vietnamese saigonspring.squarespace.com

**Shalimar:** Indian www.shalimarcliftonpark.com

**Sushi Thai at the Park:** www.sushithaiatthepark.com

#### **HALFMOON**

**Sparx Fine Chinese Cuisine:** http://www.sparxcuisine.com/

#### **MALTA**

**Wired Coffee Roasters:** Cafe https://www.facebook.com/wiredcoffeeroastersny/

#### SARATOGA SPRINGS

**Boca Bistro:** Spanish/tapas http://bocabistro.com

Cantina: Mexican

https://www.cantinasaratoga.com/

**Country Corner Cafe:** Breakfast/lunch: soy milk and tofu scramble http://countrycornercafe.net/

**Esperanto:** Casual Cafe http://esperantosaratoga.com

Farmers Hardware: Breakfast/lunch, Wednesday-Sunday farmershardwaresaratoga.com/

Veg Four Seasons Café: Buffet fourseasons natural foods.com

**Karavalli:** Indian http://www.karavallisaratoga.com

**Kraverie:** Korean BBQ http://kraveriesaratoga.com

**Little India:** saratogalittleindiarestaurant.com

#### **SARATOGA AND SCHENECTADY COUNTIES**

Putnam's Restaurant & Bar (at the Gideon Putnam): American www.gideonputnam.com

**Scallions:** American www.scallionsrestaurant.com

**Sushi Thai Garden:** http://sushithaigarden.com

**The Falafel Den:** Mediterranean www.falafelden.com

**Three Vines Bistro:** Italian http://www.threevinesbistro.com

**Urban Roots:** Juice & avocado https://urbanrootsjuice.com/

Wheatfields: Italian http://wheatfields.com/saratoga

Whole Harvest: Sandwiches, smoothies, bowls www.wholeharvestco.com/

#### **DUANESBURG**

**Peppino's Pizza:** /www.facebook.com/peppinos518

#### **SCHENECTADY**

**Ambition Coffee:** Urban bistro https://ambitionbistro.com

**Blaze Pizza:** Vegan cheese http://www.blazepizza.com

**Bombers Burrito Bar:** Mexican www.bombersburritobar.com

#### **Celadon Thai Restaurant:**

www.celadonthairestaurant.com

#### **Centre Street Pub:**

www.centrestreetpub.com

#### **City Squire Ale House:**

Impossible Burger http://citysquirealehouse.com/

**Jasmine Thai Restaurant:** jasminethairestaurant.webs.com

#### Mexican Radio:

http://mexrad.com

#### Moon & River Café:

http://moonandrivercafe.com

More Perreca's: Cafe http://perrecasbakery.com

**Taj Mahal Restaurant:** Indian http://www.tmahalrestaurant.com

**Tara Kitchen:** Moroccan http://www.tarakitchen.com

**The Happy Cappuccino:** Coffee http://thehappycappuccino.com/

**Wolff's Biergarten:** German www.wolffsbiergarten.com/schenectady-new-york

Zen: Asian

www.zenasianfusionlounge.com

#### **SCHENECTADY AND SCHOHARIE COUNTIES**

#### **SCOTIA**

Jade Bistro: Thai/Asian

http://www.jadebistroscotia.com

#### Mohawk Taproom & Grill:

Beyond Burger available www.mohawktaproom.com

**Waters Edge** 

Lighthouse: American

thewatersedgelighthouse.com

#### **GROCERIES**

#### **Healthy Living Market & Cafe**

3065 Route 50 (Wilton Mall) Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 https://healthylivingmarket.com/ saratoga

#### **Honest Weight Food Co-op**

100 Watervliet Avenue Albany, NY 12206 https://www.honestweight.coop

#### Trader Joe's

79 Wolf Road, Colonie, NY 12205 https://www.traderjoes.com

#### Whole Foods

1425 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12205 www.wholefoodsmarket.com

#### The Fresh Market

52 Marion Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (OR) 664 New Loudon Road Latham, NY 12110 www.thefreshmarket.com

#### **MIDDLEBURGH**

#### Hen and the Hound Bistro:

www.henandhoundbistro.com

#### **SCHOHARIE**

**El Taco Shack:** Mexican www.facebook.com/El-Taco-Shack-149036075828110

#### **HEALTH & BEAUTY**

#### **Lush Cosmetics**

1 Crossgates Mall Rd Space D102, Albany, NY 12203 https://www.lushusa.com

#### **Pure Elements Salon**

1728 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203 https://pure-elements-salon.com

#### **CLOTHING**

#### The Vegan Outfitter

152 4th St Troy, NY 12180 https://www.facebook.com/ theveganoutfitter/

#### **BED & BREAKFAST**

#### **Red Robin Song Guest House**

94 Schoolhouse Road New Lebanon, NY 12125 redrobinsongguesthouse.com

#### **CRUELTY-FREE CHOICES GO BEYOND FOOD**

Many companies test their cosmetics, cleaning and personal-care products on animals and/or use animal-derived ingredients in their formulas.

Look for these logos on package labels to help you tell at a glance if a product is vegan and cruelty-free.

There are similar vegan and cruelty-free logos in common use, but the ones shown here come from trusted organizations so you can feel confident in your decision to purchase when you see these on labels.











## Look out for the following animal-derived ingredients in personal-care products:

- · allantoin
- alpha-hydroxy acids (often in anti-wrinkle creams and exfoliants)
- · ambergris
- · arachidonic acid
- beeswax (cera alba)
- · biotin (often in shampoos)
- caprylic acid
- carmine (carminic acid)
- cochineal
- castor (castoreum from beavers' anal glands)
- cerebrosides
- · cetvl alcohol
- cholesterol
- collagen
- chitosan
- L-cysteine
- cystine
- emu oil
- estrogen (estradiol)
- fish scales (shimmery makeup)
- gelatin
- glycerin
- guanine
- honey
- hyaluronic acid

- keratin
- lanolin (and various derivatives, including triterpene alcohol)
- lard
- linoleic acid
- lecithin
- · monoglycerides, glycerides
- · mink oil
- · myristic acid
- · oleic acids
- oleyl alcohol
- · nucleic acids
- panthenol (provitamin B5 and derivatives)
- · palmitic acid
- polypeptides
- polysorbates
- pristane
- progesterone
- · propolis
- shellac
- RNA
- royal jelly
- silk / silk powder
- snails
- squalene
- · stearic acid
- turtle oil
- urea (uric acid)

Grocery and drug stores carry a variety of cruelty-free laundry detergents, dish soaps, spray cleaners, hand soaps, furniture cleaners, bath and toilet cleaners, floor cleaners and wood polish, including these brands:

- Attitude
- Astonish
- Biokleen
- DIORECEI
- Better LifeClean Well
- ECOS

- Method
- Mrs. Meyer's
- Clean Day
- Seventh
- Generation
- Sun & Earth

#### CHOOSE CRUELTY-FREE COSMETICS BRANDS

#### **Cruelty Free Kitty compiled this list**

(For more information, visit www.crueltyfreekitty.com)

- 1. BECCA
- 2. ANASTASIA BEVERLY HILLS
- 3. HOURGLASS
- 4. URBAN DECAY
- 5. ILLAMASQUA
- 6. TOO FACED
- 7. NARS
- 8. MILK MAKEUP
- CHARLOTTE TILBURY
- 10. MARC JACOBS BEAUTY
- 11. KAT VON D\*
- 12. JOSIE MARAN
- 13. TARTE\*
- 14. COVERFX
- 15. OCC
- 16. BITE
- 17. THEBALM
- 18. PUR COSMETICS
- 19. IT COSMETICS
- 20. FACE ATELIER
- 21. CIATE
- 22. BESAME
- 23. PERFEKT
- 24. NUDESTIX
- 25. BLINC
- 26. CARGO

- 27. DUWOP
- 28. BARE MINERALS
- 29. BUXOM
- 30. THEBODYSHOP
- 31. LUSH
- 32. EYEKO
- 33. ARDENCY INN
- 34. EDWARD BESS
- 35. KORRES
- 36. CATRICE
- 37. JAPONESQUE
- 38. CHANTECAILLE
- 39. ELLIS FAAS
- 40. BY TERRY
- 41. ROUGE BUNNY ROUGE
- 42. ELF
- 43. HARD CANDY
- 44. MILANI
- 45. PHYSICIANS FORMULA
- 46. SONIA KASHUK
- 47. WET N WILD
- 48. NYX\*
- 49. JORDANA
- 50. FLOWER
- 51. JANE
- 52. PRESTIGE
- 53. PIXI

- 54. PACIFICA
- 55. MINERAL FUSION
- 56. ESSENCE
- 57. BARRY M
- 58. GOSH
- 59. MARCELLE
- 60. ANNABELLE
- 61. W3LL PEOPLE
- 62. RMS BEAUTY
- 63. ILIA
- 64. KJAER WEIS
- 65. VAPOUR
- 66. RED APPLE LIPSTICK
- 67. JANE IREDALE
- 68. 100% PURE
- 69. SAPPHO
- 70. AU NATURALE
- 71. ALIMA PURE
- 72. EVERYDAY MINERALS
- 73. YOUNGBLOOD
- 74. LILY LOLO
- 75. INIKA
- 76. ANTONYM
- 77. BELLAPIERRE
- 78. ZUII ORGANIC
- 79. MAKEUP GEEK
- 80. COLOURPOP

- 81. GLOSSIER
- 82. BH COSMETICS
- 83. ZOEVA
- 84. NATASHA DENONA
- 85. RITUEL DE FILLE
- 86. AROMI
- 87. SUGARPILL
- 88. GABRIEL COSMETICS
- 89. MELT
- 90. DOSE OF COLORS
- 91. COLOURED RAINE
- 92. GIRLACTIK
- 93. CATE MCNABB
- 94. CAILYN
  COSMETICS
- 95. CONCRETE MINERALS
- 96. SUVA BEAUTY
- 97. SILK NATURALS
- 98. FAIRY GIRL
- 99. GERARD COSMETICS
- 100. LIMECRIME
- 101. SHIRO
- 102. AETHER BEAUTY
- 103. AFTERGLOW COSMETICS

- 104. AXIOLOGY
- 105. BEAUTY
  - BLENDER
- 106. BEN NYE
- 107. BLACK
  - RADIANCE
- 108. BUTTER LONDON
- 109. CHI CHI
  - COSMETICS
- 110. CLOVE &
  - HALLOW
    - (GREEN
    - BEAUTY)
- 111. COPYCAT BEAUTY
- 112. COVERGIRL
- 113. CYO
  - COSMETICS
- 114. DECK OF SCARLET
- 115. DOLL 10
- 116. ELATE (GREEN
  - BEAUTY)
- 117. EMANI
- 118. FIONA STILES
- 119. GRANDE
  - COSMETICS
- 120. HAN (GREEN BEAUTY)
- 121. HYNT BEAUTY (GREEN
  - BEAUTY)

- 122. JEFFREE STAR
- 123. JOUER
- 124. JUVIA'S PLACE
- 125. KKW BEAUTY
- 126. KYLIE
  - COSMETICS
- 127. KOSAS
- 128. KRYOLAN
- 129. LA GIRL
- 130. LILAH B.

131. LINDA

- (GREEN
- BEAUTY)
- HALLBERG
  - HALLBERG
- 132. LIT COSMETICS
  133. LUNAR BEAUTY
- 134. MEHRON
- 135. NABLA
  - COSMETICS
- 136. NUDE BY
  - NATURE
- 137. PALLADIO
- 138. PUPA MILANO
- 139. SLEEK
- 140. STARGAZER
- 141. THRIVE
  - **CAUSEMETICS**
- 142. WANDER
  - BEAUTY

#### **MAKE YOUR OWN CLEANERS & SAVE MONEY**

Homemade cleaners can be safe, effective, cruelty free, and better for the earth.

#### Some basic tips:

- ☐ Vinegar and water combined can clean glass and counter tops.
- ☐ Baking soda mixed with vinegar is great for cleaning bathrooms, toilets, bathtubs, and clearing clogged drains. (Will foam when mixed together.)
- ☐ Mix lemon juice and olive oil for polishing wood.

 $\mathbf{q}$ Cleaning-product recipes listed at right are from Keeper of the Home.

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https://keeperofthehome. org/homemade-allnatural-cleaning-recipes/

#### All-Purpose Cleaner

1/2 cup white vinegar 2 Tablesppons baking soda 1 Tablespoon water 10 drops tea tree, lavender, or lemon essential oil (these are naturally disinfectant)

Mix vinegar, essential oil and water before adding baking soda in a clean 12-ounce spray bottle (glass is best). Fill to top with water. Gently shake to mix ingredients. Spray and wipe with a cloth. Allow surface to dry.

#### "Soft-Scrub" Cleaner

1 ½ cups baking soda ½ cup laundry soap 10 drops tea tree, lavender, or lemon essential oil

Mix baking soda and laundry soap in a mixing bowl, stirring vigorously to combine into a paste. Add essential oil and mix well. Store in an air-tight food container.

#### **CRVN MEMBERSHIP PERKS**

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#### **BECOME A CRVN MEMBER TODAY!**

One of the best ways to support your local vegan events and educational endeavors is by becoming a member of Capital Region Vegan Network (CRVN).

CRVN is the longest-standing vegan organization in the Capital Region. CRVN was founded by a core group of dedicated volunteers back in 2006—and has continued to this day thanks to the generosity of our members.

As a member of CRVN, you'll receive discounts at regional stores and restaurants, early access to limited availability events, and our monthly newsletter.

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- Pescetarian Omnivore
- Other:

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