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### *Good Eats in West Alabama*

If you've never been to Livingston, in West Alabama, you might assume there aren't many good choices when it comes to eating out. And you'd be wrong.

Here are just five of the top rated restaurants in Livingston, to give you an idea of the quality and variety:

1. Touch of Home Mennonite Bakery

This authentic Mennonite bakery is great place for breakfast or lunch and homemade baked goods. They specialize in what can best be described as Southern comfort food, including their famous poppy seed chicken casserole, chicken salad, and fried catfish. Be sure to leave room for a slice of cake or pie... or take a whole one to-go! And don't forget to grab some cookies and a homemade loaf of cinnamon raisin bread, too.

2. Diamond Jim and Miss Donna's

If you're looking for the best steak in Alabama, this might just be the place. The ribeye is their specialty, but you'll also find great burgers, seafood and barbeque. Locals love the twice-baked potatoes and can't say enough about the caramel cake. And this is the kind of place where they recognize their regular customers, so be prepared for a welcome visit from the owner if you've never been.

3. The Coffee Shop on Monroe

This laidback, eclectic coffee house may seem out of place in Livingston, but it's definitely right at home in a college town. Lots of coffee options, plus wifi and a quiet environment make this a great place to study, write, or just people-watch. The Coffee Shop shifts to a wide beer selection at night. Combined with a menu of snacks and small meals, this is a great stop for food and beverage, day or night.

4. Dandy Don's

This place is a little off the beaten path, but worth the search for its great burgers. Dandy Don's is a small town hole in the wall that's locally loved and not too fancy. Some say if you head over for lunch in the middle of the week, you may run into the guys who sell cows at the stockyard. Worth the trip, whether you're traveling from UWA.

5. Tres Hermanos

This authentic Mexican restaurant is owned by three brothers (See, my eight years of Spanish weren't wasted after all!) who also own another location in nearby Meridian. They're best known for their fajitas and margaritas, but you'll also want to try the enchiladas. A surprising gem in West Alabama!

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Perhaps most surprising is that the dining facility on campus at UWA – Tiger Dining – was one of a handful of Livingston restaurants that earned 4.5 stars on TripAdvisor. Its great buffet and massive salad bar earns the cafeteria some rave reviews, but the fried chicken is the *real* star. A mainstay for UWA students, this on-campus eatery is open to the public as well!