



FOOD REVIEW Darrell's: 4/5

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The criteria: I will be giving marks out of five, in four different categories: restaurant atmosphere, local beer selection, food and quality of service.

I hope that you find these reviews helpful when planning a night out with friends while taking in the wonderful restaurant culture that Halifax has to offer.

If you're returning to SMU or have lived in Halifax for any amount of time, you have more than likely either heard of Darrell's. It has been a south end staple for over 20 years, and has won multiple awards and accolades including one of the 8 best burger restaurants in Canada.

I had not been there before last week, despite its popularity, but I'll definitely be returning.

I give Darrell's a 4/5 for relaxed style dining. The interior of the restaurant is done up in a 50's diner style with vinyl booths. The patio is large and covered - which comes in handy on a rainy afternoon like the day I found myself eating there. Regardless of the weather you can enjoy a relaxed dining atmosphere.

Darrell's gets a 3/5 for having local beer on tap. Although they had a wide beer selection, much of it was from one local distillery, Garrison. With the large number of micro-breweries in NS and an

ever increasing focus on local products, I usually prefer to have something local.

I had to go with the famous Peanut Butter Burger. This is a bit of an unusual combination in terms of traditional burger fare, but it really hit the mark. I had imagined a sloppy peanut butter mess dripping down my forearms, but I was pleasantly surprised to find a neat, earthy sweetness to the traditional bacon, cheese and patty staples. Because of this unique, quality burger I'm giving Darrell's 4/5 for their food.

I give them a resounding 5/5 for some of the best service I've had in Halifax. From the minute we entered the restaurant we were greeted by a friendly staff. Everyone working there was incredibly friendly and helpful. The servers knew the menu in and out, knew all the beers on tap, and made great recommendations for our specific tastes.

My first experience at Darrell's was sitting on a patio during a rainy afternoon, enjoying a great burger and local beer with some friends. The service was excellent and the ambiance was relaxed, so overall I would give Darrell's a 4/5.

Last, but certainly not least, Darrell's had a very reasonable price point of around \$20 for a beer and a burger. I would definitely recommend any new or returning SMU student to check out this South End staple.

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