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# Winnetka's Finest

With pristine beaches, tree-lined streets and picturesque parks, Winnetka is a top North Shore destination. Here are our picks for the best spots to dine, shop and visit. *by* FIONA GOOD-SIROTA

### WHERE TO EAT



In the Hubbard Woods neighborhood, Towne & Oak offers grab-and-go items and made-to-order favorites like salads and tartines.

#### Aboyer Brasserie

Contemporary French-American eatery Aboyer serves indulgent, globally influenced fare like housemade charcuterie boards, escargot bourguignon en croûte and ragout of lamb tagliatelle. *64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, georgetroisgroup.com*

#### 501 Local

Located on the corner of Chestnut and Oak streets, this neighborhood restaurant introduces a curated selection of wine, craft beer and signature cocktails, accompanied by tasty menu staples like lobster and mascarpone ravioli, short rib beef bourguignon and roasted spaghetti squash pasta with arrabbiata sauce. Helmed by owner and restaurateur Mark Salmon, the dining destination has recently been named a 2024 Open Table Diners Choice Award winner, recognized for its high-caliber dining experience. *501 Chestnut St., Winnetka, 501local.com*

#### Pomeroy

With a spacious dining room, a bar, a sidewalk café and a garden courtyard, this French restaurant offers daily

dinner service and weekend lunch and brunch—from pan-seared foie gras to Florentine crepes with spinach and Camembert cheese. Amp up your dining experience with Pomeroy's selection of desserts and aperitifs like Calvados La Pommère, assorted macarons and the Plateau à Fromage, an array of artisanal cheeses, marinated olives, honeycomb and walnuts. *844 Spruce St., Winnetka, pomeroywinnetka.com*

#### Spirit Elephant

Spirit Elephant is the first entirely plant-based restaurant and bar on the North Shore, offering vegan and vegetarian alternatives to your favorite comfort food staples. Start small with the tomato-topped Toro nigiri or the cauliflower ceviche, or go all in with fresh pesto zucchini spaghetti or pad Thai with pan-seared blackened tofu. *924 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, spiritelephantrestaurant.com*

#### Tocco

Owner Bruno Abate brings authentic Italian cuisine with a modern twist to the North Shore at Tocco, home to small bites, pizza, handmade pasta, meat and seafood that make