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Look for our Pecos River Red Chili
available at Target Field,
home of the Minnesota Twins.

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APPETIZERS

Quesadilla...\$11.75

Fresh green onion, shredded cheddar and monterey jack cheese folded into a grilled flour tortilla. Served with sour cream and salsa.

Add Smoked chicken...\$3.75

Chips and Cheese...\$8.75

Crispy corn tortilla chips with melted cheddar and monterey jack cheese and served with salsa.

Add guacamole and sour cream...\$4.95

Beer Battered Onion Rings...\$9.50

Fried and served with our own chipotle mayo dip.

Rib Appetizer...\$14.75

Four bone sampler slow-smoked over hickory wood and finished with our oh-so-tasty Bar-B-Que sauce.

Served with bourbon baked beans and coleslaw.

Chips and Salsa...\$6.50

Crispy corn tortilla chips served with salsa.

Add guacamole and sour cream...\$4.95

"House Favorite"

Hot Spinach Con Queso Dip...\$10.25

Hot pepper cheese, spinach, tomatoes, sour cream and garlic. Served with mucho tortilla chips.

Southwestern Egg Rolls...\$11.75

Egg rolls filled with black beans, spinach, chicken, corn, cilantro and monterey jack cheese. Served with a side of red ranch dip.

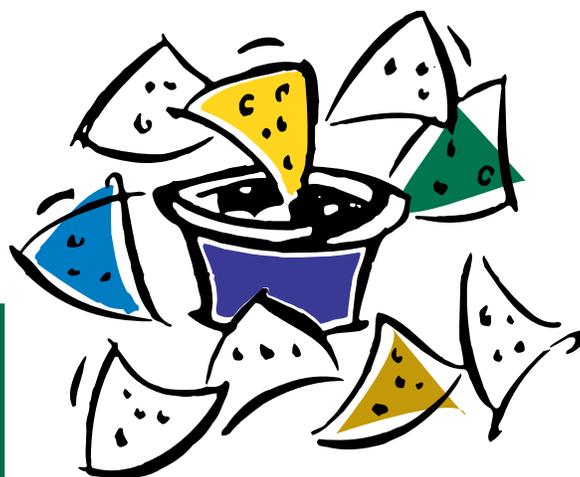
Walleye Fingers...\$14.95

Dusted with special cornmeal breading, flash fried and served with chipotle mayo and jalapeño tartar sauce.

Seasoned French Fries

Served with homemade chipotle peach ketchup.

Plate...\$3.75



Chicken Fingers...\$12.95

Deep-fried strips of chicken breast served with Arkansas Bar-B-Que and honey mustard sauces.

Buffalo Shrimp...\$14.75

Eight hand-breaded shrimp, fried and tossed in our house buffalo sauce and served with creamy blue cheese dressing and celery sticks.

Mexicali Loon Nachos...\$11.75

Fresh corn tortilla chips topped with green onions, shredded lettuce, black olives, diced tomatoes and jalapeños. Covered with melted monterey jack and cheddar cheeses. Served with guacamole and sour cream. Consult our chili selection for one of our award winning chilies as a nacho dip.

Add Smoked chicken...\$3.75

WINGS

Dragon Wings...\$13.75

Our famous "Drummies," tossed in our sweet, spicy Thai Dragon sauce and topped with sliced green onions.

Buffalo Wings...\$13.75

Boneless or regular. Includes your choice of blue cheese or ranch dressing and served with celery sticks.

Dixie Drummies...\$13.75

A full pound of chicken drummies and wings served with Arkansas Bar-B-Que sauce.

House Salad...\$8.50

Made fresh with a mixture of lettuce, seasonal veggies and one of our homemade dressings.

Side Salad...\$6.50

Chinese Chicken Salad...\$12.95

A blend of Napa cabbage, grilled chicken, Thai peanut dressing, red pepper, mandarin oranges and carrot sticks. Topped with honey roasted peanuts and black sesame seeds.

Southwestern Chicken

Fajita Salad...\$12.75

Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, black olives and green onions. Topped with grilled chicken, peppers and onions. Served with our special red ranch dressing and warm flour tortillas.

Herculean Greek Salad...\$11.95

Made with mixed greens and romaine. Topped with kalamata olives, feta cheese, cucumbers, pepperoncini, tomatoes, red onion and parmesan. Served with our lemon Greek vinaigrette.

Great with grilled lemon pepper chicken...\$14.95

Or salmon...\$17.50

Add Soup To Any Salad

Bowl \$4.50 • Cup \$3.75

Caesar Salad ala Loon...\$10.95

Fresh romaine lettuce, tomato slices, chopped egg and croutons tossed with our house Caesar dressing and topped with grated parmesan cheese. Excellent with any of our grilled options: chicken or salmon.

Lemon Pepper Chicken \$13.95

Grilled Alaskan Salmon \$17.95

Small Caesar...\$8.75

Cottage Cheese...\$3.00

Kathryn's Chicken Salad...\$13.95

Coconut-fried chicken served over mixed greens with artichoke hearts, egg, tomato, avocado and shredded cheese. Topped with our stone ground honey-mustard dressing.



Breads

Jalapeño Cornbread 1.95
Texas Toast 1.95
Multi Grain 1.95
Marble Rye 1.95
Tortillas 1.75

DRESSINGS

Blue Cheese Balsamic Vinaigrette
Ranch 1,000 Island
Caesar Thai Peanut Dressing
Red Ranch Lemon Greek Vinaigrette
Fat Free Ranch French

Toppings

Chopped Egg .95
Black Olives .95
Shredded Cheddar 1.50
Handmade Croutons .95
Bacon Bits 1.95

Sauces

	2oz.	4oz.
Ranch	.50	0.95
Blue Cheese	.50	0.95
BBQ	.50	0.95
Tartar	.50	0.95

Grilled Chicken Club Wrap...\$12.95

Seasoned grilled chicken breast, ham, bacon, shredded lettuce, tomato and cheese tossed in ranch mayo and wrapped in a tortilla.

Served with kettle chips.

Chicken Caesar Wrap...\$12.95

Our grilled lemon pepper chicken, caesar salad, tomatoes and parmesan cheese rolled in a hot spinach tortilla. Served with fresh fruit, chips and salsa.

Buffalo Chicken Wrap...\$12.95

Lightly breaded diced chicken tenders tossed in Buffalo sauce mixed with diced tomato, celery, shredded lettuce, blue cheese crumbles and wrapped in a flour tortilla. Served with kettle chips and blue cheese dressing.

Veggie Wrap...\$12.95

Carrots, cucumber, tomato, red pepper, avocado, artichokes, red onion, broccoli and shredded lettuce combined in a spinach tortilla. Tossed with house-made avocado cream dressing and served with kettle chips.

EXTRAORDINARY SOUPS

Minnesota Wild Rice Soup

Featured in *Bon Appetit*, our broth-based wild rice soup is our own unique blend of long-grain Minnesota wild rice and white rice mixed with chunks of chicken in a homemade stock with fresh vegetables and selected seasonings.

Cup... \$4.95

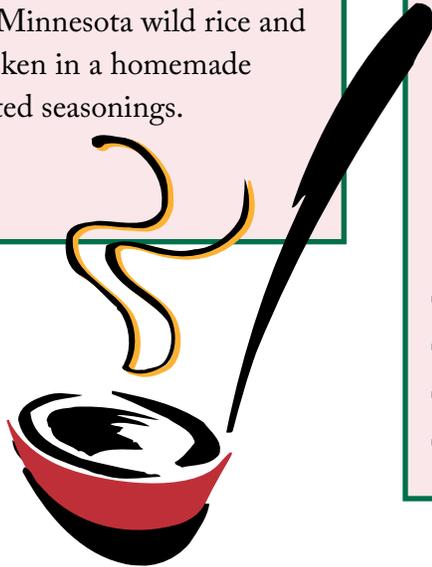
Bowl... \$6.95

Soup of the Day

We present a different soup each day, selected from our favorite recipes. Ask your server for today's offering.

Cup... \$4.95

Bowl... \$6.95



Soup and Sandwich Sampler

A cup or bowl of either our Wild Rice Soup, our Soup of the Day or Chili plus 1/2 Sandwich of the Day. Served with kettle chips. Ask your server which sandwich is being presented this week.

Sorry, no substitutions or deletions on the 1/2 sandwich.

1/2 sandwich & cup of soup	\$9.95
1/2 sandwich & bowl of soup	\$10.95
1/2 sandwich & cup of chili	\$10.95
1/2 sandwich & bowl of chili	\$13.75

AWARD WINNING CHILIES

OUR HOUSE SPECIALITY

Once again, the local polls conducted by both the Reader and City Pages have selected our chilies number one in the Twin City area.

Thanks readers! Our Pecos River Red Chili is now being served at Target Field, the home of the Minnesota Twins!

The first three chilies are topped with grated cheddar cheese, diced green onion and a dollop of sour cream.

All meats are trimmed to eliminate fat. Chili orders are served with Texas toast.

Dirty Pork Stew

A green chili pork stew loaded with onions, chiles, tomatoes, lean hand-cut chunks of pork in a delicious spicy garlic sauce. We top it with cheese, green onions and sour cream. Served with flour tortillas.

Pecos River Red

 **Now Served at Target Field**

This is the only chili that can be ordered in three distinct classifications of spiciness. Lean cubed sirloin steak and onions along with Tex-Mex spices and chile peppers. Mild, Medium or Hot.

"A Classic Texas Style Chili."

Mild  **Medium**   **Hot**   

Pinto's Diablo Chili

A favorite here in the Twin Cities. Created by Pinto, (a favorite of ours in his own right) and requested by Gourmet magazine. This is a ground beef, kidney bean and veggie chili that is very hearty and pleasantly spiced. *A Minnesota Born Chili!*

Veggie Chili

A wonderful medley of veggies and beans simmered in a sweet-hot tomato base. Topped with green onions. Served with jalapeño corn bread and tortilla chips.

Turkey White Bean

Lean ground turkey breast and white beans in a zesty, spicy garlic tomato sauce. Topped with queso fresco and green onions. Served with flour tortillas.

Chicken Chili ala Ski-Dad

A thick, rich, spicy blend of chicken, peppers, onions and green chiles served with jalapeño cream cheese, green onions and fresh warm tortillas.

All Chili Selections

Cup... \$8.75 **Bowl...** \$11.75

All sandwiches served with kettle chips. Substitute French fries or fresh fruit for \$1.00.

Hot Ham and Cheese...\$12.75

Grilled, thinly sliced ham topped with sautéed mushrooms and melted Swiss cheese. Served on an onion bun. Great with honey creole mustard...add \$.50

Grilled Skinless Cajun Chicken Breast...\$13.75

Seasoned with Cajun or Jamaican jerk spices and topped with shredded lettuce. Served on a toasted onion bun with a side of our Arkansas Bar-B-Que sauce.

Eight Ball Deluxe...\$14.95

An 8 oz. skinless chicken breast, grilled, topped with Arkansas Bar-B-Que sauce, crispy bacon, cheddar and hot pepper cheese. Served on an onion bun with mayo and lettuce.

Burger Loon...\$12.95

Our unique, lean ground beef patty served on either a Sourdough or Black Russian Rye bun. Specify add-ons of mayonnaise, tomato, onion, lettuce and cheese (American, Swiss, cheddar or hot pepper). Great with Cajun spices!

Try one or more of these extras...

Barbeque Sauce	.75	Guacamole	1.95
Sautéed Mushrooms	1.25	Bacon	1.95
Chili	1.50		

Ranch Turkey Burger...\$12.75

100% lean ground turkey seasoned with diced green chilies, onions, jalapeños, lime juice and ranch seasoning. Served on an onion bun with hot pepper cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato and a side of house-made guacamole.

Grilled Reuben or Rachel...\$13.75

Thinly sliced corned beef or turkey grilled with our spicy kraut mix. Served between two slices of marbled rye with Swiss and hot pepper cheeses. Thousand Island dressing on the side.

"House Favorite"

Loon Addict Special...\$13.75

Lightly breaded chicken breast grilled and topped with fresh mushrooms, melted Swiss cheese, shredded lettuce and mayo on a toasted onion bun.

Spicy Jamaican pickapeppa sauce add...\$.95

Philly Style Cheese-Steak Sandwich a la Loon...\$14.95

Sliced prime rib grilled with a mix of peppers and onions, then covered with melted mozzarella and hot pepper cheese on a Black Russian Rye bun with a side of horseradish sauce.

Habañero Crusted Walleye Sandwich...\$16.95

Coated with habañero cracker-crumb breading, fried or grilled and served on a sourdough bun, with roasted jalapeño tartar sauce, and coleslaw.



SANDWICHES

MORE SANDWICHES

All sandwiches served with kettle chips.
Substitute French fries or fresh fruit for \$1.00.



Garden Veggie Burger...\$12.75

Served with hot pepper cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and salsa on an onion bun.

Try it smothered with our spicy veggie chili...\$13.25

Buffalo Style Chicken Sandwich...\$13.75

A breaded fried chicken breast dipped in our "Hot Wing Sauce" and topped with Huntsman cheese and shredded lettuce on a fresh onion roll. Served with a side of blue cheese or ranch dressing.

Hot Pastrami...\$16.75

Slow-smoked on hickory wood for 14 hours. Steamed for extra tenderness, thin sliced and topped with hot pepper cheese, lettuce and tomato. Served on pumpernickel bread with a side of coleslaw and spicy mustard.

Loon Sliders...\$9.95

Three mini burgers, American cheese, pickle slices and fries or three mini shack sandwiches topped with shredded cabbage and green onions served with fries.

Make it a platter of nine...\$19.95

Shack Sandwich...\$13.75

Lean, hand-shredded pork slow simmered in our own hot spicy barbecue sauce. Served on a grilled onion bun and topped with shredded cabbage and green onions. Served with our tangy coleslaw.

"House Favorite" Grilled Cheese...\$11.75

Sunflower seeds, minced onions, tomatoes, cheddar and Swiss cheese on multi-grain bread.

Try it with crispy bacon... \$1.95

B.L.T...\$11.95

Our hearty B.L.T. is prepared with bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo on toasted multi-grain bread.

Try it California-Style and add Guacamole... \$1.50

Southwest Turkey Sandwich...\$11.95

Ample slices of breast of turkey on multi-grain bread with mayo, onion, lettuce, tomato and jazzed up with honey creole mustard.



ENTREES

Walleye Tacos...\$14.95

Habañero breaded walleye, fried and mixed with shredded cabbage, lime-chipotle sour cream and served with pineapple-mango salsa, regular salsa and tortilla chips.

Alaskan Salmon...\$16.75

A handcut 6 oz. filet grilled with lemon pepper and dill. Served with coleslaw, jalapeño tartar sauce and either fries or fresh fruit.

We can even blacken it with Cajun spices if you like!

Steak Sandwich...\$15.75

6 oz. center cut sirloin, grilled and served open-faced on toast with grilled onions.

Accompanied by your choice of fries or fresh fruit.

Try it blackened with Cajun spices.

Split plate charge \$1.00



Habañero Crusted Walleye...\$17.75

A Minnesota favorite! Coated with habaño cracker-crumbs, fried or grilled and served with roasted jalapeño tartar sauce, coleslaw and fries or fresh fruit.

FRESH MEX ENTREES

🌶️ Chicken Chimichanga...\$14.75

Seasoned strips of chicken mixed with red, yellow and green peppers stuffed in a crisp jumbo burrito and smothered in our zesty chicken chili. Topped with jalapeño cream cheese and green onions. Served with black beans and Spanish rice.

🌶️ Chicken Fajita Platter...\$14.75

Marinated chicken grilled with sweet peppers and onions. Served with four warm flour tortillas, lettuce, tomatoes, black olives, green onions, jalapeño cream cheese, salsa, black beans and Spanish rice.

Burro Grande Burrito...\$14.75

A flour tortilla filled with our seasoned chicken or beef taco meat, black beans, Spanish rice, cheese, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, black olives and green onions. Served with salsa and sour cream.

Try it smothered in enchilada sauce...\$15.50

Chicken Tacos...\$14.75

Twin tacos wrapped with a soft flour tortilla around a hard corn tortilla with guacamole between the two and filled with seasoned chicken, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, shredded cheese, black olives and green onions. Served with spicy salsa, black beans and Spanish rice.

Chicken Enchilada...\$14.75

Spicy chicken, onions and peppers rolled in corn tortillas and covered with enchilada red sauce and shredded cheese.

Baked and served with our black beans and Spanish rice.

Sides

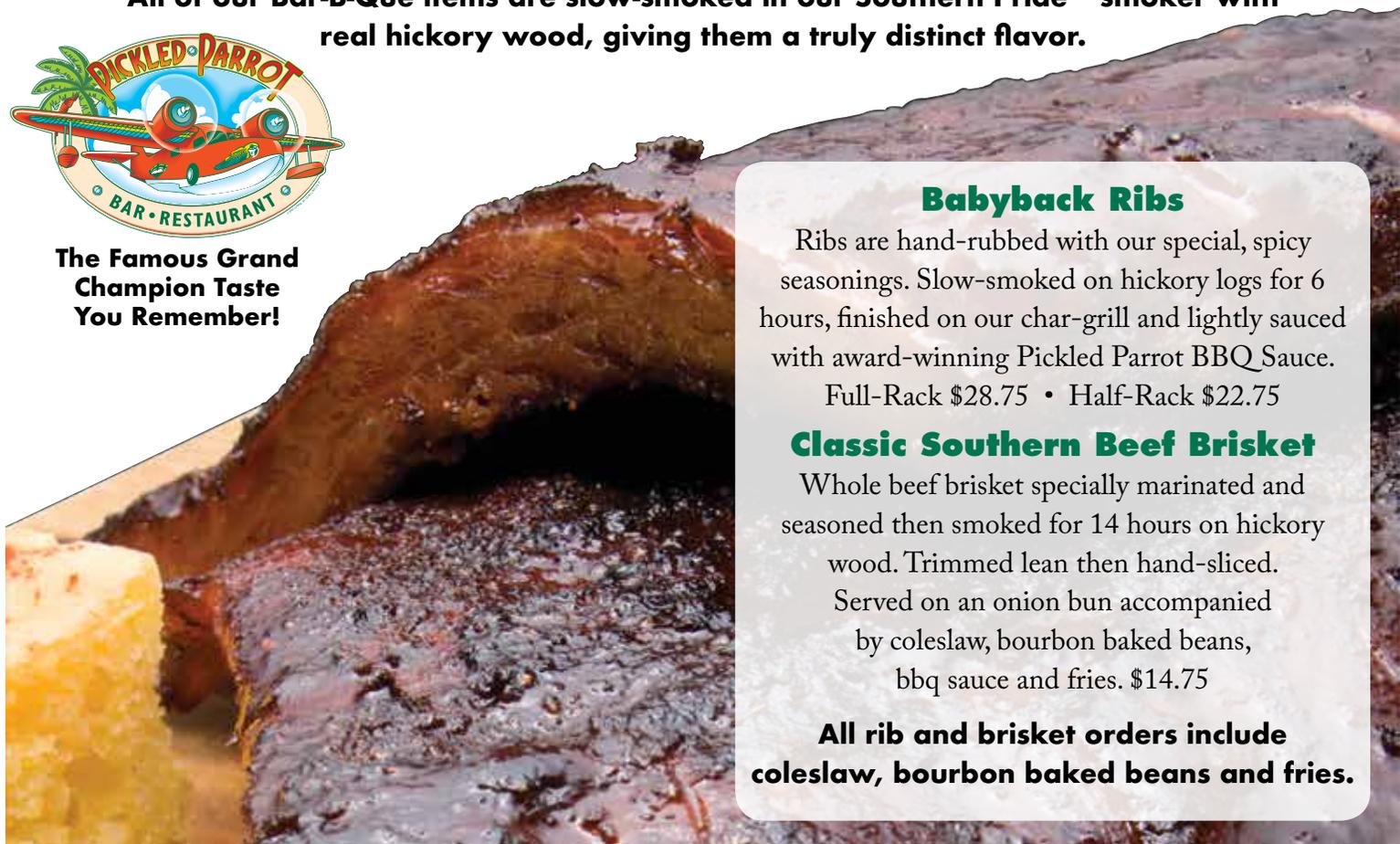
Guacamole	sm 1.75	lg 3.00
Pineapple Mango Salsa	sm 1.75	lg 3.00
Salsa	sm 0.75	lg 1.50
Jalapeño Cream Cheese	sm 0.95	lg 1.95
Sour Cream	sm 0.95	lg 1.95
Shredded Cheese	sm 0.95	lg 1.95
Spanish Rice		2.00
Black Beans		2.50
Fresh Jalapeño Slices		.75

BBQ

All of our Bar-B-Que items are slow-smoked in our Southern Pride™ smoker with real hickory wood, giving them a truly distinct flavor.



**The Famous Grand
Champion Taste
You Remember!**



Babyback Ribs

Ribs are hand-rubbed with our special, spicy seasonings. Slow-smoked on hickory logs for 6 hours, finished on our char-grill and lightly sauced with award-winning Pickled Parrot BBQ Sauce.

Full-Rack \$28.75 • Half-Rack \$22.75

Classic Southern Beef Brisket

Whole beef brisket specially marinated and seasoned then smoked for 14 hours on hickory wood. Trimmed lean then hand-sliced.

Served on an onion bun accompanied by coleslaw, bourbon baked beans, bbq sauce and fries. \$14.75

All rib and brisket orders include coleslaw, bourbon baked beans and fries.

TRY OUR SPICY BEEF JERKY

Available by the slice, \$4.25; 1/2 pound, \$16; or pound, \$29.

DESSERTS

Today's Special

Ask your server about our daily special.

Jack Daniel's Chocolate Chip Pecan Pie

Butterscotch filling with Jack Daniel's, poured over chocolate chips and crunchy pecans. Topped with fresh whipped cream. \$7.75

The Loon Butterfinger Ice Cream Bar

Layers of vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, pecans and smashed Butterfinger candy bars. Topped with whipped cream. \$7.75

GET THE LOON TO GO

All of our menu items are available for takeout and catering.