



Mmm, meat:  
the bone-in  
ribeye at Ill  
Forks



## In Prime Condition

This has always been a red meat town, but now more than ever, steak is sizzling in the Windy City. On the heels of Michael Jordan's, Mastro's and Chicago Cut comes **Ill Forks**, a stunning bilevel space in Lakeshore East. Floor-to-ceiling windows look out on an urban scene of green space and skyscrapers; inside, mosaic columns, a two-sided fireplace, and richly upholstered leather booths create a comfy backdrop for the reasonably priced menu of USDA prime beef: juicy prime rib, NY strip pepper steak, and a flavor-packed bone-in ribeye you'll still be drooling over days later. 333 E. Benton Pl., 312-938-4303

### Bucktown/Wicker Park

**COAST—Japanese.** Stylish, minimalist atmosphere, creative maki (think ginger-seared tuna and mint wrapped with mango) and a low-lit, date-friendly vibe make this one of the city's finest sushi experiences. D (daily). [www.coast-sushibar.com](http://www.coast-sushibar.com), 2045 N. Damen Ave., 773.235.5775. \$\$-\$\$\$\$. **Downtown: E-1**

**FRANCESCA'S FORNO—Italian.** With a casual, rustic Italian menu and a primo location at the corner of Damen, Milwaukee and North avenues, this hangout from the Francesca's folks is a winner. Tempting plates include pastas like ricotta and spinach dumplings in brown butter sage sauce and simple

grilled half-chicken with garlic and lemon. L and D (daily), brunch (Sa, Su). [www.miafrancesca.com](http://www.miafrancesca.com). 1576 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773.770.0184. EI: Blue to Damen. \$\$ **Downtown: F-1**

**LILLIE'S Q—Barbecue.** Chef/owner Charlie McKenna channels his fine-dining experience (Avenues, Tru) into creating first-rate barbecue at this comfortable Wicker Park hangout. L, D (daily). [www.lilliesq.com](http://www.lilliesq.com). 1856 W. North Ave., 773.772.5500. EI: Blue to Damen. **Downtown: F-1**

### Chinatown

**NEW FURAMA RESTAURANT—Chinese.** Cantonese and Mandarin fare are the

focus of this Chinatown restaurant, with a wide selection of seafood, beef, poultry and pork dishes on the menu. Hong Kong-style dim sum served daily 9 am-4 pm. Free parking. B, L and D (daily). 2828 S. Wentworth Ave., 312.225.6888. EI: Red to Cermak-Chinatown. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$. **Downtown: N-4**

**THREE HAPPINESS RESTAURANT—Chinese.** One of the city's top Chinese restaurants, Three Happiness is famous for its dim sum (served through lunch daily). Cantonese and Szechwan cuisine and seafood dishes are specialties. Open 24 hours daily. 209 W. Cermak Rd., 312.842.1964 or 312.842.1970. EI: Red to Cermak-Chinatown. \$\$. **Downtown: N-4**

