

Western Mass

TAVERN TOUR

Whether they qualify as a watering hole or a hangout, a joint or a gin mill, pub or tavern, those places which serve up (ahem) adult beverages are near and dear to our hearts. If you're visiting western Massachusetts, there's no shortage of places to quench that thirst in a setting that's colorful, quaint and/or cool.

Smack downtown in Springfield, if you like your suds with sounds, the list of perennially popular publicans has to start with Theodores Booze, Blues & BBQ. Voted #1 Blues Club in the country by Blues Foundation, the staff serves up first-tier BBQ and the beer list is impressive. Mere blocks away, [White Lion Brewing](#) offers a pride of its own terrific craft brews. [The Student Prince](#) on nearby Fort Street, a Springfield institution since 1935, features a classic bar and dining room which were recently given a beautiful renovation and upgrade. Many great German beers on tap and fine dining under the same roof make it another a must-see. Next town over in Chicopee, the [Munich Haus](#) is another outstanding place to tipple a Teutonic taste, in a similar but slightly more casual setting.

Like sports bars? We've got those, too! Check out [MVP Pub](#), inside the Sheraton Springfield, featuring TV sports, pub food and a large assortment of wine, beer and premium liquors. Right across the street, [Champion's Sports Bar](#) is part of the Springfield Marriott, serving up a similar slate of pub grub, sports and lots of libations. A few miles south of the border in Windsor Locks, CT is [Bobby V's Sports Bar](#), where you can enjoy all of the above plus the opportunity to wager on the best thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and jai-alai action.

We could go on, (and on!) but we think you've got the picture. Our tavern scene offers abundant choice in atmosphere, cuisine and location, and we've just gotten started. For more great ideas, visit the website of the [Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau!](#)