

Starters & Green Stuff

Soup & Bread ----- \$2.95

A bowl of our chef's soup of the day served with bread.

Bowl of Soup & Garden Side Salad ----- \$4.75

Mucho Nacho Grande ----- \$6.95

A mound of crisp tortilla chips, cheddar and jack cheeses, tomatoes, refried beans, jalapenos, green onions and fresh salsa. (add sour cream...\$.50) (add spicy chicken...\$1.00)

Fence Posts ----- \$4.95

Hot breadsticks brushed with olive oil and garlic, melted cheese and marinara sauce.

Chips and Salsa ----- \$3.00

Mountain O'Fries ----- \$3.75

(with cheese..\$4.75)

Buffalo Wings ----- \$6.95

8 jumbo chicken wings tossed in a spicy red sauce, served with celery and blue cheese.

Mound O-Rings ----- \$5.95

Colossal onion rings beer battered then deep-fried, served with a bold bistro sauce.

Garden Side Salad ----- \$2.95

A fresh mixture of crisp greens, red onions, cucumbers, roma tomatoes & croutons.

Salad dressing choices: ranch, blue cheese, 1000 island, French, balsamic vinaigrette, sundried tomato vinaigrette, honey-mustard

Walnut Blue Cheese Salad ----- \$5.95

Mixed salad greens, blue cheese crumbles, granny smith apples, toasted walnuts and red onions, dressed with balsamic vinaigrette.

Grilled Wonton Chicken Salad ----- \$6.95

6 ounces of marinated chicken, mandarin oranges, roasted red bell peppers, mixed salad greens, cabbage, wonton crisps and green onions finished with a Thai Asian dressing.

Pizza, Pizza

Fresh and fantastic! We have a few specialty pizzas or feel free to build your own.

Small 12" Serves 1-2 Large 16" Serves 2-4

Supremely Chico
\$14.95

Small \$13.50

Large

Our classic pizza covered with Italian sausage, pepperoni, peppers, mushrooms, and onions covered with mozzarella cheese.

Scooters' Pie
\$13.95

Small \$11.95

Large

Pepperoni and double cheese. Yes, double cheese!

Vegg-Head
\$13.95

Small \$11.95

Large

Pizza crust brushed with olive oil topped with Roma tomatoes, mushrooms, onions, fresh basil, roasted garlic and mozzarella cheese.

B.Y.O.P: Build Your Own Pizza

Small \$8.95

Large \$10.95

Italian sausage, pepperoni, ham, bacon, grilled chicken, extra cheese
\$1.00 each

mushrooms, bell peppers, fresh basil, jalapenos, fresh basil, red onions, fresh tomatoes, black olives, pineapple, black beans, roasted garlic
\$.75 each

Burgers, Sandwiches & Things

All sandwiches served with chips. Fries for \$.50 extra, Onion Rings for \$.75 extra.

Chicken Quesadilla ----- \$6.25

Spicy chicken, shredded cheddar and jack cheeses on two flour tortillas, topped with green onions, served with fresh salsa. (add sour cream or guacamole...\$.50)

Plain Jane Burger -----	\$5.95
Grilled ½ pound burger served with lettuce, red onion, tomato, and a pickle. (additional toppings...\$50 each)	
Mushroom-Swiss Burger -----	\$6.95
Sautéed mushrooms and Swiss cheese on top of our grilled ½ pound burger.	
The Kitchen Sink Burger -----	\$6.95
Grilled ½ pound burger covered with bacon, sautéed mushrooms, BBQ sauce and cheddar cheese.	
Tomato Mozzarella Sandwich -----	\$6.50
Roma tomatoes, grilled onions, mozzarella cheese and basil lightly baked served on a French bread roll then drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette.	
Frenchy's Dip -----	\$6.75
Thinly sliced roast beef on a French bread roll, served with hot au jus for dipping.	
Talkin Turkey -----	\$6.75
Deli style turkey breast, crispy bacon, lettuce and tomato finished with a light sun-dried tomato mayonnaise spread.	
Three Cheese Chicken Sammie -----	\$6.50
A 6 ounce marinated chicken breast grilled and smothered in cheddar, Swiss and pepper jack cheeses served with mayonnaise, crisp lettuce, tomato and a pickle.	

Sticky Fingers

All BBQ items served with a side of Montana slaw and home-style fries.

P-P-P-Pork Ribs -----	\$13.95
Slow-cooked pork ribs dipped in Chico's own barbecue sauce. Half slab...\$8.95	
Handsome Hubba's Finger Lickin Chicken -----	\$9.95
Half of a whole chicken, barbecued until tender and juicy smothered in barbecue sauce.	

Sweets

Homemade Montana Mud Pie -----	\$3.50
Snickers Pie -----	\$3.50
Soft Served Ice Cream (vanilla & chocolate) -----	\$1.00
Assorted Candy Bars -----	\$.75

Beverages

Can Drinks -----	\$1.00
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew	
Fountain Drinks (free refills inside only) -----	\$1.25
Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Mello Yello, Sprite, Lemonade, Barq's Root Beer, Minute Maid Orange and Iced Tea	
Bottled Juices, Water, and Sport Drinks -----	\$1.50
Milk and Hot Chocolate -----	\$1.25
Fresh Hot Coffee and Tea -----	\$1.00
Bottled Beer Budweiser and Bud Light -----	\$2.75
Headstrong, Moosedrool, Corona, Neptune and Fat Tire -----	
Wine Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel and Cabernet -----	\$2.75

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

- ❖ 1865. First written record of Chico Hot Springs was found scrawled in diary of a miner named John S, Hackney: "Went out to the hot springs and washed my dirty duds."
- ❖ 1866-68. Chico was named by miners in the camp established above the hot springs at Emigrant Gulch. Mexican man named Chico was part of exploratory crew to what would become Yellowstone National Park. His tales of bubbling geysers entertained the miners, who named their settlement after the man.
- ❖ 1880. Bill Knowles followed the gold-mining frenzy to Emigrant Gulch in 1880 from Illinois. Later he met and married teacher Percie Matheson, who ventured to the area to reach school. The couple bought the deed for \$1 and bought a house near the hot springs.
- ❖ 1883. Bathing facilities were established by the McDonald Land & Mining CO.
- ❖ 1888. First wooden frame structures were established at the hot springs.
- ❖ 1893. Families began camping in the area near the springs, enjoying the baths and picnicking.
- ❖ 1897. Early soakers in the hot springs were served by two wooden tubs four feet deep in a small building.
- ❖ 1900. Blueprint of Chico's hotel was printed in the Livingston Enterprise. The Knowles' used their excellent reputation for running a profitable boarding house to secure money to build their inn. Chico Warm Springs Hotel opened in June with a great celebration, accommodations for 40 guests and access to "the Plunge." A horse-drawn carriage carted guests three miles to and from the Fridley railroad platform.
- ❖ 1901. Promising reception of the new hotel encouraged 25 more rooms. A butcher shop overlooked the hotel. Tasting room, bar, dance hall and saloon are added, and locals dubbed the site Dance Hall Hill.
- ❖ 1902. The Knowles' obtained a full-time physician to tend to those seeking therapy from the waters.
- ❖ 1904. Livingston Enterprise ran adds describing the pools, accommodations and food and noting, "hunting and fishing...an abundance of prairie chickens and grouse and the best trout fishing in the world."
- ❖ 1907-1915. Chico hosts many famous visitors, including painter Charlie Russell. (Teddy Roosevelt and party had visited earlier during dedication of Yellowstone National Park's arch in Gardiner.)
- ❖ 1910. Bill Knowles died at Chico, leaving Percie to run the operations. She closed the saloon and hired Dr. George A. Townsend, whose successful treatment of many cases gained recognition across the United States.
- ❖ 1913. Rock building behind the hotel housed a small power plant.
- ❖ 1916. 20-room hospital wing was built on to hotel. Lab and operating room were added.
- ❖ 1917 Farming operations thrived; oil burner was installed.
- ❖ 1919. Gardening on-site produced fresh vegetables for the inn's food, a tradition that continues today.
- ❖ 1920. Plunge had cultivated a national reputation for curing rheumatism, intestinal problems, kidney troubles, skin and blood diseases.
- ❖ 1920's. After graduating from Bozeman's Agriculture College, Radbourne Campbell Knowles, only son of Bill and Percie, helped his mother run Chico.
- ❖ 1925. Dr. Townsend retired and moved to Glacier Park.
- ❖ Depression years. Chico's reputation waned. Most of hotel closed.
- ❖ 1939. Hospital was torn down due to its expense. Brochure advertised hotel rates for \$2.75 a day or \$17 a week, including meals and "plunge privileges." Cabins were \$1 a day. Bathers paid a quarter to swim in springs pool.
- ❖ 1943. Radbourne Knowles died.
- ❖ 1948. Sophia Knowles sold Chico to Oneita Behnke, who remarried and was called Nita Broderick. She reopened the saloon and made changes, appealing to families and couples.
- ❖ 1950's. Chico enjoyed success courting patrons in search of a Western weekend with hunting, fishing and rodeo. Yellowstone clientele were courted by the Brodericks, who catered to stopovers for dinners and developed the mix that still holds allure in today's Chico: dining, dancing, swimming, relaxing.
- ❖ 1957. A fluke collapse of the pool roof shocked 70 swimmers, but no serious injuries occurred. After the rubble was cleared, a decision was made to keep the larger pool uncovered so swimmers could enjoy the big sky view of the changing seasons against the Absaroka Mountain.
- ❖ 1958. Julian Read and family purchased Chico, attracting church-camp and retreat customers, still an important part of Chico's traffic.
- ❖ 1969. Read sold Chico to John Sterhan after many modernization efforts, including addition of private baths in ground-floor rooms.
- ❖ 1972. Jake Franks and his wife bought the hotel and ran it briefly.
- ❖ 1973. "Buckeyes" Mike and Eve Art bought Chico, with other Cleveland, Ohio investors whom the Arts bought out in 1976.