



Welcome to the Syringa Café

A place to celebrate rivers, food, fun and friendship.

In 1962 people traveling through the small hamlet of Syringa, Idaho, (named after the Idaho State Flower), saw some curious activity along the highway as construction began on the building you now see today. For over 20 years the Syringa Café enjoyed a grand reputation and people would drive from miles around to enjoy a meal, or a piece of homemade pie. The Café was sold in the early 1980's and went through several changes of ownership before closing in the late 1990's. In August of 2002, Betsy Bowen and Peter Grubb, who own and operate ROW Adventures, bought the café and five acres to build River Dance Lodge – Idaho's Outdoor Adventure Resort. After an extensive remodel, designed to keep much of the original character of the café, we opened in the spring of 2004. Please enjoy our themed artwork including some old black and white photos taken by Peter Grubb's grandfather, Herman Work. Colonel Work graduated from Penn State in 1909 in the first class of the then-new academic discipline of Forestry. Like many other Forestry graduates, he came west to work for the U.S. Forest Service in their early years (1910-1914), before heading overseas to serve in WWI. The photos displayed were taken on the Salmon River and in Idaho during that time.

After our first season operating the café we began construction of eight handcrafted log cabins, each with a deck and private hot tub. We opened these in the spring of 2005. Each cabin celebrates a particular aspect of local history and culture and is decorated accordingly. We have the Paddler, Angler, Naturalist, Pioneer, Mountain Man, Woodsman, Lewis & Clark and Yellow Wolf cabins.

Whether you stay with us or simply enjoy a meal, we welcome you to make yourself at home and enjoy our warm, friendly atmosphere. Located on the banks of the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River, one of the original rivers protected under the 1968 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the café is a place to celebrate rivers. Whether you're a paddler, angler, a Lewis & Clark history buff, or simply a traveler passing by, we hope you'll enjoy our food, our staff and our atmosphere. Be sure to visit our store with an excellent variety of local books and other regional topics including titles on the Lewis & Clark Expedition. We also have a wide selection of local souvenirs.

The Corps of Discovery traveled within 15 miles of the Syringa Café in September of 1805 along the Nez Perce Trail, high in the mountains to the north. Not far to the west of here, the Nez Perce welcomed and aided the members of the Expedition who were in such dire straits that they were eating candles to survive.

We invite you to enjoy your meal, celebrate with a bottle of wine from our wine list or quench your thirst with one of our microbrews on top or freshly brewed ice tea. We hope you'll also browse the library, view our artwork and share the warmth of the fire.

Thank you for letting us serve you!

Betsy Bowen & Peter Grubb – Owners

Syringa Café Dinner Menu

Served between 6pm & 8pm daily

APPETIZERS

Hummus **\$10**

Served with grilled pita, mixed vegetables, and mixed olives.

Spinach & Artichoke Dip **\$10**

Baked artichoke dip served with tortilla chips.

Beer Battered Mushrooms **\$8**

Beer battered mushrooms served with ranch for dipping.

SALADS

Caesar Salad **\$14**

Fresh romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese, baked croutons, mixed with Caesar dressing.

Roasted Beet Salad **\$14**

Roasted red beets, mixed greens, walnuts and pumpkin seeds and goat cheese and topped with balsamic vinaigrette.

Syringa Chef Salad **\$15**

Romaine lettuce served with turkey, ham, bacon, eggs, tomato, white onion, cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese and croutons. Served with your choice of thousand island, blue cheese, ranch, balsamic or huckleberry vinaigrette dressings.

ADD TO ANY SALAD:

Chicken \$6, Salmon \$6

Entrees

Split Creek Salmon	\$24
Char grilled wild caught Atlantic salmon, served with rice and vegetables.	
Pork Loin	\$24
Grilled pork loin topped with an apple cinnamon glaze. Served with mashed potato and vegetables.	
Butter Nut Squash Ravioli	\$20
Ravioli stuffed with butternut squash, mixed in a light cream sauce and lightly dusted with pistachio dust.	
Traditional Chicken fettucine	\$17
Fettucine noodles in a white cream sauce with chicken breast and topped with parmesan cheese.	
Ribeye steak	\$32
13oz Ribeye served with a baked potato and vegetables.	
Fish & Chips	\$16
Beer battered cod fillets served with homemade tartar sauce and coleslaw.	
Stuffed Portabella Mushroom	\$16
Stuffed with artichoke hearts, Kalamata olives, sundried tomatoes and feta cheese, topped with a balsamic glaze and served with rice.	
Add garden side salad	\$3

KIDS MENU

Chicken tenders and French fries	\$6
Grilled cheese on Texas toast	\$6

DESSERTS

Huckleberry Pie

Our huckleberry pies have been homemade since 1962. Huckleberries only grow in the wild in the mountains of Idaho and Montana so every August; pickers comb the Bitterroot, Cabinet, Sawtooth and Selkirk mountains in search of huckleberries for our pies.

Slice	\$7.50
Whole Pie	\$50
Huckleberry ice cream - one scoop	\$2.50
Vanilla ice cream - one scoop	\$2.00

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Beverages

Coffee	\$3
Huckleberry lemonade	\$3
Assorted canned sodas	\$2

Beer

Draft Beers on tap	\$6.50
canned Beers	\$4

Taps and beers change frequently, ask your server for our current options. We always try to support and offer Idaho brewed beers.

Wine

Glass house red	\$7
Glass house white	\$7

Ask for our complete wine list featuring over 50 different bottles!

**From our team and family, we thank you for visiting Syringa Café and
River Dance Lodge!**