



Green Collective Eatery

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There are certain secrets that are simply too good *not* to share, though some may argue that Green Collective Eatery isn't much of a secret anymore. Try snagging a table on a gorgeous, crisp Sunday morning, and you'll know what I mean.

Green Collective Eatery lives just east of Washington Park on South Gaylord Street. It's a casual breakfast and lunch spot that offers thoughtful, delicious, and seasonally inspired meals that are seed-oil free, organic whenever possible, gluten-free, refined sugar-free, and packed with superfoods.

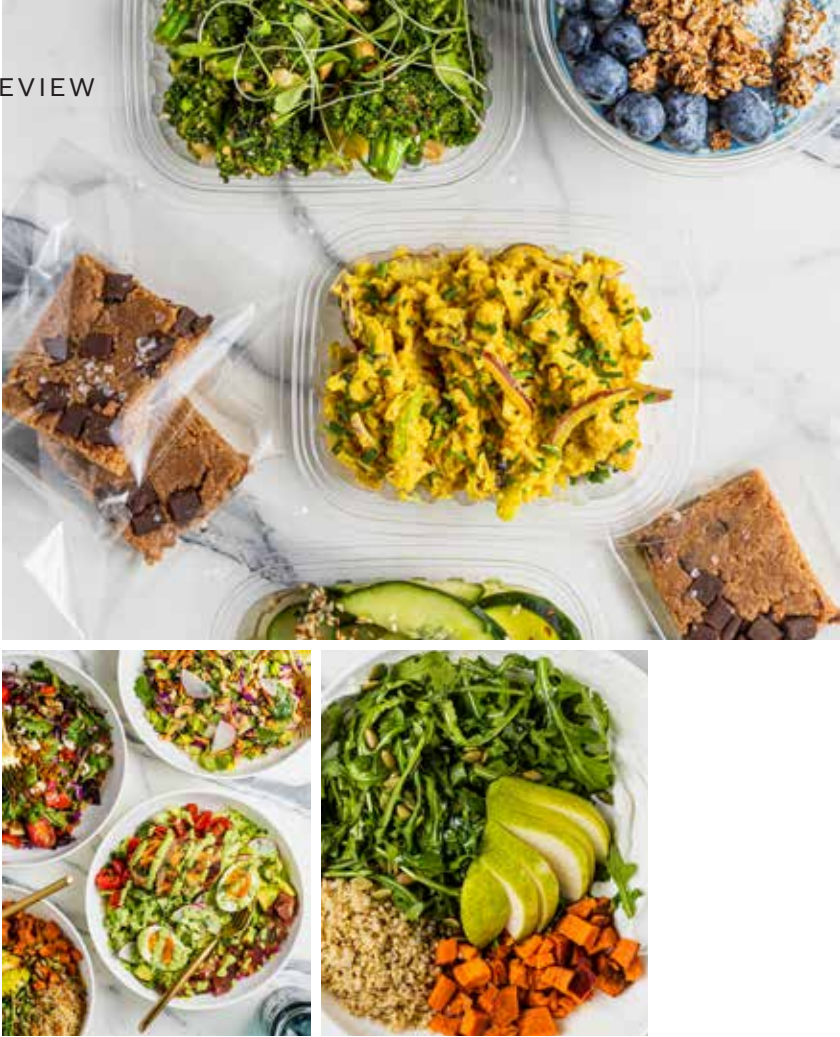
The restaurant was founded by two sisters, Allison and Jamie Rifkin, who found healing from autoimmune issues by adopting a healthy, whole-foods diet. Driven by this mission, their Washington Park spot offers everything from quinoa French toast to eggy breakfast tacos, and my favorite—a chopped peanut sesame salad that I like to top with their seed-crusted tofu. Plus, sweet and savory toasts, soups, smoothie collaborations with local residents that put Erewhon to

shame, and creative adaptogenic lattes add to the menu's diversity. A fridge of grab-and-go items that often sell-out by midday offer even more variety.

Every dish has a dairy-free, vegetarian, and vegan option that doesn't compromise on taste or texture, while also providing responsibly sourced and hormone-free animal options and sourdough for every type of eater.

I was recently enticed back to try their new cinnamon roll pancakes topped with house made caramel and coconut yogurt, and candied pecans. The fall special was love at first bite, as my teeth sunk into the fluffiest and crispiest pancake of my gluten-free, dairy-free life. I immediately regretted not dragging my boyfriend along to finish the generously sized serving.

Will I be back? Likely very, very soon. Especially to see what new items they have in store this winter. greencollectiveeatery.com
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