



The Best Cupcakes in America



Main Street Cupcakes

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The little cupcake is big again. Self-contained and satisfying, it summons memories of childhood even as it's updated for today's sweet-toothed hipsters (chai latte cupcake, anyone?) The best thing is you don't have to share -- it's strictly a one-person affair, thank you very much. So skip lunch and read on for 10 of the country's best.

The MSC Mojito Cupcake

Main Street Cupcakes
238 North Main Street Hudson, Ohio
Phone: 330-342-0833

Legally, you don't have to be over 21 to purchase a MSC Mojito mini-cake, but it's definitely a hit with those who like their sweet things with a side of sophistication. Made of white rum cake and draped in vanilla buttercream, this cupcake channels the Mojito in spirit, by packing in hits of rum, mint, lime and spearmint. Even better, you can eat one, or two, or 10, and still drive home. Woo hoo!

MainStreetCupcakes.com

The Rocky Road Cupcake

Cupcake
433 King Street Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 853-8181

Warning: Sugar rush ahead! This cupcake claims to be "the sweetest taste in Charleston" and after even just one bite of their ultra cute concoctions, you won't argue. They'll tempt your sweet tooth with nine different flavors daily and more than 30 total, meaning there's bound to be a cupcake for everyone. Why not start out with their Rocky Road, a dark chocolate cupcake with chocolate-marshmallow icing and garnished with chopped almonds, and move on from there. C'mon, you'll only have 29 more cupcakes to go!

FreshCupcakes.com

Caramel Apple Cupcake

Lilly Jane's Cupcakes
664 S. River Shore Suite 164 Eagle, Idaho
Phone: 208-938-3408

Want to hear a sweet story? Owner Kerri Dunn named her establishment Lilly Jane's Cupcakes after her two grandmothers. Lillie Russell and Phyllis Jayne LeValley. And their eats are just as sweet: The Caramel Apple mini-cake (a staff favorite) is irresistible. It starts off with cinnamon apple cake, which doesn't sound so terribly decadent, until it's topped off with vanilla buttercream frosting and an extra little burst of caramel. Please, forget about that diet right now and just enjoy.

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