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Burtons Grill Offers Classic Fare, Ample Helpings At Evergreen Walk

Burtons Grill, 100 Evergreen Way, The Shops at Evergreen Walk, South Windsor, 860-432-4575, www.burtonsgrill.com



BURTONS GRILL in the Shops at Evergreen Walk offers a welcome respite, especially for weary shoppers. Among the highlights are the meaty crab cakes. (DONNA LARCEN / HARTFORD COURANT / October 27, 2009)

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We like visiting the Shops at Evergreen Walk, just up the road from the Buckland Hills mall.

You can breathe fresh air, window-shop and, if so inclined, bring your dog. Many of the shops are dog-friendly. (Look for the dog sign.)

On our last visit, we stopped for lunch at Burton's Grill, a smaller chain restaurant that began in **Massachusetts**. **South Windsor** is its only Connecticut location.

The vibe: Modern, sparse and friendly. The inside has a cool bar and a large dining area. When we visited for lunch, it was warm enough to sit outside.

The food: American classics, and generous portions. We tried the pan-seared scallops appetizer served over fresh creamed corn with applewood-smoked bacon. It was spicy but not overpowering.

The barbecue chicken salad came with black beans, red onions, roasted corn, cheddar cheese and Burton's barbecue ranch dressing. It was filling but could have used more zip in the dressing. The Cobb salad was terrific, packed with grilled chicken, smoked bacon and chopped egg. The buttermilk ranch dressing was on the money. We also tried the crab cakes, which were lightly breaded and mostly meat.

Burtons offers gluten-free options, daily soup specials, beef and salmon burgers, steaks, salmon and a daily risotto. There is a full bar.

The waitstaff is professional, pleasant and always willing to go back to the chef to answer your menu questions.

The details: Prices range from \$7.95 to \$13.95 for appetizers; sandwiches are \$10.95 to \$13.95; entrees are \$12.95 to \$14.95. Open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The verdict: Worth a stop, especially for the weary shopper.