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Spring Creek Barbecue

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Get your barbecue bibs ready because you're going to need them. We've unearthed some of the sauciest, tangiest plates in Katy. From smoked meats to barbecued chicken with all the trimmings, you'll be swimming in sauce with no regrets.

Big Daddy's BBQ

2002 Fry Rd., Houston 281-398-1800

Load up your po-boy or barbecue sandwich with juicy favorites such as sausage, brisket, ham, turkey, and pork. Don't forget to pile on the sides including baked beans, cucumber salad, dirty rice, onion rings, and fried okra. Frequent diners will tell you to be sure and try the scalloped potatoes for an extra dose of delicious.

Chuckwagon BBQ & Burgers 4031 FM 1463 281-394-7784

Slide into the chuckwagon booths and enjoy a barbecue plate piled with savory brisket, ribs, sausage, chicken, or pulled pork. You'll have a difficult time selecting your two sides from among favorites like potato salad, Chuckwagon beans, fried pickles, macaroni and cheese, okra, and English pea salad. Feed the whole caravan with party packs for up to 50 people.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit 1315 W. Grand Pkwy. S. 281-347-3097

In 1941, Travis Dickey, a World War I veteran, opened the first Dickey's Barbecue Pit in Dallas, Texas. The awardwinning barbecue has been tantalizing taste buds ever since. In addition to classic favorites such as pulled pork, brisket, and chicken - Dickey's offers some interesting alternatives. Try Polish-style kielbasa, barbecue honey ham, or jalapeño



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cheddar sausage. Don't forget their smokehouse salad which tops a bed of romaine lettuce with shredded cheddar, fried onion tanglers, chopped beef brisket, and ranch dressing.

Dozier's Grocery & Market 8222 FM 359, Fulshear 281-346-1411

Dozier's has been serving mouthwatering barbecue for over 50 years. Sink your teeth into a smoked sliced beef sandwich or try to catch your rib meat as it falls off the bone. Prepping for a party? Order your pecan smoked delights by the pound. But don't forget the sides. Load up with three bean salad, cole slaw, corn, or mac and cheese.

Hitters Barbeque 3424 N. Fry Rd. 281-845-4447

You'll hit your barbecue sweet spot when you walk into Hitters. You might need a fork to eat their sauce-covered chopped brisket sandwich, and grab a few extra napkins before you indulge in their pulled pork sandwiches. Ready for a special treat? Order the rib tips and sides or the smoked boudin. You won't be disappointed.

Nonmacher's Bar-B-Que 606 S. Mason Rd. 281-392-7666

You can smell the tendrils of barbecue bliss wafting through the air the moment you pull up to Nonmacher's. Patrons keep returning for their brisket plates, jalapeño smoked pork, and sauce-smothered ribs. Dress it up with classics like beans, coleslaw, and potato salad.

Midway Barbegue 6025 Highway Blvd. 281-391-2830

Rustic ambiance and smoky plates of tender brisket - you must be at Midway. The Historic Katy favorite boasts big-as-your-plate baked potatoes stuffed with chopped barbecue, chicken, sausage, or turkey. Adorn your plates with scrumptious sides like coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fried okra, cream corn, or mashed potatoes. And while you're there, be sure to order up a slice of pie or warm bowl of cobbler for dessert.



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Red River BBQ & Grill 1711 S. Mason Rd. 281-578-3800

Red River BBQ & Grill is brimming with saucy treats. If you're in for a challenge, order the triple threat: pulled pork, spicy sausage, and peppered bacon all piled on a jalapeño cheese bun and topped with cheddar cheese. If you still need more to curb your craving, add on sides such as fried okra, homemade onion rings, sweet potato fries, macaroni salad, wild rice, or baked beans.

Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q 21799 Katy Fwy. 832-772-7242

Massive long picnic-style tables covered in checkered tablecloths, piles of meat served on butcher paper, and their signature sissy sause - you know you're at Rudy's. Order your brisket one of three ways: cutter's choice, lean, or moist. Add all of the à la carte sides you want from three bean salad to the infamous cream corn.

Spring Creek Barbeque 1000 Katy Fwy. 281-829-0359

Hickory-smoked and always full of southern hospitality, Spring Creek Barbeque has been serving up their same recipes for over 35 years. Customize a plate to your palate with favorites like cracked black pepper sausage, turkey, ham, brisket, pulled pork, or ribs. Load up with homestyle sides like pinto beans, coleslaw, or potato salad. And there's no shortage of home-baked bread. KM



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