

McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon

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Overview

"The Wildest Irish Pub on Earth" offers crowd-pleasing specials and DJs for an early-20s crowd.

- **Atmosphere Type:** Bar, Irish Pub
- **Neighborhood:** Foggy Bottom
- **Nearest Metro:** Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue and Orange lines)

Editorial Review

The Scene: Ostensibly an Irish pub, McFadden's is a two-level bar with some pubby touches (lots of dark wood and brass) and a clientele that skews towards the mid- and early-20s. Most action takes place in the basement, a long rectangular room with a bar at each end, dinner tables in the middle and a DJ booth that's put to good use on weekends. Packed houses of women in sparkly tops and guys in striped shirts dance to '80s and top-40s tunes, and they're all out to have a good time.

In Your Glass: The crowd likes to order shooters and the standard bottled and draft beers.

Need to Know: Skip the sneakers and athletic wear if you want to make it past the doorman. Seats can be hard to come by. If you're 40 or older, you may feel like a graybeard on weekend late nights.

Nice to Know: This is a popular spot for alumni groups to gather and watch big games, thanks to numerous televisions and a huge projection screen. If you're looking for a bit of quiet, the small, street-level bar offers (comparative) quiet, though it's quite popular to rent out for private gatherings.

Price Points: Happy hours are a huge draw, with deals like \$10 Open Bar, 25-cent wings and \$2 drafts.

-- Fritz Hahn (August 2006)