

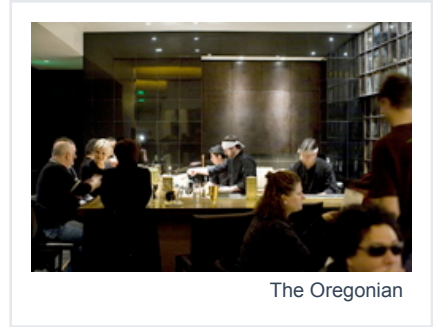
Diner 2009

Bamboo Sushi

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310 S.E. 28th Ave.

Bamboo Sushi proclaims itself the first sustainable sushi restaurant in the United States, but that would barely matter if it didn't also sustain your excitement about eating here. Owner Kristofor Lofgren's vision extends beyond sustainability to imaginative, vividly fresh sushi and a burger that would be memorable even outside a sushi bar. The menu is speckled with little Marine Stewardship Council marks of approval, which could also mean that the council folks had tried the grilled black cod with smoked soy sauce and garlic glaze. Brandon Hill is a masterful miniaturist behind the sushi bar, interlacing seafood and vegetables into a briny brocade. Topping things off, soft tones and solicitous service make even raw fish seem warm.



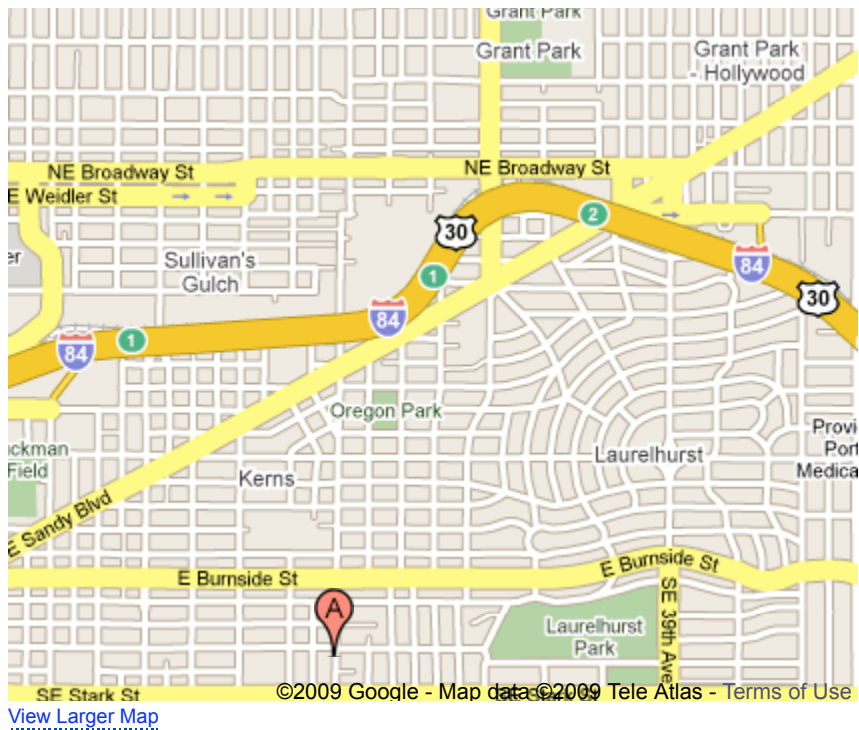
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Eat and drink: Few dishes top \$15, although with sushi things can add up quickly. Stretch out over the House Signature sushi rolls, especially Highway 35 (red crab with spicy sesame aioli, avocado and cucumber, plus sake-poached pears, \$15) or Salmon Nation (house-smoked white ivory salmon, with wild salmon and salmon skin salsa, \$17). But don't fail to check out some hot dishes, including the silky, transcendent grilled black cod (\$10) and fine burger with caramelized onions on a house-made brioche bun. There are some intriguing house cocktails, but this is the place to sample sake and see if you prefer one with "musky notes with earthy rice flavor" or "crafted upfront notes of white pepper fading into dried apricot and melon."

Bargain bin: At happy hour, sushi rolls are \$2-\$5.

Reality check: With rising popularity and essentially no reservations, you could be waiting for quite a while for your Highway 35 roll.

503-232-5255, dinner nightly, happy hour Mon-Fri, limited reservations, bamboosushipdx.com



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