

# River's Edge<sup>®</sup>

*Fine Food  
&  
Cocktails*

*Somerset, Wisconsin*  
**(715) 247-3305**

## *Appetizers*

**CHEDDAR CHEESE  
CURDS**  
Wisconsin's favorite  
**\$ 3.95**

**SHRIMP  
COCKTAIL**  
Jumbo shrimp freshly  
cooked and chilled  
**\$ 6.95**

**NORWEGIAN  
LIVER PATE**  
Alice's favorite  
recipe  
**\$ 3.95**

**ONION RINGS**  
Fried to perfection  
**\$ 3.50**

**GARLIC TOAST**  
Toast with garlic butter  
and parmesan  
cheese...broiled  
**\$ 2.50**

**MUSHROOMS  
AU GRATIN**  
Fresh mushrooms  
sauteed mixed with  
herbs and cheese  
**\$ 4.50**

**SOUTHERN FRIED  
CHICKEN TENDERS**  
Lightly breaded fried  
crisp and served with  
savory BBQ sauce  
**\$ 4.95**

**BUFFALO WINGS**  
Accented with  
home-made bleu cheese  
dressing  
**\$ 4.95**

**RE APPETIZER TRAY**  
Featuring selections of our  
tantalizing array of appetizers  
(2 or more)  
**\$ 6.95 per person**



## *Sandwiches*

(Available only in the bar)



**BURGER**

8 oz. thick and juicy with all the fixings

**\$ 4.25**

**B.L.T.**

Served club style

**\$ 3.50**

**CHICKEN BREAST**

Marinated, Cajun or Deep Fried

**\$ 4.50**

**GRILLED CHEESE AND PRIME RIB STACKER**

Truly a unique combination

**\$ 4.95**

**SANDWICHES INCLUDE: Pickles & Chips**

**SANDWICH PLATTER ADD \$ 1.50**  
(Includes: Choice of Soup or Salad and Potato)

## *Light Dinners*

Tuesday - Friday 4 to 6

- BREADED FILLET OF COD** \$ 6.50  
*Tender cod fried golden brown*
- HONEY PECAN CHICKEN BREAST** \$ 6.95  
*Oven baked, glazed with our own sauce*
- CHICKEN LIVERS** \$ 6.95  
*House specialty*
- PETITE BAR-B-QUE RIBS** \$ 7.95  
*A little ribbon*
- SHRIMP ALFREDO** \$ 8.95  
*Baby shrimp sauteed in  
parmesan cream sauce*
- SKILLET STEAK** \$ 9.95  
*Tenderloin pieces pan fried with fresh  
mushrooms, onions, tomatoes & green peppers*
- TOP SIRLOIN** \$ 9.95  
*6 oz. cut, broiled to your liking*

### LIGHT DINNERS INCLUDE:

*Fresh baked rolls, butter, soup & salad buffet,  
vegetable, starch and dessert of the evening*

## *Salads*

- CAESAR SALAD** \$ 4.95/PERSON  
*A perennial favorite  
Prepared table side for two or more*
- CREAMY CAESAR** \$ 4.95/PERSON  
*Crisp romaine tossed with  
fresh vegetable and our creamy dressing*

## Seafood

**JUMBO FANTAIL SHRIMP** \$ 16.50

*Hand shelled - lightly breaded & deep fried,  
pan fried or broiled in lemon butter*

**CANADIAN WALLEYE** \$ 14.95

*Deep fried, pan fried or butter broiled*

**CRAB LEGS** \$ 14.95

*Over 1 lb. succulently steamed*

**SEAFOOD TRIO (CRAB, WALLEYE, SHRIMP)** \$ 19.50

*All of the above - done to your liking*

**GRILLED DILL SALMON** \$ 13.50

*Filet of salmon*

### ALL DINNERS INCLUDE:

*Homemade soup or salad buffet,  
choice of house potato or wild rice  
fresh vegetable and hot popovers*

#### *Tantalizing Desserts*

**HOT FUDGE HAVEN  
PECAN CREAM PIE  
CREAMY CHEESE CAKE**

#### *Dessert Drinks*

*(All with Ice Cream)*

**GOLDEN CADILLAC  
PURPLE BUNNY  
GRASSHOPPER  
BRANDY ALEXANDER  
PINK SQUIRREL**

*Thank You For Sharing This Special Day With Us  
From The Raleigh's of Rivers Edge*

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## *The Apple River...*

The beautiful Apple River has its origin in upper Polk County, Wisconsin, where a group of springs flow together into Little Round Lake. Rippling on, it joins White Ash Lake, where it is greatly enlarged, yet flows steadily onward through such little hamlets as Amery, Little Falls and Star Prairie. At numerous points along the way, dams have been built, plying its swiftness into electrical use.

It has long been known for its quaintness and beauty, well illustrated by the view from our windows. For years now, it has gained a great deal of note from the enjoyment it has provided to young and old alike, who have floated down its swift current on inner tubes. Several years ago, this original and different pastime was portrayed in Life Magazine, showing the happy folk "cruising down the river", thus whiling away many a happy afternoon.

Good fishing has abounded in this river through the years, providing fishermen with pan fish of all types - crappies, sunfish, small mouth bass and fine walleyes. Many a "barefoot boy's" heart has leapt at that familiar tug of the line. Thus the Apple River brings joy to many - in so many ways. To the River's Edge patrons, this beautiful river provides a lovely scene, winter or summer. The river never freezes over here - a point of great interest to all - because of the extreme swiftness at this particular bend in the river. Thus nature has richly provided us with beauty, and no matter what the season, we have a rare and cherished picture.

We are told the name "Apple River" came from the name given by early French explorers, "Pomme de Terre" River or "Apple of the Earth".

This beautiful little stream finally flows into the St. Croix River at the little village of Marine. No matter where one encounters it, 'tis indeed a beautiful picture to behold.

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Open year round for luncheons, banquets, cocktails and dinner  
Over 5,000 Banquet Parties Served

*Excerpts from the story of River's Edge*

## A Brief History of the River's Edge

River's Edge, that Shangri-la of present day dining and "where to go" winter and summer, owes its beginnings to an aspiring young man, Noe Johnson. He, together with one Henry Hand, was the first to operate one of those places called a "chicken shack" where a happy group could pull up with the old "fliver", order some fried chicken and some "spiked beer" (a highlight of prohibition days) and be served from an open-out shelf from a little white building. This was located on a serene spot by the Apple River, in from 64 one quarter of a mile, where the water flowed incessantly winter and summer. The fried chicken gained its beginning from a colored cook, "Little Legh", who was imported into this area, with her husband, for the very purpose of providing delectable Southern Chicken.

From a mere shack and with the onslaught of gambling, prohibition, more automobiles, this busy little dining haven grew and grew. This was really the start of a dining area surrounding the village of Somerset, which has grown to present day popularity, and is known the world over for good food, frog's legs, and the new title of "Floating Capital of the World."

Noe Johnson had some problems like all businesses do, and at one time was closed up for a portion of a year, possibly for some prohibition technicality.

The story goes that Noe at one time served John Dillenger and his gang one afternoon. But Noe was a wonderful fellow, kind, generous, and loved by all, especially in later years, by the children. Operating a store in Somerset, it was a known fact that he gave half of what he stocked to the children. However, he sold Noe's Shack to one, Eddie Ferranbach. Later it was sold to the Mondor boys. About 1937, Noe and his wife, Esther, operated it until about the early forties.

Earl Mondor then became owner, and in about 1945 remodeled and beautified two rooms, the bar and the dining room. Slot machines flourished and money came easy until the last part of 1945, when gambling was really outlawed everywhere in the state. It was then, in early 1946, that the Jack Raleigh family took over, after operating "Raleigh's Cafe" in Somerset for six years.

This family grew to ten, there being five boys and three girls, all of whom work in the business. Some are bartenders, some are waitresses, some are musicians and help do the musical entertaining on occasion. Families come from far and wide to dine, float down the river and enjoy the magnificent view of the Apple River from our windows. Many a young couple looks back at their happy wedding reception held here, many a happy family occasion has been highlighted here.

The grounds have been enlarged and are beautifully kept up, spacious and shaded by beautiful trees. Here indeed is Shangri-la.

Here for years, Charlie Ward brought his groups to dine on sauteed frog's legs, and be entertained. Here, once Alice Longworth Roosevelt (Roosevelt Longworth) was his guest. Here, after a visit, Fitzpatrick of "Voice of the Globe" once wrote in our guest book - "If you build a better mousetrap, the whole world will find its way to your door".

Highlight of our famous visitors came Charles Kuralt, of the famous "On the Road Show", of the Walter Cronkite hour, on June 13, 1972. His two-day visit stretched to four days. He loved the simplicity and the greenness of River's Edge and he was guided along the whole float trip by the Raleigh boys. The last day of his trip saw him going down the Apple, on an improvised raft made by the Raleigh boys supported by four large inner tubes, fish-pole in hand (his favorite sport is trout fishing), all the photographic equipment aboard and his crew.

River's Edge has become a dining Mecca for people from all over the nation. Famous for sauteed frog's legs, its reputation for serenity and peace, and the most romantic place to take one's loved ones, its popularity grows. Here, always is a great place to relax and enjoy a beautiful dinner.