

ON THE WATERFRONT

HAPPY HOUR'S BIGGER AND BETTER AT SOUTH BRANCH



Considering the sleet and snow, a retractable roof would have been nice when they renovated Soldier Field.

Leave it to new Loop bar/restaurant **South Branch** to install a retractable roof to enhance its own waterfront game: the area's trendiest happy hour.

The **4,000 square foot outdoor patio** will be one of the largest in the city when it opens later this spring.

In the meantime, you'll find comfort food amid sprawling river views and the warmth of **brick columns, wood paneling, and fig trees.**

Sit at the long communal table opposite the bar for **duck wings, bacon wrapped shrimp, and baja fish tacos.** Our favorite of their eight burgers is the Northwoods with cheddar, bacon and bbq sauce.

With 60 bottles and 12 beers on tap, they offer a good mix from Leffe Blonde Belgian Ale to Bell's Two Hearted pale ale. Or a long list of single malts.

Either way, the playbook's stacked.

South Branch

110 S. Wacker Drive, Loop (312-546-6177)

southbranchchicago.com

Price: 2 (of 4) Noise: 3 (of 4)

Subway: Brown, Orange, Pink, Purple to Quincy

Scene: Post-work young professionals and happy hour socialites

Best bets: Bacon wrapped shrimp; Northwoods burger; baked cookie dough dessert

Hot seat: Long communal table opposite bar

Branching out: Brought to you by the owners of Boundary and Sweetwater

Nearby: Rivers; Lloyd's; One North

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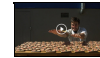
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