

## Donuts and More at The Wild Blueberry Breakfast & Bakery



The Wild Blueberry Breakfast & Bakery opened for business in 2022 as a welcome addition to the burgeoning St. Ignace breakfast scene. Located next to the Aurora Borealis motel in downtown St. Ignace, this eatery has surpassed all expectations and has become a popular go-to destination for baked goods, breakfast, and espresso drinks.

No worries if you're a late riser - The Wild Blueberry serves breakfast until 2:30 pm! They also have a small lunch menu where you will find everything from unique burgers to soup and salad. If you're not in the mood for breakfast food, the Upper Peninsula-inspired blueberry grilled cheese may be just the thing to fuel your adventures. For the best of both breakfast *and* lunch, why not try the Breakfast Burger, with its delightfully unconventional toppings of bacon, cheesy hash browns, and hollandaise sauce?

### The Cake Donut Extravaganza



On a sunny St. Ignace morning, we visited the bakery in search of a dozen delicious donuts and fortifying espresso drinks. We spoke with manager Molly Sposito about making delicious donuts. "The perfect cake donut is crispy, yet tender. It bursts with flavor." Sposito explained the process: "The machine behind me is the fryer for cake donuts. There's a hopper that hangs there and it drops a perfectly shaped



donut into the oil. It goes down the machine and it cooks in the perfect amount of time, perfect amount of oil, and it comes out really, really good! It kind of just melts in your mouth if you eat it when it's still warm."

We were chuffed to have made it there early for the best selection, marveling at the dazzling array. Our donuts were nothing short of incredible, with a subtle exterior crispness that perfectly highlighted the delectable, poofy texture on the inside.

The Wild Blueberry offers a variety of tempting baked goods, and the blueberry cake donuts are a particular favorite for both locals and visitors alike. Sposito described the keen devotion of their blueberry donut fans: "Our blueberry donuts have spread far and wide. We have people that come in asking for a dozen of *just* the blueberry donuts, so they have been very successful." After trying one (or 2, or 5!!), you will believe it.



Grab a bag of donuts to begin your day in St. Ignace on a sweet note!



What makes this local bakery so popular? Molly Sposito has an idea: “You can get a quick grab-and-go breakfast with donuts, muffins, and you can even get a mini pie. We’ve had people come in and get a mini pie, take a fork and they eat it for breakfast.” She also had great news for coffee lovers: “We have a new espresso machine - you can get your coffee to go, or you can sit down with a steaming cup, and have a very good meal.”

Sposito also noted that The Wild Blueberry has a very large breakfast menu that offers “very large pancakes”: “We’ve actually had a pancake competition a couple weeks ago where if you finish a tall stack of pancakes you get a free t-shirt. We only had one person do it - the pancakes are huge!” At 8 inches in diameter, these pancakes will leave you feeling satisfied.

Whether you're in a hurry and need a grab-and-go option, or wish to savor a leisurely morning, the menu offers a little something for everyone. Come early, and come often on your way to further explore all of that wonderful St. Ignace charm!



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