

Frequently Asked Questions

Recipe Search Engine

● What is the FoodieView Recipe Search Engine?

FoodieView is a specialized Recipe Search Engine solely focused on recipes, which are “pulled” and compiled from all the most popular cooking sites on the Web – from the major cooking outlets to the small, but invaluable ethnic food sites and food blogs. This innovative search engine allows users to access recipes of interest, which may be queried by ingredient, keyword, dish name, cuisine, chef, dietary program or restrictions and more, from Web sites all across the Internet using one single search tool.

● Why should I use FoodieView's Recipe Search Engine instead of a general engine like Google or Yahoo?

General search engines are not tailored specifically for recipes and, as such, often deliver results that may not even take you to a recipe page, but rather informal discussion about a dish or a cookbook review. Weeding through the mixed bag of results can waste much of your valuable time. In addition, general engine results will also include many of links to recipe categories rather than to the recipe itself, making it impossible to review actual recipe titles, or user ratings, from the search results page as FoodieView offers. On top of all this, FoodieView has many other features that you won't get from a general, non-specialized search engine, including recipes actually sorted by rating to ensure the best, most popular recipes are delivered first, ingredient list search and browse by recipe category capabilities, and a personal Recipe Box tool.

● Can I share my personal recipes on FoodieView?

Because our Recipe Search Engine is designed to pull recipe results from other Web sites, users are currently unable to post recipes directly on FoodieView. However, there are dozens of great sites that will allow you to post your own non-copyrighted recipe, including AllRecipes.com and Recipezaar.com. Once your recipe is in these or other Web sites that our search tool queries, it will appear in FoodieView's search results when it fits into a user's search parameters.

● I have a food blog or recipe site. How can I get FoodieView's Recipe Search Engine to include my site's recipes in search results?

We handpick the sites that our Recipe Search Engine includes to provide the best possible user experience. As long as your site meets the following criteria, we would be more than happy to include it in our search results:

- Contains free, publicly accessible recipes. If a site requires you to register and login before viewing recipes, we can't include them
- Does not violate copyright laws
- Does not consist primarily of the same set of Usenet or public domain recipes that are floating around on dozens of Web sites.
- Must be written in English
- Each recipe is published on a separate page
- Does not contain excessive advertising
- Has a search engine-friendly interface, meaning we should be able to get to each recipe by plain old HTML links, not Javascript-controlled menus or Flash. Use of sessions can also be a problem.

If your site meets this criteria and you would like it to be included in FoodieView's search results, simply send a request to us via email at contact@foodieview.com.

● Do you have a Firefox search plugin for the FoodieView Recipe Search Engine?

Yes, we do! To install it, visit our Firefox search plugin installation page located at http://www.foodieview.com/firefox_search_plugin.jsp

Restaurant Guide

● What exactly is the Foodieview Restaurant Guide?

Just as it can be extremely difficult and time consuming to find quality, on-point recipes, locating useful restaurant reviews can also be frustrating since you have to sift through a mountain of information to find what you're looking for. Our Restaurant Guide simplifies this process by compiling links to restaurant reviews from credible sources, including newspapers, magazines, review sites, and food blogs, and making them available in a user-friendly format from one convenient Web site. FoodieView's Restaurant Guide currently covers 9 major metropolitan markets: Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle.

In addition, our Restaurant Guide also showcases the best restaurants for an area and allows you to post your own restaurant reviews, make lists of restaurants, and create restaurant maps for your own blog or Web site.

● How do you select the "best" restaurants on your site?

Basically, if a restaurant has recently been nominated for an award from a major publication (either print or online), we will give it a "best" designation. For example, the award nomination might be a food critic's notable pick or a reader's poll. The "best" designation is also granted to those restaurants garnering stars or a "recommended" status from notoriously discriminating publications, such as the *New York Times*. Moreover, the awards must be given on the merits of the restaurant rather than those accolades a restaurant could basically buy for itself.

● Do you have a restaurant guide for my area?

Our Restaurant Guide currently covers 9 major metropolitan markets: Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle. If you don't see your city/area listed and would like us to consider it, please let us know by writing to us at contact@foodieview.com.

● What is a restaurant list? How do I create one?

FoodieView users can create lists of restaurants as a self reference tool, or to share your likes and dislikes with others. You can create a list for just about any purpose, be it a list of your favorite restaurants, the most underrated restaurants, the best places for buffalo wings – the sky's the limit. You can then share the link to your personal restaurant list with friends or even embed a restaurant map on your blog or Web site.

To create your own restaurant list, simply register with our site, then click the "My Restaurants" link at the top of the page. You'll be directed to a form allowing you to create a list. To add a restaurant to a list, just navigate to the individual restaurant's details page and click on the "Add To List" link. When a box with your lists appears, simply select the one you want and the restaurant will be added.

● How do I create a restaurant map and embed it in my blog or Web site?

FoodieView makes this easy. On many pages within our Restaurant Guide, right under a map you'll see a text box labeled "Embed Map." Simply copy the HTML code from this text box and paste it into your own Web page or blog post, and the map will appear on your site.

If you run a restaurant review site or blog that is currently located on FoodieView and want to connect your review to a restaurant in our Guide, simply find your review in our search results page and then use the "Embed Map" code to get a map of your site's restaurant review. The restaurant name in the map will link directly to your related review.

Foodie Views of the Day

● What are "Foodie Views of the Day" and can I participate?

Designed to gratify the visual cravings of FoodieView's visitors and to celebrate the beauty and artistry of food, this daily feature showcases the best food photography from around the blogosphere. For this, anyone may submit food-related pictures they wish to share with the foodie community for consideration. We then hand picks the cream-of-the-crop for this popular daily feature, with visitors enabled and encouraged to vote on their favorite images. Information and instructions for submitting "Foodie Views of the Day" photos may be accessed here:

http://www.foodieview.com/views/submit_info.jsp.
