

Laura's Casual Kitchen, Uxbridge

BY ALISON SCOWCROFT



Owner and one of the chefs at Laura's Casual Kitchen, Laura Reybroek greets guests with warmth and a beautiful smile. As a mom of six children, she knows how to make you feel at home and how to cook for a crowd. Laura earned her culinary degree at Liaison College in Whitby and began her career by catering for various events. When most of her kids had grown up and moved on, Laura decided on a different career path and began running a food truck that she still owns and operates. You can rent it for outdoor weddings, parties or business events. As Laura is very involved with the community, you will see her truck at various functions throughout the year.

Laura's current location in Uxbridge opened in October, 2017. The restaurant seats 28 people and they serve wine by the glass, as well as beer and cider from Second Wedge Brewery in Uxbridge. Sourcing things locally is important to Laura. In the summer months she buys all her fruits and vegetables from nearby producers. Her bison burger meat comes from Thunder Ridge Bison Farm. Who knew we had bison on the Oak Ridges Moraine? Laura mixes the bison meat with Angus beef for the perfect consistency, flavour and juiciness.

The mouth-watering menu offers simple, delicious fare. You can dine in, or take out; the choice is yours.

Laura's most popular items are the Southern Fried Buttermilk Chicken Sandwich and the Meatball Sandwich. Other temptations include: Smoked Brisket, Mac & Cheese Balls, Fries, Poutine, and Tator Tots that are deep fried and sprinkled with her own BBQ seasoning. Everything is made from scratch, including the dressings, marinades, spice rubs, sauces and gravy.

Providing a homey ambiance, the restaurant offers two communal tables. Laura says it does her heart good to see people come in as strangers and end up leaving as friends because they have had the opportunity to meet and chat while enjoying down-home food.

Future plans? Laura is hoping to expand into catering beyond the food truck. She also wants to sell her marinades, sauces and gravies and offer weekend brunches. So stay tuned for more good things to come.

I would suggest taking a drive to Uxbridge, walking on one of their many trails, and then enjoying a hearty lunch or dinner at Laura's Casual Kitchen.

LAURA'S CASUAL KITCHEN

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HOURS OF BUSINESS: Open seven days a week. They do not take reservations.

Monday to Wednesday
11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
noon to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday
noon to 7:00 p.m.