

Food

U.S.-style deep fried pickles the perfect snack



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In Search Of

In Search Of: Pickles

Location Found:

Montgomery's Cottage Lunch,
15539 Marine Drive, White Rock

The first time my brother-in-law mentioned his fondness for deep fried pickles I thought he was crazy. Deep fried pickles. Seriously?! But never one to cower in the face of culinary adventurism, I tried one bite and instantly became a believer.

They are a genius snack.

Widely found throughout the United States, deep fried pickles traditionally consist of slices of dill pickles that are breaded or battered before being deep fried and served with a dipping sauce. What's not to love? It's got everything a snack should have in my opinion: salty, crispy, sour, and a dipping sauce.

The folks down at Montgomery's Cottage Lunch have been serving up Montgomery's Deep Fried Pickles for the past six years. The owners have never advertised the unusual appetizer, preferring to keep their signature snack on the down low. But fans of the deep fried pickle know exactly where to go to sat-



The staff at Montgomery's Cottage Lunch do up deep fried pickles right.

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isfy their craving.

"Six years ago a fellow from the East Coast stopped by our restaurant and asked if we could dip some pickles in the fish batter and fry them up," says Sean Montgomery, owner of Montgomery's Cottage Lunch. "Of course we looked at him like he was insane, but once we tried the pickles we became hooked and have had them on our menu ever since!"

While the Montgomery family have been

running the restaurant for close to 25 years, the building itself has been a fish and chip shop since the late 1920s making it the longest standing fish and chip operation in town. More than just a place to go for good food, Montgomery's Cottage Lunch serves up a piece of White Rock history.

"We have customers who have been coming here for over 50 years," says Montgomery. "Older folks who used to eat here in their

youth are now coming in with their grandchildren. It's wonderful to be part of such a close-knit community."

Due to the seasonal nature of the business, Montgomery's Cottage Lunch closes its doors at the end of each summer and reopens again in early spring. The majority of their business consists of take-out orders from eager beachgoers; however, there are a few cozy tables scattered around inside for those wanting an indoor dining experience.

With over a dozen fish and chip joints in the area, competition is fierce. But Sean and his family are confident their business stands out from the crowd.

"Along with our amazing staff, I believe what makes us stand out is the freshness of our product. In our restaurant everything is made to order with absolutely no pre-cooking. Our potatoes are grown locally, and our fish is hand cut in order to maximize freshness."

Next time you find yourself craving something different, head down to Montgomery's Cottage Lunch and order up a dish of their deep fried pickles. Trust me on this one folks.

What I'm searching for next:

Over the next few weeks I will be in search of outstanding summer cocktails, chicken wings, gelato, and perogies. Know somewhere that serves up a fantastic version of these items? Email your suggestions to info@cook-thatbook.com

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