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## Brick Store Pub

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**BeerSox** ( P'tree Corners (soon Washinton D.C.), Georgia )

**overall: 4.5**  
atmosphere: 4.5 | quality: 4.5 | service: 4 | selection: 5 | food: 4 | \$\$

Located in the middle of Decatur, or "downtown" Decatur. The pub is located among several small novelty type stores. It's also right next to a stop on the MARTA rail system. This would be exciting, except for the fact that MARTA is a bad system (but I guess it's better than nothing). The MARTA may help since parking is so limited in that area. If you can park at a MARTA garage up one of the lines it would probably be easier.

From the outside there are two tables to sit at, which are probably hard to get when the weather is nice. Otherwise, you can wander indoors and seat yourself at the bar or a table. There is a downstairs area, as well as an upstairs area that has the Belgian beers. The pub itself is small, so the tables are crowded together, not to mention there aren't many of them compared to most restaurants.

The selection is good, with several beers on tap (including a mystery beer that features a rare hard to find beer) with a huge bottled beer list. There are some vintages available too. The beer prices are about average, nothing to complain or get excited about. The glassware arrives full of beer, un-chilled, and as the proper type (no hefe weizen in a pint glass).

The food is a step above pub food, but for the most part, it's still pub food. The biggest difference is the selection is better than a hamburger or a pizza. Once again, the food pricing is about average. The service is typical of any place with food.

Overall, the Brick Store pub is the place to go in all of Atlanta. Although there are Taco Macs (chilled glasses and too many kids) nearby, this place is worth the drive to get rarer beers and non-chilled glasses. If you visit Atlanta (and I hope you don't), and you want to visit one place, this is it.

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BeerAdvocate Overall Score

**95**

**BeerFly Review Stats:**

# reviews	71
average	4.57
atmosphere	4.56
quality	4.7
service	4.39
selection	4.71
food	4.14
value: \$\$ - reasonable	

**Beer Stats:**

# taps +/-	25
# bottles +/-	185
cask	N
beer-to-go	N



 [johnnylandmine](#) ( New York City, New York )

**overall: 4.8**

atmosphere: 4.5 | quality: 5 | service: 4.5 | selection: 5 | food: 4.5 | \$\$

I grew up with the Brick Store practically in my backyard and refuse to let visiting friends leave without a trip there. Everything about it - its cozy atmosphere; friendly, knowledgeable and (if it's not too too busy, though it typically is) conversational waitstaff; jaw-droppingly huge selection - has me spoiled rotten when I'm away from Atlanta.

Despite the Brick Store definitely being one of the most popular of Decatur's myriad restaurants, I've never had to wait an unreasonably long time for a table. The Belgian bar upstairs takes a considerable edge off of any wait time there could be, anyway... Even aside from their huge Belgian selection, they've got a downright daunting list of bottles from all over the world, and an always-interesting tap rotation, too.

Oh - it's easy to let the food seem like an afterthought (especially when comparing the food menu to the much larger beer list), but even if I wasn't drinking, this would still be among my favorite restaurants in town. Get the Brunswick stew!

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 [kwakwhore](#) ( Greenville, North Carolina )

**overall: 4.8**

atmosphere: 4.5 | quality: 5 | service: 4.5 | selection: 5 | food: 4.5 | \$\$

My first pilgrimage to what must be the sanctum sanctorum for all southern beer geeks. A short wait for a table allowed me to look through the enormous beer menu and survey the surroundings. While the waitstaff was taxed by the large number of customers they were unfailingly friendly and efficient, as were the bartenders. The food was excellent for pub fare (I had the burger) and the beers were all one could have wished for. My only regret was the fact that I was driving so I couldn't have all of the beers I wanted to try. My only regret is that I live in North Carolina. If I lived in the Atlanta area I would be there every week.

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 [meechum](#) ( Dacula, Georgia )

**overall: 4.7**

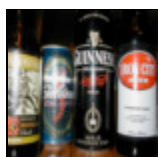
atmosphere: 4 | quality: 5 | service: 4.5 | selection: 5 | food: 4 | \$\$

My first experience at this place was last Friday. The atmosphere was loud in crowd noise (to be expected on an Atlanta Friday night). The decor and atmosphere of the bar was very Pub feeling which was great. The service was excellent in that our waitress helped us pick out brews that would help us push our palate without turning us off. I had a great meal and the Guinness boiled brats were awesome and at a reasonable price. The beer menu was exhaustive and a little intimidating to a novice like myself though the descriptions of the beer were very concise and helpful when looking over the menu.

I can't wait to go back to the Brick Store Pub soon and hope to make this a frequent place to get a great glass of beer

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 [ruleof72](#) ( Norcross, Georgia )

**overall: 4.3**

atmosphere: 4 | quality: 4.5 | service: 4 | selection: 4.5 | food: 4 | \$\$

I have visited here 5 or 6 times since we moved to Atlanta last year and each time has

been a positive experience. We usually show up for lunch on a Saturday and have a couple of beers. The food is good and the beer selection, especially the Belgian variety is great. They always have a variety of new beers on tap, usually 20-30, representing a variety of breweries.

The atmosphere is definitely pub-like, the wait staff is usually prompt and knowledgeable and the selection/value component is dialed in pretty good.

If you are in the Atlanta area give the Brick Store a try. You will not be dissatisfied.

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 **smellysell** ( Helena, Montana )

**overall: 4.3**

atmosphere: 4 | quality: 4 | service: 4 | selection: 5 | food: 4 | \$\$\$

If you are ever in the Atlanta area, definitely stop in and check this place out. I spent the night eating and sampling various beers there with my brother a couple weeks ago. The service, atmosphere, and food are good, but the selection is what really puts this place over the top. I can't even guess how many different selections they had, but it was a TON! They are all served in the appropriate glassware, most even coming in a glass with a matching brand emblem on it. It's a bit spendy, but definitely worth the price IMO. If they still have it on tap, try the Val-Dieu Grand Cru if you've never had it.

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 **EvilJelloMan** ( Atlanta, Georgia )

**overall: 4.8**

atmosphere: 5 | quality: 5 | service: 4.5 | selection: 5 | food: 4 | \$\$

The Brick Store is the perfect after-work bar. They have a good selection of standard pub fare, but well prepared and tasty. I'm a big fan of their hummus, and I always love a nice big soft pretzel.

The beer selection is outstanding, and the staff are usually very good at suggesting a beer based on whatever criteria you offer. I've never been let down asking for recommendations.

The one downside I can think of with this place is that it can get insanely hot in the upstairs seating area. On a brutally hot day, I prefer to sit downstairs, near the gorgeous stained glass windows, and enjoy my beer in a cooler, less stuffy environment.

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 **jdcomposer** ( Atlanta, Georgia )

**overall: 4.95**

atmosphere: 5 | quality: 5 | service: 5 | selection: 5 | food: 4.5 | \$\$

So much has been said about the BSP, but here are my thoughts for what it's worth...

Atmosphere - no tv's, no macros, no loud or chump music, wonderfully homey decor, a true pub experience; the belgian bar upstairs is even more inviting.

Beer quality/selection - This is where BSP can take on all comers in the South. Virtually every brew is either an acknowledged classic or a cutting edge craft brew from the best in the business (they have special relationships with Rogue, Avery, Victory, Oskar Blues, etc.). Your beer will be served in the appropriate glass at the correct temperature for the style in absolutely peak condition. Beer selection changes weekly or even more often!! Weihenstephaner, the ultimate session beer, in .5L glasses is always available.

Service - always exceptionally friendly and accomodating (you can sample any beer for free without a moment's hesitation from the staff). Never in your face or trying to upsell you.

Food - haven't ordered a bad dish here. The menu is standard pub fare that is very well prepared. Amazingly consistent. Don't miss the desserts from local bakery Southern Sweets.

Value - really quite good considering the quality of what you receive. Other local mega beer bars such as Taco Mac or Summits are more expensive and have less exciting offerings. Imperial pints of Oak Aged Yeti for \$4.50!!

Just go already. You won't be disappointed, unless you're a moron.

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 **southdenverhoo** ( Denver, Colorado )

**overall: 4.75**

atmosphere: 5 | quality: 5 | service: 5 | selection: 4.5 | food: 4 | \$\$\$

found this totally by chance--we flew into ATL en route to family reunion in Talladega AL and spent the 1st night of our trip with my wife's Georgia cousin who lives in Decatur. She had to go to her son's elementary school graduation at 1:00 PM the next day, so after a brief auto tour of Virginia Highlands, Little Five Points, the Emory neighborhood, and downtown Decatur, she bid us adieu. As we were in no hurry to get to Talladega we drove back into downtown Decatur, parked and walked around a bit, looking for a place to eat among the many hip-looking cafes and bistros around the old courthouse. Saw the Spaten umbrellas outside and thought, well, worst-case-scenario, they probably have Spaten!

When we walked in we realized we were in one of America's great multi-tap draft beer bars, up there with (from my own experience only) Ashley's in Ann Arbor, Falling Rock in Denver, Brickskeller or RFD in DC, etc. Not as many taps as some of those, maybe, but then again everything advertised was in fact available.

I guess my ratings speak for themselves but I'd like to point out two things: the friendly and enthusiastic-about-beer service (you'd think that would follow from the concept but it doesn't always) and the incredible Belgian-only bar upstairs.

Food was pretty damned good too, if fairly standard pub fare.

If you want to overindulge, the existence of a MARTA light-rail station maybe a block away would seem to make that easily doable without endangering yourself and others-- though as an out-of-towner I probably shouldn't speak of things I have no knowledge of--maybe MARTA is a PITA....but it certainly gives an alternative to the sometimes unreliable/unavailable designated driver method I would think.

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 **jim102864**  ( Land Of The Pudding People, Connecticut )

**overall: 4.6**

atmosphere: 4.5 | quality: 5 | service: 4 | selection: 5 | food: 3.5 | \$\$\$

It took a fair amount of research to finally find a beer bar worthy of the moniker in Atlanta and I'm so glad I did. It took a 40 minute MARTA ride from Buckhead on a hot but dry spring day in May to find this gem in Decatur, which is east of the City of Atlanta and home to Emory University. Very high ceilings in this smallish brick walled wonderful beer bar. The front door is large and dark wood with a stained glass diamond shaped window with the image of a beer glass at its center. Wooden basket shaped chandeliers with exposed brick and hardwood floors. Intersting old oversized mantle pendulum clock on a shelf behind the bar. The horseshoe shaped bar is on the first floor and dominates the room. There are several barrel shaped tables with stools and typical four top tables surrounding it. Others sat outside on the sidewalk tables which given the heat, I could not quite understand. Curious techno-instrumental music played at a level that still afforded conversation. I later discovered the awesome Belgian beer bar upstairs which was the primary reason why I came in the first place (and returned two consecutive nights thereafter). The first floor bar had three five handled towers and a seperate tower for Guinness and Adventinus. Since I went there three straight nights during this business trip, the barhelp kind of blended together however, the first was noteworthy given that she was well endowed, but fairly business like. Anyway, I went for the Wehenstephaner Hefe Weizen served in a beautiful

hour glass shaped tall Wehenstephaner glass. I eventually was introduced to one of the owners, Dave, after he noticed I had printed their most current beer list for my visit. He offered to give me a tour of the Belgian bar which was simply specacular. Mission style lamps with beautiful arched brick and table nooks throughout it's modest space, along with stained glass windows and a long bar with a sizeable beer cooler behind it just chock full of Belgians...one of the largest selections (if not the largest) I've seen anywhere. During my multiple visits I sampled Gulden Draak (on tap), Kasteel Brune (on tap), Houblein Chouffe Dublin, Liefman's Goudenband, De Dolle Stille Nacht and Scaldis (all bottled). I certainly couldn't pass up on the Schneider Aventinus that was on tap downstairs. Also enjoyed (day 1) their Roast beef sandwich with roasted red hummus and soft barritto like flour triangles; (day 2) the angus burger with cheddar, bacon and carmalized onions and fries. Bottom line, this is a special place that far and away rules the day when it comes to beer selection in Atlanta and likely the entire south. An absolute must visit for the discerning beer fan, particularly Belgian fans like myself.

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