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Amigos Cantina

42 Ferry St., Schuylerville (518) 695-9595

\$4.50/taco a la carte, \$3.50/ small side of guacamole

If you're looking for an escape from the summer crowds of Saratoga, this little gem in Schuylerville will be, as owner Rob Chrust puts it, your "oasis." The menu is loaded with Southwestern-style signature dishes including arroz con pollo and the house favorite chimichangas, but it also features quite a wide variety of vegetarian and seafood options like the spinach or shrimp enchiladas. The chicken tacos are filled with tender, shredded, slightly spicy marinated meat, and the guacamole is bold and chunky with just the right amount of heat. Amigos offers a wide variety of drinks, including fresh mint mojitos and house margaritas. The real heart of Amigos, however, is in the sauce: top virtually any item on the menu with either their spicy red chili sauce or milder vegetarian green chili sauce, and you'll be screaming "holy frijoles!"

The bottom line: Amigos is well worth the trek and will keep you coming back for a fresh, consistent southwestern-style twist on Mexican cuisine.