

Smokey Bones BBQ  
Aurora, Illinois and Schaumburg, Illinois



Client: Darden Restaurants  
Architect: James A. Jones, Jr.  
Role: General Contractor

When Darden Restaurants began the rollout of their Smokey Bones BBQ concept by remodeling former Red Lobster Sites, ICI was contracted for the first two locations in the Chicagoland area.

The decor, that of a casual mountain lodge, included exposed wood and cathedral ceilings with a centrally located sports bar in both 7,000 SF restaurants.

When existing underground plumbing was found to be broken and rotten in both locations, ICI maintained the schedule by quickly saw cutting the floors to make repairs. A new water main also had to be installed at one site, and new mechanical and refrigeration systems were installed at both locations.

The exterior remodeling of each of these 7,000 square foot restaurants included genuine timber logs, cut stone masonry, and a tower addition. Temporary enclosures and heating apparatus were supplied during the winter to ensure timely completion.

Exposed wood and cathedral ceilings define the dining room environment. Each interior is dominated by a large sports bar in the center of the footprint. Kitchen walls were re-configured to accommodate new equipment, and a large smoker ovens were installed outside the building to prepare the restaurant's signature menu items.



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