

MyPlate MyWins Navigate the buffet

"All-you-can-eat" buffets offer a variety of options, but it can be easy to overeat.

Before you pick up the first spoon, consider these tips.



Survey the buffet

Take a lap around the buffet before you start to fill up your plate. Plan ahead so you know what to choose and what to limit.



Take your time

Be mindful to eat slowly and enjoy your meal. Use hunger and fullness cues to recognize when to eat and when you've had enough.



Savor a salad

Start your meal with a salad. Choose vegetables of all colors and top with vinaigrette rather than a creamy dressing.



Rethink your drink

Balance out your meal by drinking water or unsweetened iced tea rather than sugary beverages such as soda and lemonade.



Be selective

Look for steamed, grilled, or broiled dishes, which are often lower in saturated fat than foods in creamy sauces or fried.



List more tips