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Whether you're visiting for business or pleasure, or attending a conference or art exhibit at Stanford University, you will quickly discover the unusual blend of intellect, innovation, culture and natural beauty that makes up Palo Alto and the rest of the Midpeninsula.

Palo Alto is home to Nobel Prize winners, Silicon Valley CEOs, venture capital firms and one of the most renowned universities and medical centers in the world.

Though the city developed as a sleepy college town, the emergence of Stanford University in the 1970s as the nation's leading high-technology research center paved the way for hundreds of startup businesses with connections to Stanford professors and their inventions. Thus, Palo Alto became known as the birthplace of Silicon Valley and attracted engineers and others from all over the world to pursue their dreams.

The Stanford campus is the biggest attraction, and visitors could easily spend a day or longer exploring it.

But any visit also should include a walk or drive through Palo Alto's tree-lined residential neighborhoods (among the costliest in the nation), a stroll through the

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On the cover: A family walks through the redwoods at Huddart Park. Photo by Federica Armstrong.

foothills or Baylands and some great shopping and eating in the handful of nearby business districts, including ones in Menlo Park and Mountain View.

Enjoy your visit to the Midpeninsula!

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FOLLOWING THE sandwich trail

Where to find favorite Bay Area originals in neighborhoods along the Peninsula

BY SARA HAYDEN



THE REFUGE
Courtesy Mark Helsel.



IKE'S LOVE & SANDWICHES
Courtesy Ike's Love & Sandwiches.



GIGI'S CAFE
Courtesy Teresa Gee.



From Vietnamese crispy duck *bahn mi* to Lebanese street barbecue to Mexican *tortas*, the San Francisco Peninsula has no shortage of sandwich options. We went from city to city along the Peninsula from Mountain View (home of Google's headquarters) to San Francisco in search of sandwich destinations locals love. Here's menu favorites from 13 eateries, trucks and deli counters:

1 MOUNTAIN VIEW: 'Abbott's Habit' at Erik's DeliCafe

Voted Best Deli multiple times in the Mountain View Voice's annual Best Of edition

A staple since 1973, Erik's sandwiches are made with all-natural roasted meats and artisan breads baked fresh daily. Sandwiches can be made with gluten-free whole grain bread at no additional charge and can be served alongside slow-simmered soups, made-to-order salads and baked goods made from scratch. Named after Chuck Abbott who helped restore many historical homes in Santa Cruz County where Erik's was founded, the Abbott's Habit (on the menu since 1970) is served warm on a French roll stacked with roast beef, Swiss cheese, mushrooms, onions, tomato, clover sprouts and Erik's Secret Goo.

1350 Grant Road, Suite 18 | Eriksdelicafe.com
(more locations)

2 LOS ALTOS: 'Texas Prime Brisket' at Armadillo Willy's

Texas-style barbecue cooked over an oak-wood fire

For 40 years, Armadillo Willy's has served Texas-style barbecue cooked over an oak-wood fire. This locally owned BBQ joint offers traditional items like ribs and brisket, as well as more adventurous options like jalapeño-cheese sausage. Cooked for 18 hours, the Texas Prime Brisket sandwich comes smothered in Willy's barbecue sauce served on a thick bun. Gluten-free and 9-grain buns also are available.

1031 N. San Antonio Road | Armadillowillys.com
(more locations)

3 PALO ALTO: 'Fred's Marinated Sirloin Sandwich' at Schaub's

Only three people in the world know the family's secret recipe

A part of Palo Alto folklore, the "black beef" from Schaub's is tri-tip marinated with a secret family secret recipe that only three people in the world know. The Fred's sandwich, named after Fred Schaub, who originally came up with the marinade recipe, showcases the storied black beef on a soft sourdough roll with fresh lettuce, tomato, pickles and provolone cheese. Ask for it hot!

660 Stanford Shopping Center | bit.ly/3EZGVYY395

4 WOODSIDE: 'Hot Chicken Cordon Bleu' at Robert's Market

A family business that's been selling meats since 1889

The deli counter at Robert's Market offers everything from homemade tamales and pressed paninis to specialty sandwiches, including turkey on focaccia bread with spinach and pesto, grilled eggplant with fresh mozzarella, basil, lettuce, tomato, balsamic vinegar and onion on a ciabatta roll, and the Hot Chicken Cordon Bleu made with chicken breast, ham and Swiss cheese served on a sweet French roll.

3015 Woodside Road | Robertsmarket.com (more locations)

5 REDWOOD CITY: 'La Super Aguila' at La Casita Chilanga

Mexico city-style tortas with celebrity names

La Casita Chilanga has been serving Mexican tortas for more than 20 years. At an eye-catching location painted half green and half white, you'll find tortas with fresh-baked Mexican *talera* bread, housemade aioli, xipocotli salsa, avocado, cheese and caramelized onion along with your choice of other toppings. Some tortas are inspired by soccer clubs, like La Super Aguila (breaded chicken breast, smoked turkey leg sausage, chorizo, ham, yellow and Monterey cheese). There's also the La Mega Chiva (pastor, caramelized pineapple, chorizo, turkey sausage, Monterey cheese), and celebrity sandwiches like the Sofia Vergara (breaded chicken breast).

2928 Middlefield Road | Lacasitachilanga.com
(more locations)



La Casita Chilanga sells tortas with names inspired by football clubs and celebrities like Sofia Vergara. Photo by Sara Hayden.

6 SAN CARLOS: 'Taook Sandweesh' at Jood

Lebanese barbecue ('street food') from family recipes passed down generations

The Harbali family has a decades-long history of building food businesses with prized beef, sheep, poultry and lamb. The most recent addition to their restaurant repertoire is Jood in San Carlos, showcasing Lebanese-style barbecue. Try a sandwich made with slaw and pickles on lavash, with fries on the side. The bestselling Taook Sandweesh is made with marinated grilled chicken breast, creamy garlic sauce and ketchup. Heaven's Sandweesh offers a vegan option with eggplant, cauliflower, pesto and tangy housemade sun sauce. The online menu has a handy chart with allergen information.

635 Laurel St. | eatjood.com

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7 BELMONT: 'Artichoke Art' at The Greedy Ant Gourmet

Gourmet sandwiches made with ingredients imported from around the world

This Belmont eatery has a tightly curated sandwich selection with a focus on fresh ingredients. Among the menu's seven sandwiches are the Artichoke Art (artichoke hearts with fennel pollen, melted brie, roasted red peppers, greens, tomato and garlic pesto), Ham I Am (with choice of shaved truffle ham or rosemary ham, plus havarti, marinated onion, greens, tomato and their magic mayo) and Disco Chicken (roasted chicken breast with herbs, sauteed red onion, jack cheese, tomato, greens and lime-basil mayo). Each sandwich comes with your choice of side. Choose between marinated chickpeas in dill or pickled beets.

932 Ralston Ave. | thegreedyantgourmet.com

8 HILLSDALE: 'Reuben' at the Refuge

The pastrami here takes a week to prep before it's served

The Refuge doesn't shy away from their claim to having the "best pastrami" and rightfully so. Using a cut known as "beef bacon," their kitchen follows a weeklong technique of brining, smoking and then steaming for tenderness. Try the pastrami in the reuben that includes sauerkraut, melted swiss, and "crazy Russian" dressing, all on toasted rye. Wash it down with a wide selection of Belgian ales.

66 31st Ave. | Refugesc.com (more locations)

9 FOSTER CITY: 'The Godfather' at Plaza Gourmet Delicatessen

A twist on the classic Philly

The Peninsula has no shortage of excellent cheesesteak establishments. At Plaza Gourmet in Foster City, you'll find an assortment, including the Famous Philly (grilled sliced beef, onions, peppers, provolone), the Slim Philly (turkey breast, light Jarsberg) the Pizza Philly (grilled sliced beef, marinara sauce, pepperoni, onions, peppers, melted provolone and mayonnaise) and the Vegetarian Philly (grilled bell peppers, mushrooms, onions, artichoke hearts, melted provolone and mayonnaise). You'll also find other sandwiches like the Godfather (prosciutto, salami, mortadella, coppa, provolone, olive oil, vinegar, artichoke hearts, pepperoncinis, lettuce, onions, oregano) and Shrimp Supreme (shrimp salad, avocado, mayonnaise, mustard, lettuce, tomato pickles, onion), as well as imported meats.

929 Edgewater Blvd. | fostercitydeli.com

10 BURLINGAME: 'The Tech Bro' at Gigi's Cafe

Ranked No. 14 on Yelp's Top 100 list

Gigi's Cafe was named to Yelp's Top 100 U.S. Restaurants list for 2023. Customers on Yelp praise the eatery in particular for the generous serving sizes. The two most popular sandwiches are the turkey avocado smash, made with fresh roasted turkey, cheddar cheese, avocado, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise on a toasted Dutch crunch roll, and the Tech

Bro sandwich with pastrami, turkey, bacon, melted pepper Jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, jalapeños, chipotle spread and mayonnaise on a toasted Dutch crunch roll. Just about all of the specialty sandwiches also can be made to accommodate vegetarians. There is no indoor dining, but there is an outdoor patio, or people can take their meals to eat outside along the scenic Anza Lagoon.

111 Anza Blvd. | Instagram: @gigiscafeburlingame

11 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO: 'Crispy Duck' at Cafe Bunn Mi

Vietnamese-style sandwiches served on baguettes

This South San Francisco cafe offers baguettes served with crisp pickled carrots, onions and daikon, and your choice of combination pork, five-spice chicken, grilled pork, lemongrass steak, crispy duck, vegetables, tofu and more. With lots of competition, Bunn Mi nearly always makes it on any list of best local places for the Vietnamese-style banh mi. The crispy duck is what keeps most locals coming back: It's fried. It's thick. And it's messy. Also very satisfying to go with that crispy duck sandwich? A side of garlic fries.

226 Grand Ave. | yelp.com/biz/cafe-bunn-mi-south-san-francisco

12 SAN FRANCISCO: 'The Adam Richman' at Ike's Love & Sandwiches

A cult favorite that started in San Francisco

Known for inventive sandwich names that match equally inventive ingredient combinations, Ike's Love & Sandwiches has been a local cult favorite ever since Ike Shehadeh founded the chain in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood in 2007. The Adam Richman sandwich (properly named after the host of Travel Channel's Man vs. Food) takes the shop's wacky sandwich combinations to the next level — fried chicken, ham, honey, pesto, avocado, swiss cheese, jalapeño, lettuce, tomato and mayo all on a Dutch crunch roll. For an unruly combination of ingredients, the Adam Richman actually has decent flavor harmony.

901 Polk St., San Francisco | Ikessandwich.com (more locations)

13 VARIOUS BAY AREA LOCATIONS: 'The Fried Chicken (Spicy)' at the Respectable Bird

The level 4 hot chicken requires a signed waiver before eating

The Respectable Bird serves regular or spicy fried chicken sandwiches from a food truck that moves locations. Each sandwich is served on a Martin's potato roll. Also used by the Shake Shack burger chain, the bread holds up to a hefty half-pound of thigh meat, as well as sauce and juicy pickles. If you're feeling especially bold when it comes to spice, try a level 4 hot chicken sandwich with the group's Love Burn brand. If you do, you'll be required to sign a waiver. It comes served with a complimentary side of milk.

The truck's schedule can be found on Instagram: @respectablebird. ■

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Palo Alto, Stanford and the surrounding communities along the Bay Area's Midpeninsula offer activities for all ages and interests. If you want to know where some of the attractions are located, turn to the map on pages 16 and 17.

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

Filoli: 86 Cañada Road, Woodside; 650-364-8300; filoli.org | 654-acre historic country estate with 500 varieties of roses, docent-led tours, guided nature hikes.
Open: Daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: \$34, general admission/additional fees for special events. Online advanced tickets are required.

Gamble Garden: 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto; 650-329-1356; gamblegarden.org | 1902 Colonial Georgian Revival estate with demonstration gardens.
Open: gardens, daily during daylight hours. **Cost:** free.

Hanna House: 737 Frenchmans Road, Stanford; 650-725-8352; hannahouse.tours.stanford.edu | 1936 home patterned after the honeycomb of a bee is a National Historic Landmark designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.
Open: Tours are available twice a year. For tour dates and details, email hannahouse.tours@stanford.edu

SCULPTURES & ART

Anderson Collection: 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; anderson.stanford.edu | The Anderson Collection is one of the world's most outstanding private assemblies of modern and contemporary American art. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Open Wednesdays-Sundays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. In-person tours are available Saturdays and Sundays. Free all-day tickets are available but must be booked in advance.

Cantor Arts Center: 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; museum.stanford.edu | The Cantor features collections and special exhibitions from different cultures and time periods. Free all-day tickets are available but must be booked in advance. Check museum.stanford.edu prior to your visit.

Rodin Sculpture Garden: Atrium, Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford University; museum.stanford.edu | Stroll through the center's three galleries, which house the largest collection of work by French sculptor Auguste Rodin in an American museum.

Stanford sculpture walk Main Quad, where the Oval meets Jane Stanford Way, Stanford University campus; museum.stanford.edu | Explore an extensive collection of 20th-century outdoor sculptures in Stanford's Quad and south campus. Docent-led tours are available on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

NOTABLE TECH LANDMARKS

Computer History Museum: 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View | Collection of computing artifacts. The museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and open Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HP Garage ("Birthplace of Silicon Valley"): 367 Addison Ave., Palo Alto | This 1938 one-car garage is where college friends Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard

developed their startup, Hewlett-Packard Company. Not open for public tours; feel free to observe and photograph the property from the street.

Original Apple Store: 451 University Ave., Palo Alto | Originally Swain's House of Music where Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia used to play for tips (music logo still embedded in sidewalk at store's entrance), this building later became the site of the original Apple Store before it moved across the street to 340 University Ave.

Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory: 391 San Antonio Road, Mountain View | William Shockley's laboratory was the first high-tech company to work on silicon-based semiconductor devices, which led to the development of Silicon Valley in 1956. The original building is no longer there, but sculptures of packaged semiconductors, including a transistor and a diode, are on display at the site.

Sand Hill Road: Menlo Park | Nearly every major tech company — Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter — has been the beneficiary of early funding from venture capital firms on this arterial road that runs between El Camino Real and Highway 280. For those who want to spend time on Sand Hill, the Michelin-starred Madera restaurant located at Rosewood Hotel (2825 Sand Hill Road) is open to the general public.

Stanford Research Park: 3160 Porter Drive, Palo Alto | Founded in 1951 as the first technology-oriented park, Stanford Research Park has housed many electronics pioneers and high-profile companies including Steve Jobs' NeXT Computer and Xerox PARC. Today it is home to more than 150 companies. Visitors are free to wander the 700-acre park.

NATURE

Nature tours & wildlife walks: The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which oversees over 65,000 acres of open space in the area, offers free docent-led activities and nature tours year-round at its 26 nature preserves. *Go to openspace.org.*

Baylands Nature Preserve: Prime Pacific stopover for migrating birds consists of 1,940 acres of undisturbed marshlands, 15 miles of trails and picnic areas. *Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto; Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, 650-329-2506; Ranger Station, 650-617-3156; cityofpaloalto.org/baylands. Find information about naturalist walks at evols.org.*

AEROSPACE

NASA Ames Research Center: Active research laboratory | Tours of center not available and the NASA Gift Shop is currently closed because of COVID-19 restrictions. Check online to see when you can go. *398 Moffett Blvd./NASA Parkway, Mountain View; 650-604-5000; nasa.gov/ames/visit*

KIDS

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Editor, Peninsula Foodist

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The Midpeninsula offers a rich variety of live performances. To find events happening during your stay, read about all the options below or visit paloaltoonline.com/calendar.

Palo Alto Children's Theatre: productions by and for children | performs at Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre, 650-463-4970.

Palo Alto Players: works from Broadway, off-Broadway | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. **Now playing:** "The SpongeBob Musical" (April 28-May 14), "Puffs" (June 16 - July 2) paplayers.org, 650-329-0891.

Stanford Live: world-class musicians, comedians, dancers and more | Bing Concert Hall and other Stanford University venues. **Now playing:** Phil Lesh & Friends (May 5), LatinXoxo (May 5-6), Jazz Mafia's Annual Stevie Wonder Birthday (May 13), An Evening with James Taylor & his All-star Band (May 30), Stick Figure (July 20), Reblution (Aug. 5) live.stanford.edu, 650-724-2464.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley: Tony Award-winning theater | Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., and Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. **Now playing:** "Steel Magnolias" (June 7-July 2), "Alice Bliss" (July 12-Aug. 6) theatreworks.org, 650-463-1960.

West Bay Opera: Palo Alto's own opera company | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road. **Now playing:** "The Flying Dutchman" (May 26, 28 and June 3-4) wboopera.org, 650-424-9999.

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts: talks, theater, dance, music, professional Bay Area companies | 500 Castro St, Mountain View. mvcpa.com, 650-903-6000.



Palo Alto JCC: talks, theater, dance, music, film | paloaltojcc.org, 650-223-8700.

Pear Theatre: classic and modern drama, new plays from the Pear Playwrights Guild | **Now playing:** "Falsettos" (June 30 - July 23) thepear.org, 650-254-1148.

Shoreline Amphitheatre: outdoor concert venue that hosts performances by major, world-touring acts | mountainviewamphitheater.com, 650-967-4040.

The Guild Theatre: live music featuring an eclectic mix of national acts | guildtheatre.com.

California Pops Orchestra: Performs Big Band, Broadway, Hollywood classics | californiapopsorchestra.com, 650-856-8432.

Foothill Music Theater: Live theater productions | foothill.edu/theatre/productions, 650-949-7360.

Fox Theatre: Former 1929 movie house that features live music by local and national acts | foxrwc.com, 650-369-7770.

GALLERIES

Art Ventures Gallery | artventuresgallery.com

Bryant Street Gallery | bryantstreet.com

Gallery 9 | gallery9losaltos.com

Gallery House | galleryhouse2.com

Pacific Art League | pacificartleague.org

Palo Alto Art Center | cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter

Pamela Walsh | pamelawalshgallery.com

Portola Art Gallery at Allied Arts Guild | portolaartgallery.com

Qualia Contemporary Art | qualiacontemporaryart.com

Viewpoints Gallery | viewpointsgallery.com



Smuin dancers Terez Dean Orr (top) lifted by Ian Buchanan (left) and Max van der Sterre (center), with Yuri Rogers (right) in Amy Seiwert's "Been Through Diamonds," one of three ballets in Smuin's "Dance Series 1: Love, Smuin." Courtesy Chris Hardy/Smuin Contemporary Ballet.



From left: Gastón Arias, Agustín Arias and Nicolas Casso, install Martha Sakellariou's mural "200 Main Street [an inventory of time and place]" in downtown Los Altos in 2021. Photo by Daniela Beltran B.

Walking among giants

10 places to see redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains

BY KATE BRADSHAW

When it comes to the great outdoors, redwood trees are the “biggest” celebrities in the Santa Cruz Mountains that stretch along the Peninsula. These majestic, sometimes ancient, trees tower as the tallest species in the world, and since they grow only along the Pacific coast, having them in our backyard feels extra special.

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Butano State Park and Pescadero Creek Park are among the area’s better-known places for redwood viewing. All three parks have partially reopened since the CZU Lightning Complex fires, which ripped through the parks and burned 86,000 acres in the Santa Cruz Mountains in 2020. These three well-loved favorites, however, aren’t the only places where you can visit redwood forests.

With thousands of acres of open space parks with redwoods all within close proximity, we asked staff at San Mateo County Parks, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and California State Parks their recommendations of where to go and discovered some hidden gems of the Peninsula.

Here are 10 places in the Santa Cruz Mountains where you can walk among the redwoods:

HUDDART PARK

1100 Kings Mountain Road, Woodside

Driving distance from Stanford: 8.3 miles

Huddart Park, located in the Woodside hills, offers about 900 acres of lush forest to explore, with plenty of second-growth redwoods to shade the trails. Carla Schoof, spokesperson for San Mateo County Parks, recommends the following three trails: Chinguapin Trail (create a 7-mile loop by using Dean and Crystal Springs trails); Chickadee and Redwood Nature trails, which are



A compelling feature of El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve is a set of tafoni sandstone formations. Courtesy Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

great for families with young children; and Skyline Trail, which connects Huddart to Wunderlich parks. *More information and directions:* smcgov.org/parks/huddart-park

EL CORTE DE MADERA CREEK

Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35), Redwood City

Driving distance from Stanford: 10.9 miles

This open space preserve is less popular with hikers due to its heavy use by mountain bikers, according to open space district spokesperson Leigh Ann Gessner. In addition to lush, forested trails, the open space offers a few unique features. There is a trail to see tafoni sandstone formations, which are lace-like natural indentations in sandstone boulders, and just across Skyline Boulevard on Cal Water land is the Methuselah tree, a nearly 2,000-year-old behemoth of a redwood. *More information and directions:* openspace.org/preserves/el-corte-de-madera-creek

PURISIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

13102-13184 Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35), Half Moon Bay

Driving distance from Stanford: 13.7 miles

Purisima Creek Redwoods is a 4,711-acre open space preserve operated by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, offering abundant second-growth redwoods, a creek, shade and ferns to enjoy. The forest was logged in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and most of the trees

are around 100 years old. However, stumps from much wider trees that were probably about 1,000 years old before they were felled are still visible. The Craig Britton Trail takes hikers off of the preserve's primary hiking trails, which are lovely but wide and heavily trafficked. The northern portion of the park provides magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean. *More information and directions: openspace.org/preserves/purisima-creek-redwoods*

LOMA MAR REDWOODS

Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar

Driving distance from Stanford: 20.3 miles

These redwoods are somewhat hidden, accessible only via unmarked trails, but are popular with locals. About 170 acres of this forest were added about seven years ago to San Mateo County's Memorial Park. To reach the small parking area, drive toward Memorial Park but continue past the main entrance another mile west. The area also can be accessed from Highway 1 on Pescadero Creek Road. *More information and directions: savetheredwoods.org/project/lomamar*

SAM MCDONALD PARK

13435 Pescadero Creek Road, Loma Mar

Driving distance from Stanford: 20.4 miles

During the CZU Lightning Complex fires in 2020, parks staff worked alongside paid and volunteer firefighters to create a fire break along Old Haul Road in Pescadero that prevented flames from spreading to San Mateo County's Sam McDonald and Memorial parks. Sam McDonald Park, which contains about 400 acres of redwood forest, connects to Pescadero Creek Park, which sustained fire damage. As a result, most trails that connect to that park were still closed early this spring. Visitors, however, may access other areas of the park. Staff recommends seeking out the Heritage Grove Trail, which offers sights of old growth redwoods just a short hike from the parking lot.

More information and directions: smcgov.org/parks/sam-mcdonald-park

PORTOLA REDWOODS STATE PARK

9000 Portola State Park Road, La Honda

Driving distance from Stanford: 23.4 miles

Farther toward the coastside and deeper into the Santa Cruz Mountains, you'll hit Portola Redwoods State Park, a 2,800-acre preserve with 18 miles of trails that follow meandering creeks and cut through a forest of coast redwoods with ferns, huckleberries and waterfalls. This area is adjacent to areas that were burned during the CZU Lightning Complex fires in 2020, and as a result, some trails in the park are still shut down. *Check the latest trail advisories before you go. More information and directions: parks.ca.gov*

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

15451 Skyline Blvd. (Highway 35), Los Gatos

Driving distance from Stanford: 24.9 miles

Castle Rock State Park offers more than 30 miles of trails that pass through sculpted sandstone, caverns,

high-elevation redwood forests and sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean. The park's trails connect to an extensive trail system that links the Santa Clara and San Lorenzo valleys to nearby Big Basin Redwoods State Park and open space preserves on the Skyline to the Sea Trail. Trail information: bit.ly/3SBfLNM. Note: The park was closed until further notice during the winter due to ongoing safety hazards from inclement weather. *Check the latest trail advisories before you go. Park information and directions: parks.ca.gov*

BEAR CREEK REDWOODS

Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos

Driving distance from Stanford: 26.5 miles

Located just south of Los Gatos, this relatively new open space preserve covers about 1,430 acres — including hundreds of acres of redwood forests — and 6 miles of trails, with more on the way. It tends to fill up on weekends, so mornings and weekdays work best for a visit. The area, once slated to become a golf course and luxury development, remains home to a variety of protected species. Note: The park was partially closed during the winter due to ongoing safety hazards from inclement weather. *Check road and trail advisories before you go. More information and directions: openspace.org/preserves/bear-creek-redwoods*

HENRY COWELL REDWOODS STATE PARK

101 N. Big Trees Park Road, Felton

Driving distance from Stanford: 48.4 miles

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park is best known for the 40-acre grove of old-growth redwood trees that inspired some of California's earliest redwood preservation efforts. The tallest tree in the park is approximately 277 feet tall, about 16 feet wide and around 1,500 years old. Portions of the park were impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex fires, and burn zones are visible. *More information and directions: parks.ca.gov*

WILDER RANCH STATE PARK

1401 Coast Road, Santa Cruz

Driving distance from Stanford: 52.3 miles

This coastside Santa Cruz park offers both ocean and redwood views; the best trails for redwoods are the Old Cabin, Enchanted Loop, Woodcutters, Long Meadow, and Twin Oaks trails, according to parks staff. Trail information: bit.ly/3kBopzo. *More information and directions: parks.ca.gov*

Note: Some parks or trails may be temporarily closed due to inclement weather and other seasonal conditions. Check park websites for latest trail advisories before you go. ■

Attractions

- 1 Baylands Nature Preserve
- 2 Computer History Museum
- 3 Gamble Garden
- 4 Hanna House
- 5 Hoover Tower
- 6 HP Garage
- 7 Junior Museum & Zoo

Shopping

- 1 **California Avenue:**
This five-block district between El Camino Real and Park Boulevard features boutiques, restaurants and a pedestrian promenade with street dining.
- 2 **Charleston Plaza and Rengstorff Center**
- 3 **Charleston Shopping Center**
- 4 **Downtown Los Altos:**
This quaint tree-lined district features a mix of locally owned boutiques, restaurants, salons and other services.
- 5 **Downtown Menlo Park:**
Santa Cruz Avenue is a lively destination with outdoor street cafes open for late-night dining, boutiques, galleries and shops for everyday needs.
- 6 **Downtown Mountain View:**
An eight-block area from El Camino Real to West Evelyn Avenue featuring dining, music venues, performance spaces, coffee shops, pubs and book stores.
- 7 **Downtown Palo Alto:**
A 10-block area between Alma and Tasso streets, centered along University Avenue; Pedestrian-friendly district packs in two movie theaters, galleries, retail stores, restaurants and bars.
- 8 **Edgewood Plaza**
- 9 **Midtown Shopping Center**
- 10 **San Antonio Center:**
The corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road is home to two distinct shopping areas. San Antonio Shopping Center is a traditional retail center with big-box stores. The Village at San Antonio Center, features parks, plazas, a luxury movie theater, boutiques and restaurants.
- 11 **Stanford Shopping Center:**
An open-air center with a mix of luxury stores, restaurants and cultural events.
- 12 **Town & Country Village:**
Located on El Camino Real across from Stanford Stadium, this outdoor shopping center features more than 50 specialty shops.

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MIDPENINSULA ATTRACTIONS, SHOPPING AND HOTELS



Major Hotels

- 1 AC Hotel Palo Alto
- 2 Aloft Mountain View
- 3 The Ameswell Hotel
- 4 Avante, a JdV by Hyatt
- 5 The Clement Hotel
- 6 Courtyard by Marriott
- 7 Creekside Inn
- 8 Crowne Plaza Cabana
- 9 Dinah's Garden Hotel
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- 21 Hyatt Centric
- 22 The Nest Hotel
- 23 Nobu Hotel Palo Alto
- 24 Residence Inn by Marriott – Palo Alto Los Altos
- 25 Residence Inn by Marriott – Palo Alto Menlo Park
- 26 Residence Inn by Marriott – Palo Alto Mountain View
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- 28 Shashi Hotel
- 29 Sheraton Palo Alto
- 30 Stanford Park Hotel
- 31 The Westin Palo Alto



WALK, RUN AND EXPLORE

The **Stanford Dish loop** offers almost 4 miles of paved path that winds through the Stanford foothills with tremendous views of Palo Alto.

The **Baylands Nature Preserve** offers miles of flat walking trails that allow visitors to explore the area's extensive wildlife habitat.

The **Pearson-Arastradero Preserve**, in the foothills beyond Stanford near 1530 Arastradero Road, has a network of easy trails ideal for one- to two-hour hikes.

The **Foothills Nature Preserve**, less than 8 miles from downtown Palo Alto (in the Santa Cruz Mountains at 11799 Page Mill Road), has a network of easy trails ideal for one- to two-hour hikes.

For more information about Midpeninsula preserves and their **dozens of hiking trails**, go to openspace.org/preserves.

GOLF

Baylands Golf Links, located at 1875 Embarcadero Road, integrates 55 acres of native plants and adjacent wetlands into the 18-hole course. 650-856-0881, baylandsgolfinks.com.

Those with a Stanford connection (alumni or parents) can play at the **Stanford Golf Course**, located at 91 Links

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Road, Stanford. 650-724-0944 (golf shop), 650-498-4461 (driving range), stanfordgolfcourse.com.

At Mountain View's **Shoreline Links**, located at 2940 N. Shoreline Blvd., golfers can play on the 750-acre course that offers 18 holes and acres of water hazards. 650-903-4653, shorelinelinks.com.

BIKE AROUND TOWN

The area prides itself on encouraging bike riding. The most popular rides use **Alpine, Arastradero, Portola and Sand Hill roads** to create loops of different lengths. Skilled riders want to cycle several hours or all day can ride up to **Skyline Boulevard** and down to the coast and back. In Mountain View, try biking around **Shoreline Lake**, located in the Baylands. For a map of Midpeninsula urban bike routes, go to bit.ly/UrbanBikeTrails; For more information on rural routes at local open space preserves, go to bit.ly/OpenSpaceBikeTrails.

WINDSURF, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD

If you're up for stand-up paddleboarding, windsurfing or renting pedal boats, rowboats, canoes or kayaks, **Shoreline Lake** (shorelinelake.com) is the place to go.

DRIVE TO THE COAST

Palo Alto is located between the bay and foothills, and the Pacific Ocean and the beach are only a 45-minute drive away. If you want to mix together shopping, eating and beach walking, your best bet is to head for **Half Moon Bay**.

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Street revival

Live music finds a home on California Avenue

BY JOHN BRICKER



iTalico Italian Restaurant co-owner Maico Campilongo (left), singer-songwriter Mike Annuzzi (center) and Moods Wine Bar owner Mahmood Saljooqi play together outside iTalico in Palo Alto. Photo by John Bricker.

Nearly every week night during spring and summer, Palo Alto's California Avenue comes to life with music. Once considered the city's less-vibrant "other downtown," the business district has experienced a renaissance of sorts ever since a group of restaurant owners started hosting live music along the street during the pandemic.

On any given evening, the street is filled with diners, music lovers and people looking to have a good time. It's not uncommon for passersby to stop and dance or pick up a tambourine and join along with a performance.

"I tell people it's the best music scene in Palo Alto since the early '90s," said former Palo Alto Mayor Pat Burt, who considers the street's live music one of the most positive developments from the pandemic's disruptions.

Burt recalled an evening when several international Stanford Law students answered a performer's call for musicians and spontaneously played some reggae songs.

"I'm just astounded at how many really great musicians there are amongst us who never get a chance to play music or sing in public," Burt said.

California Avenue restaurant owner and longtime Palo Alto resident Maico Campilongo, who is credited with launching the live music effort, decided to bring music to the street in July 2020, just a month after the city closed it to traffic to give eateries a chance to seat more people outside.

Campilongo asked local singer-songwriter Mike Annuzzi to alternate playing outdoors in front of his Terun pizzeria and iTalico Italian Restaurant twice a week. That music tradition hasn't only kept going, but it has spread to other restaurants on the street, who are now also hosting music nights. In addition to music on Mondays in front of Terun at 448 California Ave. and Thursdays at iTalico, 341 California

Ave., Naschmarkt Austrian restaurant, located about block off California at 2323 Birch St., hosts live music on Tuesdays. Palo Alto Sol, at 408 California Ave., hosts live saxophone performances on Wednesdays, and there is live music at La Boheme at 415 California Ave. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Moods Wine Bar at 320 California Ave. features live bands and DJ music on various nights.

The music has become a huge draw to California Avenue, and the city plans to keep the street free of cars through at least the end of 2023 while the council decides whether to permanently close the area to traffic.

Campilongo said the music has been good for business. A Monday night of music at Terun brings in enough business to rival a pre-pandemic Friday night, he said.

Annuzzi said the music also has been good for the community.

When he plays his guitar outside, he said, it's not just about playing for diners at one specific restaurant.

"It's providing beyond just one restaurant. It's like the whole community is really participating," he said.

Annuzzi said that Mahmood Saljooqi, owner of Moods Wine Bar, not only turns down his house music on Thursdays so customers can hear the live performance across the street at iTalico, but he often comes and plays with him.

Burt said he loves that diners on California Avenue can go eat at Zareen's Restaurant and still enjoy the live music from iTalico right next door.

"(The restaurants) think it's a great thing and just a lively European-style outdoor dining culture," Burt said. "They all try to be collaborative as best as possible." ■

Linda Taaffe and Emily Margaretten contributed to this article.

Looking for live music?

Here's 10 destinations for dining and entertainment on the Peninsula BY ANTHONY SHU

MIDPENINSULA WINE BARS, CAFES AND BREWERIES

Cafe Zoë

Priding itself on being a community coffee shop that partners with a number of local businesses, Cafe Zoë offers a live music schedule that includes open mic nights every third Friday of the month. It also hosts local musicians for Friday shows of various genres.

1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park; 650-322-1926.
Instagram: @cafezoemenlopark

Red Rock Coffee

Spanning two stories in downtown Mountain View, Red Rock Coffee hosts a weekly open mic night on Mondays. Pastries and snacks come from The Midwife and the Baker.

201 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-967-4473.
Instagram: @redrockcoffee

Freewheel Brewing Company

Pub-style dishes such as burgers, chicken sandwiches and fish and chips accompany the Redwood City brewery's beverage offerings, which include some of the Bay Area's only cask-conditioned ales. Carbonated through natural fermentation as opposed to injected CO₂, these beers are smoother than kegged ones. Check its social media for a rotating schedule of live performances.

3736 Florence St., Redwood City; 650-365-2337.
Instagram: @freewheelbrew

LV Mar Tapas & Cocktails

The Latin American tapas and cocktail bar offers late-night live music during its lounge nights on Fridays and Saturdays. There's usually a DJ and visiting artists who span a variety of musical traditions from Latin America. The seafood-focused menu includes a ceviche of octopus, scallops and halibut and a full assortment of tacos ranging from the classic Pescado Frito made with beer-battered fried fish to the Pancita de Puerco, which pairs pork belly with caviar.

2042 Broadway, Redwood City;
650-241-3111. Instagram: @lvmarw

Devil's Canyon Brewing Company

The San Carlos brewery hosts musical acts on Beer Fridays to share its values of community, sustainability and good beer. There's a rotating schedule of food trucks, and outdoor seating is available in the beer garden.

935 Washington St., San Carlos; 650-592-2739.
Instagram: @devils canyon

LIVE MUSIC ON THE COAST

The Swell Lounge

Housed at Jettywave Distillery, The Swell Lounge offers live music outdoors for visitors to enjoy after a day on the beach or paddleboarding. A Mediterranean-inspired menu accompanies cocktails and pours of the distillery's first product, Half Moon Shine, produced with corn and barley open-fermented in the fog.

155 Broadway, Half Moon Bay; 650-291-8835.
Instagram: @the_swell_lounge

Nick's

On Fridays and Saturdays, Nick's offers dancing and a house band in an old-fashioned cocktail lounge with plenty of wood paneling. This historic establishment first opened in 1927 and is known for seafood classics such as its Dungeness crab sandwich. Stop by after an epic hike.

100 Rockaway Beach Ave., Pacifica; 650-359-3900

NEIGHBORHOOD BARS

The Swingin' Door

Dueling pianos on Fridays and Saturdays headline the entertainment at this long-standing pub, which also hosts live bands and four nights of karaoke each week. The menu of bar classics, fish and chips, burgers and chicken sandwiches includes a milder version of the Habanero Burger XXX that once inspired a lawsuit.

106 E. 25th Ave., San Mateo; 650-522-9800.
Instagram: @theswingindoors

Alhambra Irish House

This laid-back Irish gastropub serves full Irish breakfasts, soda bread and other Irish favorites, plus burgers, sandwiches, stout and more in a former 1896 saloon allegedly frequented by legendary Wild West lawman Wyatt Earp. While patrons can no longer listen to Earp's wife, Josie, sing from the rafters, they can enjoy listening to local bands that play everything from Zydeco, blues, dance, rock, soul and funk every Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Door donations go to the band.

831 Main St., Redwood City; alhambra-irish-house.com

St. James Gate

This pub hosts events almost every night of the week, including cover bands that will please fans of any decade's top hits. Enjoy classic bar food and drinks in this relaxed neighborhood watering hole.

1410 Old County Road, Belmont; 650-592-5923.
Instagram: @thegatebelmont

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Jacqueline Moore plays bass at Freewheel Brewing Co. in Redwood City. Photo by Veronica Weber.



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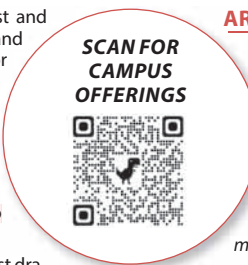
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LANDMARKS

Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Jane Stanford Way: Dedicated in 1903 | oldest non-denominational church on the west coast | Visitors are welcome to view its famous mosaics, stained-glass windows, intricate carvings and five pipe organs. Open Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tours are held Fridays at starting 11 a.m. Ecumenical worship featuring choral and organ music is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. and open to the public. For more information, go to bit.ly/memorialchurchatstanford.

Hoover Tower: For a great view of Palo Alto, take the elevator up to the top of the 285-foot Hoover Tower on Jane Stanford Way and Galvez Street. For more information, go to hoover.org/library-archives/visit.



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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Arts District, Palm Drive: A collection of visual arts spaces and performance venues including: Cantor Arts Center, which offers free, all-day admission; Rodin Sculpture Garden; the Anderson Collection, which houses modern and contemporary American art; McMurtry Building, which features the Coulter Art Gallery. For reservations and hours, visit museum.stanford.edu

Stanford Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden, Santa Teresa Street near Roble Hall: Contains more than 20 towering tribal totems carved from tree trunks and stones by visiting Papua New Guinea sculptors.

SPORTS

Stanford's intercollegiate athletic program is consistently rated the best in the nation, and visitors will find a multitude of sports happening on any given weekend. For information, visit gostanford.com or call 800-STANFORD.

If you can't take in a game, Home of Champions museum features more than 40 displays highlighting the history of Stanford Athletics. Free. bit.ly/StanfordHomeOfChampions.

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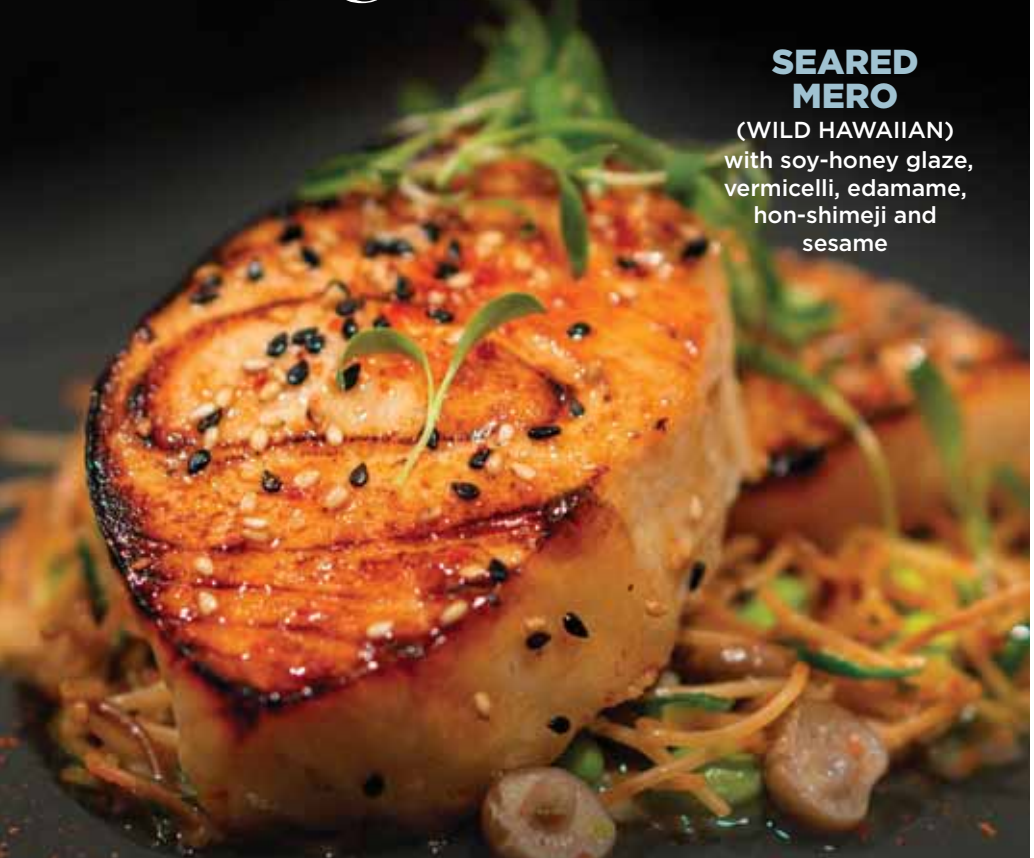
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Choosing where to dine along the Midpeninsula isn't an easy decision. With restaurants serving everything from comfort food to cutting-edge cuisine, the region has become a dining hot spot for restaurateurs hoping to capture the gastronomic zeitgeist. Here's a list of local eateries, including those voted the best in their cities for Embarcadero Media's annual readers' choice contest, Best Of.



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Bistronomie by Baumé baumerestaurant.com	201 S. California Ave., 650-328-8899	French		\$\$\$
Cafe Pro Bono cafeprobono.com	2437 Birch St., 650-326-1626	Italian	★	\$\$\$
Calave calave.com	299 S. California Ave., 650-521-0443	Wine bar	★	\$\$
ITalico italicorestaurant.com	341 S California Ave., 650-473-9616	Italian		\$\$\$
Joanie's Cafe joaniescafepaloalto.com	405 S. California Ave., 650-326-6505	American	★	\$\$
Kali Greek Kitchen kaligreekkitchen.com	451 S. California Ave., 650-272-6950	Mediterranean/ Greek		\$\$
La Bodeguita del Medio labodeguita.com	463 S. California Ave., 650-326-7762	Cuban, Caribbean	★	\$\$\$
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Moods Wine Bar printerscafe.com	320 S. California Ave. (Inside Printers Cafe), 650-323-3347	Wine bar		\$\$
Naschmarkt naschmarktrestaurants.com/palo-alto-1	2323 Birch St., 650-561-3202	Austrian		\$\$
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*Protégé protegepaloalto.com	250 California Ave., 650-494-4181	American		\$\$\$\$
Sun of Wolf sunofwolfpa.com	406 California Ave., 650-325-8888	Mexican		\$\$
Terún terunpizza.com	448 S. California Ave., 650-600-8310	Pizza, Italian	★	\$\$\$
Zareen's zareensrestaurant.com	365 S. California Ave., 650-600-8438	Indian/ Pakistani	★	\$\$

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Arya Steakhouse aryasteakhouse.com	140 University Ave., 650-304-3119	Persian		\$\$
Asian Box asianboxpaloalto.com	#21 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, 650-391-9305	Vietnamese		\$\$
Bevri bevri.com	530 Bryant St., 650-384-6500	Georgian		\$\$
Bird Dog birddogpa.com	420 Ramona St., 650-656-8180	California		\$\$\$
Bistro Maxine bistromaxine.com	548 Ramona St., 650-323-1815	French, Café		\$\$
Burma Ruby burmaruby.com	445 Emerson St., 650-323-6543	Burmese		\$\$
Cafe 220 cafe220.com	220 B University Ave., 650-853-8182	Middle Eastern		\$
Coconuts coconutsinpaloalto.com	642 Ramona St., 650-329-9533	Cajun, Caribbean		\$\$
Coupa Cafe coupacafe.com	538 Ramona St., 650-322-6872; 111 Lytton Ave., 650-741-0713	Café	★	\$\$
Darbar Indian Cuisine darbarpaloalto.com	129 Lytton Ave., 650-321-6688	Indian		\$\$\$
Douce France cafedoucefrance.com	#104 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, 650-322-3601	French, Café		\$
Ethel's Fancy ethelsfancypa.com	550 Waverly St., 650-561-4860	Japanese Fusion		\$\$
Ettan ettanrestaurant.com	518 Bryant St., 650-752-6281	Indian		\$\$\$
Evvia Estiatorio evvia.net	420 Emerson St., 650-326-0983	Greek	★	\$\$\$
Feast and Floral feastandfloral.com	369 Lytton Ave., 650-313-3616	Charcuterie		\$\$\$
Il Fornaio ilfornaio.com/paloalto	520 Cowper St., 650-853-3888	Italian		\$\$\$

* Michelin star restaurants

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DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO					
Jing Jing	jingjinggourmet.com	443 Emerson St., 650-328-6885	Chinese		\$\$
Kanpai Sushi	kanpaipaloalto.com	330 Lytton Ave., 650-325-2696	Japanese		\$\$
Local Union 271	localunion271.com	271 University Ave., 650-322-7509	American		\$\$
MacArthur Park	macarthurparkpaloalto.com	27 University Ave., 650-321-9990	American		\$\$\$
Manresa Bread	manresabread.com	855 El Camino Real Suite #138, 650-384-6462	Bakery		\$\$
Nobu	noburestaurants.com	180 Hamilton Ave., 650-666-3322	Japanese		\$\$\$\$
Nola	nolas.com	535 Ramona St., 650-328-2722	Cajun, Caribbean		\$\$
Onigilly	onigilly.com	164 University Ave., 650-313-2104	Japanese		\$
Oren's Hummus Shop	orenshummus.com	261 University Ave., 650-752-6492	Middle Eastern	★	\$\$
Osteria	osteriatoscapanaloalto.com	247 Hamilton Ave., 650-328-5700	Italian		\$\$
Palo Alto Creamery Fountain & Grill	paloaltocreamery.com	566 Emerson St., 650-323-3131	American	★	\$\$
Pizzeria Delfina	pizzeriadelfina.com/paloalto	651 Emerson St., 650-353-2208	Pizza		\$\$
Reposado	reposadorestaurant.com	236 Hamilton Ave., 650-833-3151	Mexican	★	\$\$\$
Rooh	roohrestaurants.com	473 University Ave., 650-800-7090	Indian		\$\$\$
The Rose & Crown	roseandcrownpa.com	547 Emerson St., 650-327-ROSE	British		\$\$
SliderBar	toasttab.com/sliderbar/v3	324 University Ave., 650-322-7300	Burgers		\$
Sprout Cafe	cafesprout.com	168 University Ave., 650-323-7688	Café		\$\$
Saint Michael's Alley	stmikes.com	140 Homer Ave., 650-326-2530	California Cuisine	★	\$\$\$
Steam	steampaloalto.com	209 University Ave., 650-322-1888	Chinese		\$\$
Sweetgreen	sweetgreen.com	581 Ramona St., 650-308-9824	Salads	★	\$\$
Tai Pan	taipanpaloalto.com	560 Waverley St., 650-329-9168	Chinese	★	\$\$
Tamarine Restaurant & Gallery	tamarinerestaurant.com	546 University Ave., 650-325-8500	Vietnamese	★	\$\$\$\$
Taste	tastepaloalto.com	423 University Ave., 650-323-6488	Chinese		\$\$
Taverna	tavernarestaurant.net	800 Emerson St., 650-304-3840	Greek		\$\$\$
Thaiphoon	thaiphoonpaloalto.com	543 Emerson St., 650-323-7700	Thai		\$\$
Vino Locale	vinolocale.com	431 Kipling St., 650-328-0450	Wine bar, American		\$\$
Wildseed	wildseedsf.com/palo-alto-home	855 El Camino Real Building 4, 408-781-0112	Vegan		\$\$
The Wine Room	thepawineroom.com	520 Ramona St., 650-462-1968	Wine bar		\$\$
Yayoi	yayoi-us.com	403 University Ave., 650-494-4437	Japanese		\$\$
Zola	zolapaloalto.com	565 Bryant St., 650-521-0651	French		\$\$
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4290 Bistro & Bar at the Crowne Plaza	cabanapaloalto.com/eat-drink	4290 El Camino Real, 650-857-0787	American		\$\$
Dinah's Poolside Grill	dinahshotel.com/palo-alto-restaurants	4261 El Camino Real, 650-798-1314	American		\$\$
The Fish Market	thefishmarket.com	3150 El Camino Real, 650-493-8862	Seafood	★	\$\$\$
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar	flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/ca/palo-alto	180 El Camino Real G-2, 650-329-8457	Steak		\$\$\$\$
Fuki Sushi	fukisushi.com	4119 El Camino Real, 650-494-9383	Japanese	★	\$\$\$
Go Fish Poke Bar	gofishpokebar.com	660 Stanford Shopping Center #244B, 650-328-1370	Hawaiian/ Japanese		\$\$
Howie's Artisan Pizza	howiesartisanpizza.com/palo-alto	#60 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, 650-327-4992	Pizza		\$\$
The Pizza Series	thepizzaseries.com	459 Lagunita Drive, 831-400-6355	Pizza		\$\$
Rabbit Rabbit Cream	simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores/rabbit-rabbit-cream	78 Stanford Shopping Center, 650-321-1252	Creamery, Boba shop		\$\$

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Roost & Roast roostandroast.square.site	855 El Camino Real, #161 (Town & Country Village), 650-485-2395	Thai-inspired		\$\$
The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse theseausa.com	4269 El Camino Real, 650-213-1111	Seafood		\$\$\$
Siam Fine Thai Cuisine siamfinethaicuisine.com	3924 El Camino Real, 650-812-0139	Thai		\$\$
State of Mind Slice House stateofmindslicehouse.com	3850 El Camino Real, 650-384-6369	Pizza		\$\$
Sundance The Steakhouse sundancesteakhouse.com	1921 El Camino Real, 650-321-6798	Steak	★	\$\$\$\$
Taro San Japanese Noodle Bar tarosanudon.com	717 Stanford Shopping Center, 650-815-2700	Japanese		\$\$
Tender Greens tendergreens.com	180 El Camino Real, 650-285-6702	American		\$\$
True Food Kitchen truefoodkitchen.com	Stanford Shopping Center, 180 El Camino Real #1140, 650-272-5157	American/ Vegan	★	\$\$

MENLO PARK

Bistro Vida bistrovidamp.com	641 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-462-1686	French	★	\$\$\$
Cafe Borrone cafeborrone.com	1010 El Camino Real, 650-327-0830	Café	★	\$\$
Cafe Del Sol Restaurant cafedelsolmenlo.com	1010 Doyle St., 650-326-2501	Mexican	★	\$\$
Camper Restaurant campermp.com	898 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-321-8980	American		\$\$
Chef Kwan's chefkwans.com	630 Menlo Ave., 650-322-4631	Chinese	★	\$\$
Farmhouse Kitchen farmhousethai.com	1165 Merrill St., 650-665-7935	Thai		\$\$
Flea Street cooleatz.com	3607 Alameda de las Pulgas, 650-854-1226	California		\$\$\$\$
Jeffrey's Hamburgers jeffreyszburgers.com	888 El Camino Real, 650-322-1959	Burgers		\$\$
Little Sky Bakery littleskybakery.com	506 Santa Cruz Ave., littleskybakery@gmail.com	Bakery		\$\$\$
Left Bank Brasserie leftbank.com/home_menlopark	635 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-473-6543	French	★	\$\$\$
*Madera maderasandhill.com	2825 Sand Hill Road, 650-561-1540	American		\$\$\$\$
The Mandarin	1029 El Camino Real, 650-391-9811	Chinese		\$\$
Menlo Tavern menlotavern.com	100 El Camino Real, 650-330-2790	American		\$\$
Octopus octopusjapanese.com	925 El Camino Real, 650-600-8794	Japanese		\$\$
Restaurant 3000 restaurant3000.com	3000 Sand Hill Road, 650-926-9528	California Cuisine		\$\$
Ristorante Carpaccio carpaccios.com	1120 Crane St., 650-322-1211	Italian	★	\$\$\$
Shiok! shiokkitchen.com	1137 Chestnut St., 650-838-9448	Singaporean		\$\$
Stacks stacksrestaurant.com	600 Santa Cruz Ave., 650-838-0066	American		\$\$
Sultana thesultana.net	1149 El Camino Real, 650-322-4343	Middle Eastern		\$\$

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Alice's Restaurant alicesrestaurant.com	17288 Skyline Blvd., Woodside 650-851-0303	Burgers, American	★	\$\$
Amber India amber-india.com/location/los-altos	4926 El Camino Real, Los Altos 650-968-7511	Indian		\$\$
Armadillo Willy's Burgers & BBQ armadillowillys.com	1031 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos 650-941-2922	American	★	\$\$
Aurum aurumca.com	132 State St., Los Altos 650-383-5221	Indian		\$\$
Bevri bevri.com	325 Main St., Los Altos 650-753-8056	Georgian		\$\$
Buck's of Woodside buckswoodside.com	3062 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-8010	American	★	\$\$
Cetrella cetrella.com/cetrella-los-altos	400 Main St., Los Altos 650-948-0400	California Cuisine		\$\$\$

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Chef Chu's chefchu.com	1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos 650-948-2696	Chinese	★	\$\$
Firehouse Bistro thefirehousebistro.com	2991 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-4988	French, California Cuisine		\$\$\$
Manresa Bread manresarestaurant.com	271 State St., Los Altos 650-946-2293	Bakery		\$\$
Portola Kitchen portolakitchen.com	3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley 650-851-6453	Italian/ American		\$\$
Quattro Restaurant at the Four Seasons quattrorestaurant.com	2050 University Ave., East Palo Alto 650-470-2889	California Cuisine		\$\$\$\$
*Selby's selbysrestaurant.com	3001 El Camino Real, Atherton 650-546-7700	American		\$\$\$\$
*The Village Pub thevillagepub.net	2967 Woodside Road, Woodside 650-851-9888	American		\$\$\$
MOUNTAIN VIEW				
Agave Mexican Bistro agaveca.com	194 Castro St., 650-969-6767	Mexican		\$\$
Alexander's Patisserie alexanderspatisserie.com	209 Castro St., 650-864-9999	Bakery		\$\$
Amarin Thai Cuisine amarintaicuisine.com	174 Castro St., 650-988-9323	Thai	★	\$\$
Blue Line Pizza bluelinepizza.com	146 Castro St., 650-938-7888	Pizza		\$\$
Bonchon bonchon.com	260 Castro St., 650-282-5633	Korean		\$\$
Broma Restaurant bromarestaurant.com	1625 N. Shoreline Blvd., 650-386-2277	Spanish, Portuguese		\$\$\$
Cafe Baklava cafebaklava.com	341 Castro St., 650-969-3835	Mediterranean		\$\$
Cascal cascalrestaurant.com	400 Castro St., 650-940-9500	Latin, Tapas		\$\$
Caspian Restaurant caspianeats.com	1910 El Camino Real D, 650-967-7752	Mediterranean		\$\$
Chez TJ cheztj.com	938 Villa St., 650-964-7466	French		\$\$\$\$
Dong Lai Shun donglaishunca.com	545 San Antonio Road, #32, 650-209-5490	Chinese		\$\$
Everest Cuisine everestcuisineca.com	425 N. Whisman Road, 650-282-5958	Indian		\$\$
Fiesta del Mar Too fiestadelmar.com	735 Villa St., 650-967-3525	Mexican	★	\$\$
Garden Fresh gardenfresh.us	1245 W. El Camino Real, 650-254-1688	Chinese, Vegan	★	\$
Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas gochifusiontapas.com	1943 El Camino Real, 650-965-8301	Japanese Fusion	★	\$\$
Hyderabad Dum Biryani hdbiryani.com	2105 Old Middlefield Way, 650-386-1725	Indian		\$
La Fontaine lafontainerestaurant.com	186 Castro St., 650-968-2300	French, Italian Fusion	★	\$\$\$
Ludwig's German Table ludwigsmv.com	383 Castro St., 650-260-3833	German	★	\$\$
Maison Alyzee maisonalyzee.com	212 Castro St., 650-960-1212	French bakery		\$\$
Pacific Catch Fresh Fish Grill pacificcatch.com/locations/mountain-view	545 San Antonio Road, #34, 650-941-1810	Seafood	★	\$\$
Pokeworks pokeworks.com	211 Castro St., 650-336-0058	Japanese, Hawaiian		\$\$
Red Rock Coffee Co. redrockcoffee.org	201 Castro St., 650-967-4473	Cafe	★	\$
Ristorante Don Giovanni dongiovannis.com	235 Castro St., 650-961-9749	Italian		\$\$\$
Scratch scratchmntview.com	401 Castro St. #100, 650-237-3132	American		\$\$\$
Stein's Beer Garden steinsbeergarden.com	895 Villa St., 650-963-9568	American		\$\$
Sushi Tomi sushitomi.org	635 W. Dana St., 650-968-3227	Japanese	★	\$\$
Superhot Hot Pot & Korean BBQ superhotrestaurant.weebly.com	210 Hope St., 650-963-9819	Korean		\$\$
Sweetgreen sweetgreen.com	440 Castro St., 650-753-7300	Vegetarian/ salad		\$\$
Vaso Azzurro Ristorante vasoazzurro.com	108 Castro St., 650-940-1717	Italian		\$\$



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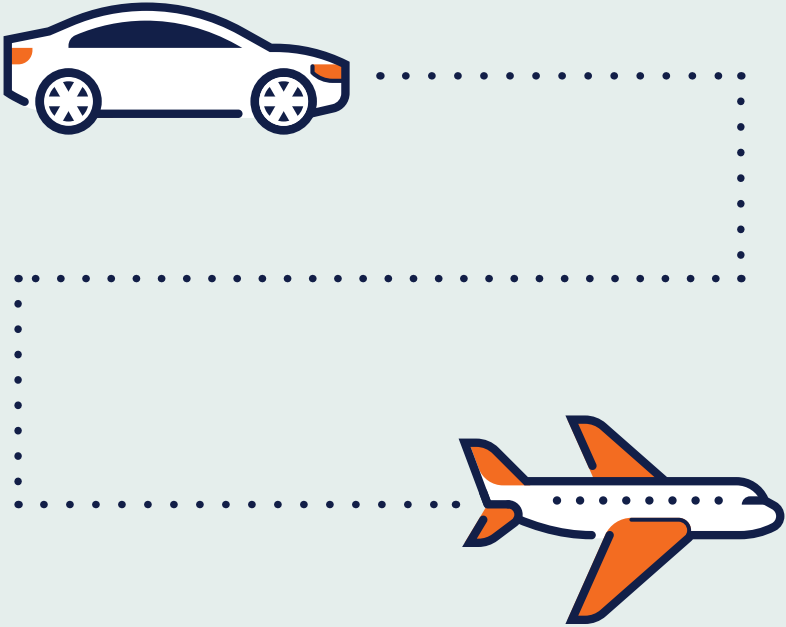
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