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Neighborhood Guide: Pacific Beach

Look beyond the college bar scene, and you'll find top-notch seafood, sweet treats, and craft brews.

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The Boardwalk

There's no shortage of quality people-watching along the beachside path from Crystal Pier to Mission Beach.

Oscar's Mexican Seafood

Even with multiple outposts, the seafood taqueria's flagship location is the liveliest, with a constant stream of surfers, professionals, and families gunning for the famous fish tacos. *703 Turquoise Street*

Kate Sessions Park

No matter your preference—picnics, barbeques, Frisbee, cloud-gazing, or playing with your pup—the lush lawns and rolling hills at this expansive park have something for everyone. *5115 Soledad Road*

Café 976

In a former 1920s beach cottage, this coffeehouse bistro has plenty of charm, including a wooden deck, rose garden, and local artwork. *976 Felspar Street*

Pure Cupcakes

Traditional flavors like red velvet mingle with more adventurous ones like the Irishman, made with stout beer, Jameson whiskey caramel, and Bailey's buttercream. *1772 Garnet Avenue*

Twisted Manzanita Ales & Spirits

The Santee company offers its six core beers and other specialty brews in pints, flights, kegs, bottles, and growlers to go at its new tasting room. *4652 Mission Boulevard*



PURE CUPCAKES



THE PATIO ON LAMONT

The Patio on Lamont

After an expansion, the Americana eatery now includes an espresso bar, more seating, and a culinary garden that's used for food items and craft cocktails. *4445 Lamont Street*

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With a prime location right by the boardwalk, Tower23's hotel restaurant is as ideal for happy hour and brunch as it is for people-watching and sunset views. *723 Felspar Street*

Kono's Surf Club

The wait on weekends can be killer, but you'll be rewarded with cheap, sizable breakfast platters and an incredible ocean view. *704 Garnet Avenue*

Pacific Beach Fish Shop

The popular seafood spot is known for its TKO mahi mahi taco, as well as its customizable menu: Pick a fish and marinade, along with the vehicle—taco, salad,



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sandwich, or plate. *1775 Garnet Avenue*



BAKED BEAR

Baked Bear

Choose an ice cream flavor to pair with a waffle, brownie, or homemade cookies for the ultimate ice cream sandwich. *4516 Mission Boulevard*

Izakaya Pacific Beach

Two former NOBU chefs are behind this recently opened sushi and Japanese tapas eatery by the beach. *4516 Mission Boulevard*

Pacific Beach This Month

November 17

Holiday Open House, 900 block of
Turquoise
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

November 19

Classic Thanksgiving with a Craft Beer
Twist Cooking Class at Great News!
6 p.m.