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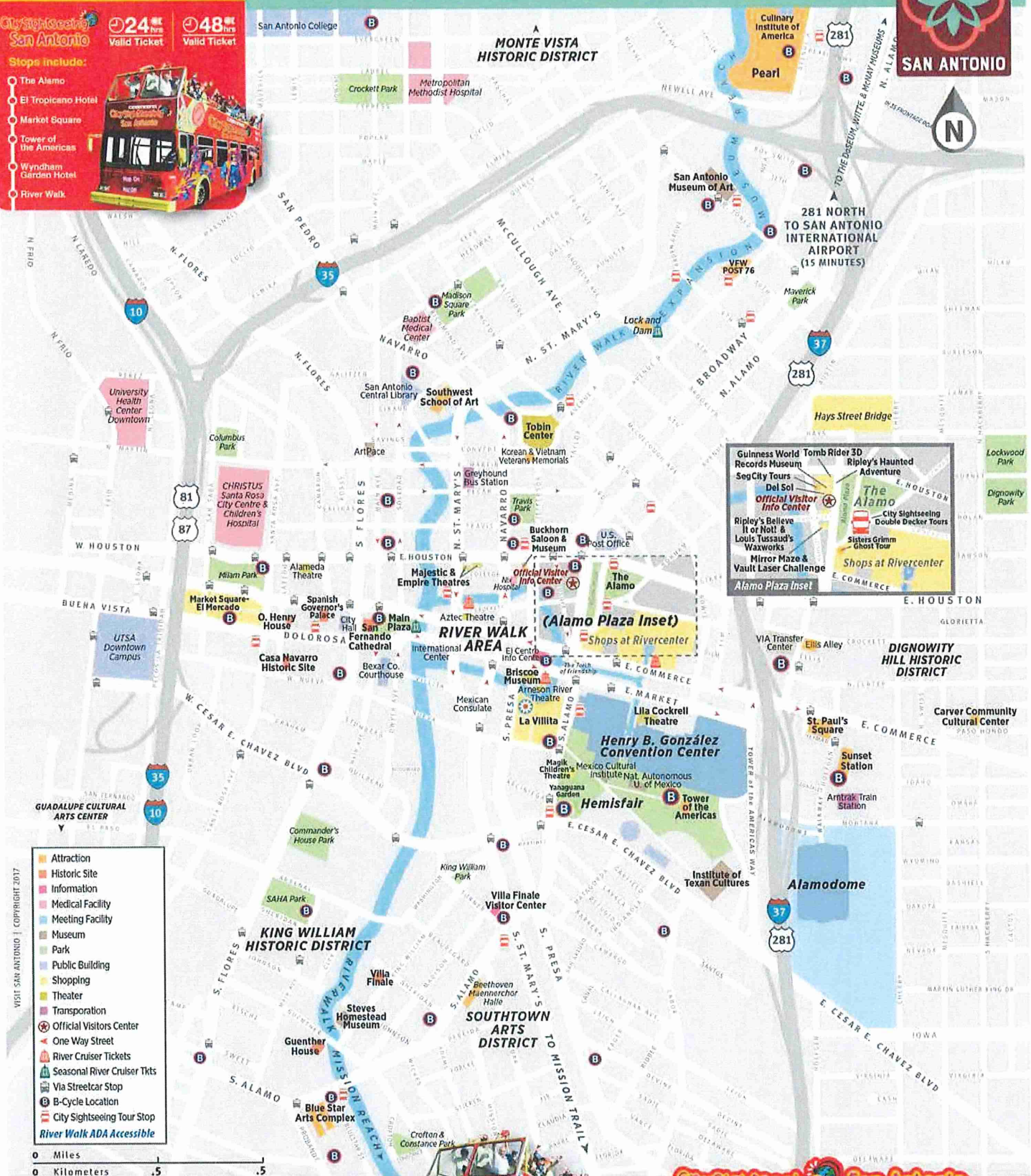
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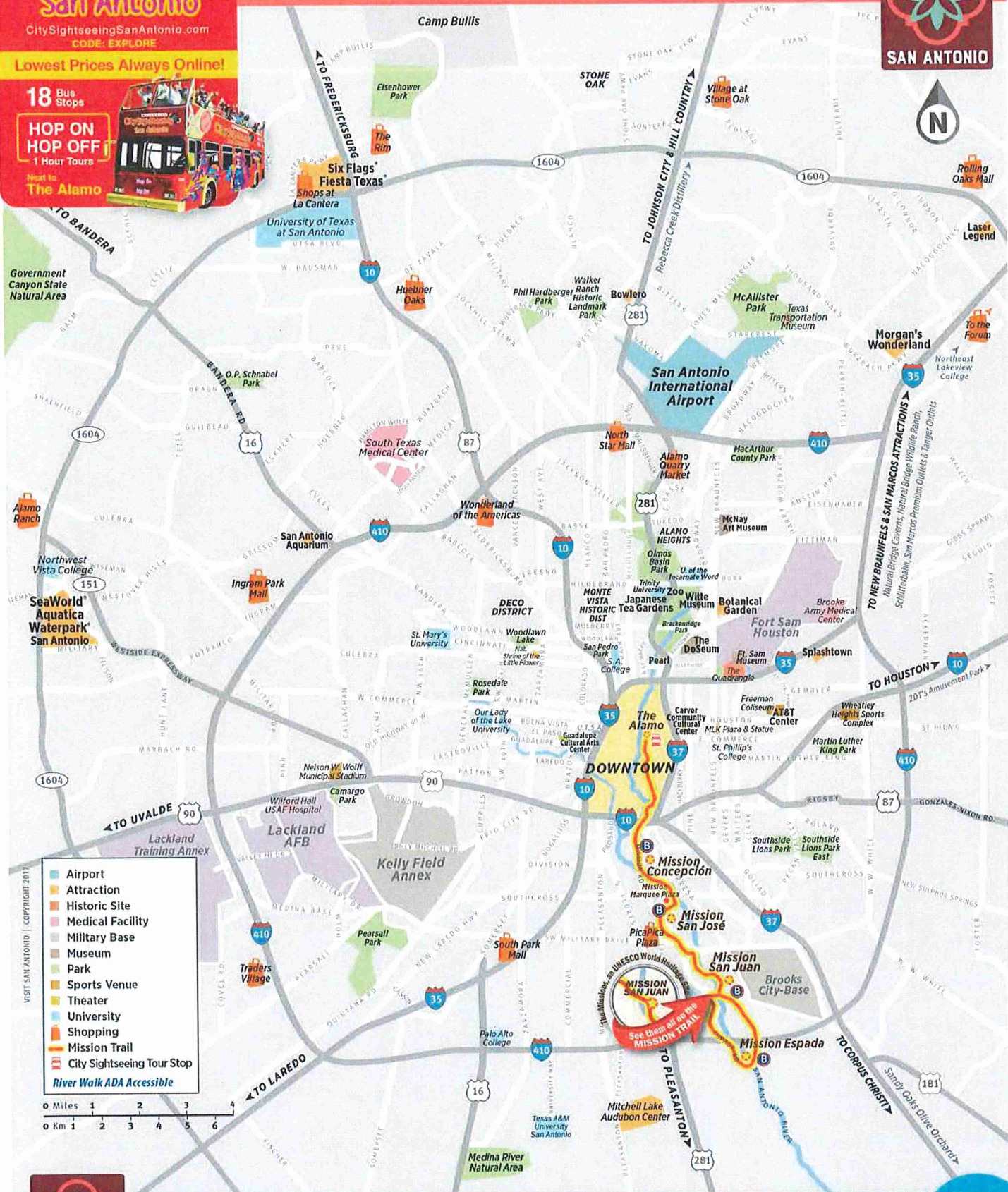
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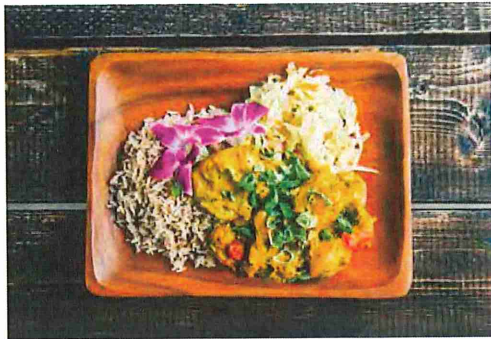
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The 10 Best New Restaurants

Meet the 10 best new restaurants in San Antonio. From fresh takes on South Texas cuisine to artfully crafted classics and pizza worth planning a night out for, the menus and atmospheres at these eateries prove that the city's culinary scene is more than hitting its stride. <https://www.sanantoniomag.com/the-10-best-new-restaurants-in-san-antonio/>

MAKO'S ON THE CREEK

Grab a seat overlooking Cibolo Creek and taste why this small town is turning into a dining destination. The clean, modern lines of the sprawling, 5,000-square-foot building contrast with the rustic and historic surroundings, while the menu offers contemporary takes on comfortable ingredients, and a skilled bar presents classic cocktails and original creations with equal aplomb. Service is polished, knowledgeable and helpful—general manager Mitch Petersen honed his craft at Southerleigh and learned his lessons well. This spot offers an intimate feel in its food and service, and is well poised to retain it even as it gains more regulars in the coming months. Lunch & Dinner Wed-Mon. 169 Buffalo Place, Cibolo, 830-730-5947, makostx.com

KINDLING TEXAS KITCHEN

Culinary couple Gwyn and Justin Hammerson have created a vision of Texas cuisine that eschews stereotypes. Instead of tacos, chicken-fried steaks and barbecue, they bring a delightful blackened red fish, a seared pork chop with German pappas and a treatment of tinned oysters that elevates simple munchies into a craveable small plate. Their accessible and delicious dishes, the homey vibe and friendly service offer strong reasons for making a trip to Cibolo. After cooking in some of Austin's most high-profile restaurants, they say they want to focus on simply turning out excellent food. We'd say they're succeeding. Dinner Tues-Sat. 209 N. Main St., Cibolo, 210-957-0158, kindlingtexaskitchen.com

FONTAINE'S SOUTHERN DINER & BAR

Chef/owner Tim Rattray, once called the "future of barbecue" for his work at The Granary, delves into his family's heritage with excellent renditions of Southern classics at his newest place. The space and menu evoke a personal, intimate sense, while his considerable culinary chops remain understated to maintain the focus on an intriguing menu. Don't expect fancy plating and exotic ingredients, just a consistent array of terrific dishes, from Oradean's cheeseburger to the fried bologna sandwich or the brunch shrimp and grits. Friendly, knowledgeable service, very good cocktails and a solid wine selection round out the experience, which can easily become a regular habit. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Tues-Sun. 906 E. Elmira St., 210-236-9013.

JERK SHACK

Is this street food, a San Antonio icehouse with a Jamaican accent or a dining destination? Yes, to all three. This walk-up window flanked by communal picnic tables fosters the feel of a West Side street party with the sounds of classic R&B or Bob Marley and memorable dishes. Tender roasted jerk chicken is sold like Texas barbecue in half- and full-pound servings, and it anchors terrific tacos and sandwiches. Meltingly tender braised oxtail, rich and creamy mac and cheese and terrific fried jerk chicken wings highlight other parts of the menu. It's the first stand-alone restaurant from CIA San Antonio-trained chef Lattoia Massey, better known by her professional name, Nicola (her middle name) Blaque. Here's hoping that she and her husband, Cornelius Massey, continue to enrich our city with their gifts. Lunch Tues-Sat. 117 Matyear, 210-776-7780, facebook.com/thejerkshacksatx

SOHILL CAFÉ

Restaurant veteran Jean-Francois Poujol distills his decades of hospitality experience—which includes time at La Mansión del Rio hotel and running his own small restaurants—into a neighborhood gem that's deservedly full most nights. Housemade pastas and pizza dough anchor a menu that's accessible while still offering some surprises. Warm, natural wood, a lively but not overwhelming soundtrack and contemporary decor enhance the homey yet stylish feel. Chef Justin Limburg brings a résumé that includes cooking at Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill in Los Angeles to present elevated, yet casual dishes. Local craft beers on tap with a thoughtful and reasonably priced wine list add to the enjoyment. Lunch & Dinner Tues-Sat. 1719 Blanco Road, 210-455-2177, sohillcafe.com

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The 10 Best New Restaurants

PLAYLAND

Don't try to categorize the pizza creations from chef Stefan Bowers. He and his crew assemble innovative combinations of flavor on a sourdough crust that adds to the thrill. Try a decidedly non-pizza appetizer—the sweet/sour/spicy char siu cauliflower is one of the most clever and delicious—and get a cocktail or two while you're at it. Feel some of the downtown energy and plenty of natural light from the plate glass windows overlooking Houston Street. After a well-made cocktail, switch to wine from the expertly curated list. This spot does a brisk takeout business, but the best experiences come from lingering a while. Dinner daily. 400 E. Houston St., 210-908-9362, playlandsa.com

EASTSIDE KITCHENETTE

Culinary power couple Jeff and Jenn White bought an old house in Government Hill that would become their dream restaurant, and after two years, 28 city inspections and countless frustrations renovating the historic property, they have created a place that brings fine dining kitchen finesse with casual flavors in a comfortable setting. Enjoy a well-made cocktail, a craft beer and some of Jeff White's creative dishes. You'll find generous portions, clever combinations and a showcase for some serious cooking chops. Call it elevated comfort food, or whatever you want, just call it a must-stop for a good meal. Lunch Mon-Fri, Dinner Mon-Sat, Brunch Sat-Sun, Breakfast Mon-Fri (starting Oct. 1). 2119 N. I-35, 210-507-2568, theeastsidekitchenette.com

SAVOR

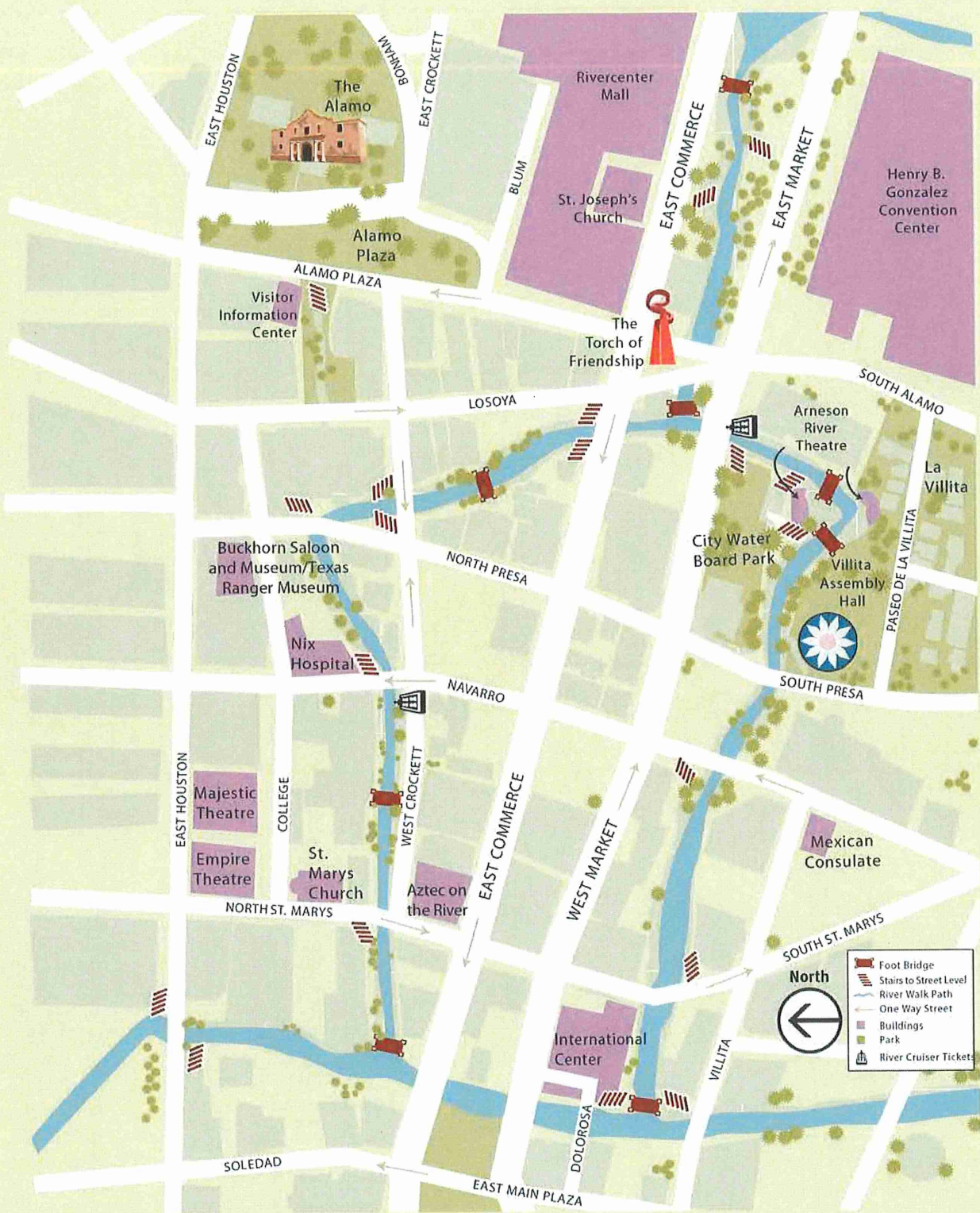
It's not an exaggeration to say that you may enjoy the cooking of a future celebrity chef at your next visit to the showcase restaurant of the Culinary Institute of America San Antonio. Students handle the cooking and the service here. The teams, their chef/instructor and the menu change every couple of months, but the standards and level of execution remain impressively consistent. Select a three or four-course menu and add wine pairings if you'd like, or sit at the bar and try some of the munchies du jour. Dinner Tues-Sat. 200 E. Grayson St., Ste. 117, 210-554-6484, savorcia.com

SOUTH BBQ & KITCHEN

Come for the meats; come back for the sides. The meats from owner and pitmaster Andrew Samia, who also owns Dignowity Meats and Crazy Carl's food truck, deliver all the goodness expected from top-notch barbecue. Whether you're choosing the prime Angus brisket, St. Louis-style pork ribs, pulled pork, sausage or chicken legs, it all works well. But don't stop there. Make sure to leave room for the surprisingly elegant green bean and tomato salad topped with cotija and almonds plus a belt-busting loaded tater tot casserole and several of the pickled vegetables. All of the sauces and sides are made in-house. Samia does the pickling, and the care he brings elevates the sides into a true co-star with the meats. Lunch & Dinner Wed-Sun. 2011 Mission Road, 210-437-0070, southbbqkitchen.com

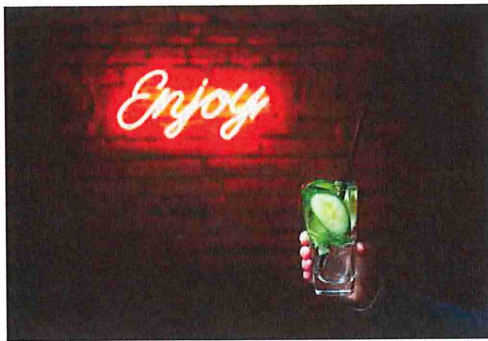
MEADOW

Chef PJ Edwards is a veteran of the Jason Dady Restaurant Group and further honed his cooking skills at the famed McCrady's in Charleston, South Carolina, and the Contigo Restaurant Group in Austin. He puts his artistry in service of his ingredients at the site that formerly held Dady's Bin 555, Umai Mi and Tre Enoteca. Its now eggshell blue walls and natural wood accents bring a sense of style and informality that let the dishes shine at dinner and brunch. The Memphis native who moved to La Vernia as a child brings a seasonal Texas and Southern perspective to cooking with dishes like the crispy chicken skin biscuit or fried chicken with bacon braised cabbage. His wife and partner, Lindsey Edwards, keeps the service and business sharp. Dinner Tues-Sat, Brunch Sat-Sun. 555 W. Bitters Road, Ste. 110, 210-481-4214, meadowsanantonio.com



Riverwalk Map

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Nightlife

San Antonio is a little bit of this and a little bit of that, with a lot in between. The nightlife can be as thrilling or chill as you wish it to be. Whether you're looking for a special place to take a new love or a bunch of old friends, read on to find out what this top tourist town has in store for you! The city's east side is growing by leaps and bounds with new restaurants and entertainment options. Pastiche is one of the newest venues to open its doors. Located unexpectedly along Houston Street, just a few minutes from downtown, this Parisian-themed cocktail bar is a true gem, with extraordinary handcrafted cocktails unlike anything else in town, a super cozy lounge area and a friendly kitty to meow away those blues, if you happen to be drinking by yourself. Throw in a library and a funky backyard patio, and you might just feel like you've found your home away from home. It's always fun to explore the local arts and theater, and few can give you a taste of the talent here more than the Overtime Theater. Local writers, actors and crew work tirelessly together to bring people a truly unique entertainment experience. The Saturday night improv group is also a ton of fun and the most bang for your buck!

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CANDLELIGHT COFFEE HOUSE AND WINE BAR

The warm, LGBT-friendly atmosphere abounds at this coffeehouse, where you can relax on the patio with friends from work or stake out one of Candlelight's comfy couches. Thanks to a reasonably priced but thorough selection of coffees and a range of tasty desserts (including Italian cream cake), the neighborhood hangout is a stylish after-dinner choice. Sandwiches, beer, and wine are also available. In fact they have an admirable wine list. Candlelight is an inexpensive option that has been around for decades and provides a uniquely intimate and relaxing atmosphere. It's a great place to mingle and make some new friends.

HOWL AT THE MOON

Shrinking violets beware: With two dueling piano players, a raucous atmosphere, and audience participation near 100%, Howl at the Moon is a great place to let loose. Musicians keep things boisterous with witty banter, good-natured ribbing, and familiar tunes that all seem to be crowd favorites. Get your courage up with tube or jello shots or an old-fashioned mixed bucket of beers. A mainstay of younger crowds, the bar also pulls in business travelers on a quest for a good time. Located in a hub of bars and restaurants, Howl at the Moon is a fun place to stop at along the way.

RIVER WALK

Travel + Leisure ranked the San Antonio River Walk as the #1 River Walk in America. Also known as Paseo del Rio, this major tourist attraction brings in over five million visitors a year. Delight yourself with a relaxing dinner at one of the numerous restaurants or cafes that line the river. Spice it up by visiting one of the numerous night spots or enjoying the sounds of mariachis and other live music. Adults and children enjoy floating on river boats piloted by San Antonio's humorous tour guides. The River Walk is the perfect place to hang out with family or sit quietly with your date while you enjoy the sounds of a bubbling waterfall.

THE COVE

For a relaxed atmosphere with great gluten-free food, including burgers, and great entertainment, The Cove has become one of the most popular places in town to grab a drink and a meal. This one-of-a-kind restaurant, beer garden, live music venue is also, strangely, a Laundromat and carwash. The picnic-style seating, both inside and out, makes for a very casual yet intimate atmosphere that is both family-friendly and dive bar-esque at the same time. Expect to hear some great local bands every night of the week (except for when they're closed on Mondays), including big jazz bands, folk music, country and more. The menu is exceptional with care for using local, organic ingredients, grass-fed beef and the like.

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TOBIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Tobin Center is a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose 1,759-seat (2,100-seat with flat-floor configuration) performance hall, a 250-seat studio theater, and an outdoor performance plaza connected to the river walk with a permanent 30 foot video wall and water taxi portal. The building itself is an architectural accomplishment. The Tobin is situated along the banks of the river walk and within walking distance of some of the city's finest hotels, such as the Havana Hotel and Tropicana, as well as San Antonio's enchilada-colored library and many fantastic restaurants. What was once a historic Municipal Auditorium, with its original facade preserved, has been transformed into an incredible venue that will be a huge draw for acts of all kinds, from opera to music and A-list comedians and speakers. A wide variety of stellar acts and performers can always be seen at the Tobin!

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THE OVERTIME THEATER

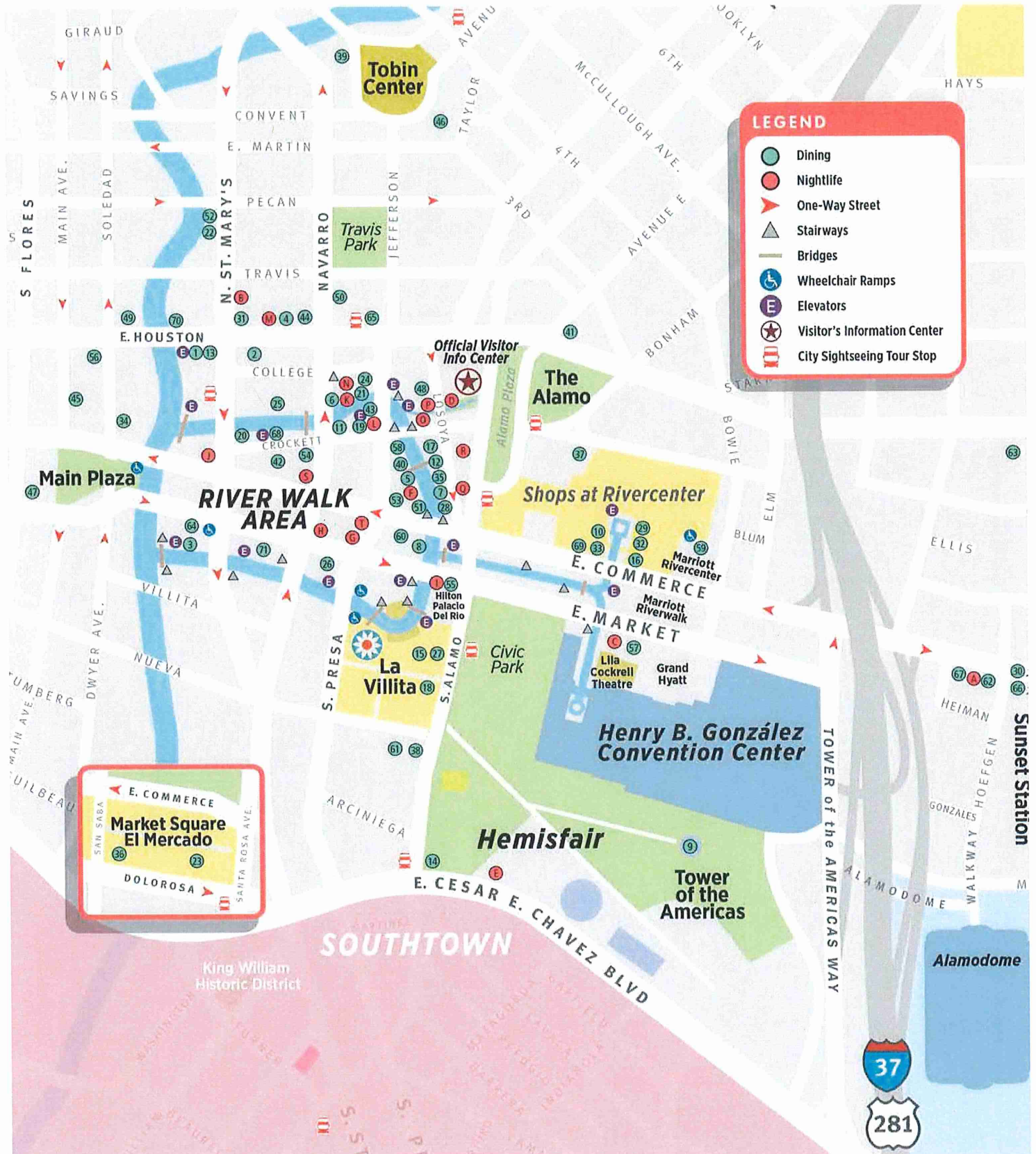
San Antonio's Overtime Theater may be the only theater house in town dedicated to featuring original works written by ingenious San Antonio writers and played by talented San Antonio actors. Every performance is a collaboration of true heart, blood, sweat and immense creativity. The Overtime has some exciting upcoming performances and is always open on Saturday nights for their hilarious Improv troupe! They consider themselves the "theater for the people," and it must be working because they've won the San Antonio Current readers' favorite theater award for four years in a row now. You'll find everything from community-based plays, science-fiction and superhero epic adventures, broad comedy, gritty realism, and especially that which hasn't been seen before. The Overtime Theater may just be creating the freshest, hottest live theater in San Antonio!

PASTICHE

Get a sip of Paris at one of San Antonio's newest cocktail bars, located on the burgeoning east side close to downtown proper, Pastiche is setting the bar high for nightlife revelry that's both classy and cozy. The owner, a brilliant mixologist, has transformed this intimate cottage into a bar that makes you feel at home with comfy couches, elegant and eclectic decor, French music and even a resident kitty who happily greets and interacts with guests. He has also created a clever menu of cocktails that will shock and delight your palate, including one-of-a-kind libations and familiar drinks with handcrafted twists such as a Dirty Martini, Pompadour and Ethereal. They like to say the glassware is as unique as the drinks, and makes the experience all the more enjoyable. For non-drinkers, you can partake of a nice cup of tea while perusing the books in their library. It's the perfect place to go to lounge and dive into deep conversations with your friends.



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DINING

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
1 Acenar	146 E. Houston	222.2362	Latin/Tex-Mex
2 Bella on Houston	204 E. Houston	404.2355	Mediterranean/Italian
3 Biga on the Banks	203 S. St. Mary's	225.0722	Gourmet/Fine Dining
4 Bohanan's	219 E. Houston	472.2600	Prime Steak/Seafood
5 Boudro's	421 E. Commerce	224.8484	Texas Bistro
6 Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.	406 Navarro	224.4867	Seafood
7 Café Ole	521 River Walk	223.2939	Mexican
8 Casa Rio	430 E. Commerce	225.6718	Mexican
9 Chart House	739 E. Cesar E. Chavez	223.3101	Steak/Fine Dining
10 Chili's	849 E. Commerce #109	212.8152	American
11 County Line	111 W. Crockett #104	229.1941	BBQ
12 Dick's Last Resort	223 Losoya	224.0026	American
13 Dorregos*	150 E. Houston	230.8412	Gourmet/Fine Dining
14 Dough Pizzeria	518 S. Alamo	227.2900	Italian
15 Fig Tree	515 Villita	224.1976	Gourmet/Fine Dining
16 Fogo de Chão	849 E. Commerce	227.1700	Brazilian Steakhouse
17 Gourdough's Public House	215 Losoya	774.4010	Big Fat Donuts
18 Guadalajara Grill	301 S. Alamo	222.1992	Mexican/American
19 Hard Rock Café*	111 W. Crockett	224.7625	American
20 Iron Cactus	200 River Walk #100	224.9835	Mexican
21 Joe's Crab Shack	212 College #100	271.9981	Seafood
22 Kimura	152 E. Pecan #102	444.0702	Japanese
23 La Margarita	120 Produce Row	227.7140	Mexican/Oyster Bar
24 Landry's	517 N. Presa	229.1010	Seafood
25 Las Canarias*	112 College	518.1063	Gourmet/Fine Dining
26 Las Ramblas*	306 W. Market	298.8040	Spanish
27 Little Rhein Steak House	231 S. Alamo	225.2111	Steak/Fine Dining
28 Lone Star Café	237 Losoya	223.9374	Southwestern
29 Luciano	849 E. Commerce #183	223.0500	Italian
30 Mark's Outing	1624 E. Commerce	299.8110	American
31 Market on Houston	205 E. Houston	554.1721	Gourmet Deli
32 Maria Mia	849 E. Commerce	272.0403	Tex-Mex
33 Margaritaville	849 E. Commerce	973.5911	American
34 Mexican Manhattan	110 Soledad	223.3913	Mexican
35 Michelino's	521 River Walk	223.2939	Italian
36 Mi Tierra Café*	218 Produce Row	225.1262	Mexican

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
37 Morton's Steak House	300 E. Crockett	228.0700	Steak/Fine Dining
38 Nonna Osteria	401 S. Alamo	224.8800	Italian
39 Ocho at Hotel Havana*	1015 Navarro	222.2008	Latin
40 Original Mexican Restaurant*	528 River Walk	224.9951	Mexican
41 ORO Restaurant and Bar	705 E. Houston	244.0146	American
42 Ostra*	212 W. Crockett	396.5817	Seafood
43 Paesanos Riverwalk	111 W. Crockett #101	227.2782	Mediterranean/Italian
44 The Palm	233 E. Houston	226.7256	Steak/Fine Dining
45 Pinch Boil House	124 N Main Ave	971.7774	Seafood
46 Pharm Table	106 Auditorium Circle	802.1860	Modern American
47 Poblanos on Main*	115 Main Plaza	357.5609	Tex-Mex
48 Q Kitchen Bar*	123 Losoya	222.1234	Barbecue
49 Range	125 E. Houston	227.4455	Steak/Seafood
50 Rebelle	300 E. Travis	352.3171	Modern American
51 Republic of Texas*	526 River Walk	226.6256	Texas Style
52 Restaurant Gwendolyn	152 E. Pecan #100	222.1849	Gourmet/Fine Dining
53 Rio Rio Cantina*	421 E. Commerce	226.8462	Tex-Mex
54 Rita's on the River	245 E. Commerce #100	227.7482	Tex-Mex
55 The River's Edge Café & Patio Bar*	200 S. Alamo	270.0786	American/South TX
56 Rosella at the Rand*	114 Houston	595.1410	Coffee/Restaurant
57 Ruth's Chris Steak House	600 E. Market	227.8847	Steak/Fine Dining
58 Saltgrass Steak House	502 River Walk	222.9092	Steak
59 Sazo's Latin Grill*	101 Bowie	554.6180	Latin/Tex-Mex
60 Schilo's Delicatessen*	424 E. Commerce	223.6692	Deli
61 Silo Prime	401 S. Alamo	224.8800	Steakhouse
62 Smoke: The Restaurant	1170 E. Commerce	253.9919	BBQ
63 Spaghetti Warehouse	1226 E. Houston	299.1114	Italian
64 Sushi Zushi	203 S. St. Mary's	472.2900	Asian
65 Texas de Brazil	313 E. Houston	299.1600	Brazilian Steakhouse
66 Tony G's Soul Food*	915 S. Hackberry	451.1234	American
67 Toro Kitchen + Bar	1142 E. Commerce	592.1075	Spanish
68 Waxy O'Connor's	234 River Walk	229.9299	Irish Restaurant/Pub
69 Yard House	849 E. Commerce #409	354.3844	American
70 Zócalo*	175 E. Houston #115	314.8468	Mexican
71 Zocca*	420 W. Market	444.6070	Italian

*Serves Breakfast and/or Brunch

NIGHTLIFE

BAR / CLUB	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
A Ash	1170 E. Commerce	253.9919	Cocktails
B Bar 414 @ Sheraton Gunter Hotel	713 S. Alamo	225.5550	Handcrafted Cocktails
C Bar Rojo	600 E. Market	224.1234	Latin Mojito Bar
D Bier Garten	126 Losoya	212.7299	Bavarian
E Con Safos	607 Hemisfair Plaza Way	514.5006	Bar
F Coyote Ugly	409 E. Commerce	465.8459	Like the movie
G Davenport	203 N. Presa	224.5635	Upscale bar
H Drink Texas	200 Navarro	224.1031	Cocktails
I Dirty Nelly's Irish Pub	200 S. Alamo	224.3343	Irish Bar
J Esquire Tavern	155 E. Commerce	222.2521	Tavern

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K Havana Ultra Lounge	212 College	220.1973	Latin / Salsa
L Howl at the Moon	111 W. Crockett	212.4770	Piano Bar
M Jet-Setter	229 E. Houston	272.0457	Mid-Century Lounge
N Kremlin	212 College	220.1972	70's / 80's / 90's
O Mad Dog's British Pub	123 Losoya #19	222.0220	British Pub
P On the Bend	123 Losoya #7	354.3002	Oyster Bar
Q On the Rocks Pub	270 Losoya	228.0000	Pub
R Pat O'Brien's	121 Alamo Plaza	220.1076	New Orleans Legend
S Soho Wine & Martini Bar	214 W. Crockett	444.1000	Cocktails / Cigar
T Zinc Wine Bar	207 N. Presa	224.2900	Wine & Cigar

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Live Music

SAM'S BURGER JOINT

Many people in San Antonio claim that Sam's Burger Joint is the best place to see live music. In fact, for the second straight year, they have been awarded BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE by San Antonio Magazine. In terms of a good ol' relaxed place to kick back and grab a great burger while enjoying some live music with your buddies, Sam's Burger joint is the joint! They have a fairly large venue for concerts that sits behind the diner-style restaurant. Throughout the years, they've seen some great acts blow through, including local legend, Girl In A Coma, who are on their way to international acclaim.

CARMENS DE LA CALLE CAFE

Carmens de la Calle Cafe is a colorful European-inspired cafe with live entertainment every weekend. Some might call this place cramped but with their sexy ambiance and warm decor, you don't really care. Carmens is also known for their authentic and delicious tapas bar of globally-inspired dishes. Favorites might include paella or their exceptional empanadas, such as beef picadillo and poblano roasted chicken. Carmens provides the perfect intimate atmosphere for a chill evening with friends or that special someone. Friday nights they offer live Flamenco music and dancing, which is a rare find in the city. Saturday nights vary. You might hear some live world music or a showcase of singer/songwriters, for example. The point is for a one-of-a-kind low key venue for live music, Carmens should be at the top of your list, but just make sure to get there early so get a good table.

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ALAMO BEER BREWERY

The East side of San Antonio just got cooler with this giant indoor/outdoor space filled with picnic tables that features craft draft beer and live music. Located next to the iconic Hays Street walking bridge, this bar is really one of the most interesting places to enjoy drinks with friends in the city. Alamo Beer also has a rich history. Years ago there was a beer called Alamo that was brewed by the Lone Star Brewing Company. The Alamo was a local's favorite made from the best barley malt, saazer hops and Texas rice. However, prohibition put an end to Alamo until the arrival of local entrepreneur, Eugene Simor. It took Simor a while but by 2003, he acquired a licensing agreement and Alamo Golden Ale was flowing on tap in the city. San Antonio supporters have followed his story and come out to support the brewery whenever they can. It helps that its good beer, good people and a fantastic location.

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Live Music

THE COVE

For a relaxed atmosphere with great gluten-free food, including burgers, and great entertainment, The Cove has become one of the most popular places in town to grab a drink and a meal. This one-of-a-kind restaurant, beer garden, live music venue is also, strangely, a Laundromat and carwash. The picnic-style seating, both inside and out, makes for a very casual yet intimate atmosphere that is both family-friendly and dive bar-esque at the same time. Expect to hear some great local bands every night of the week (except for when they're closed on Mondays), including big jazz bands, folk music, country and more. The menu is exceptional with care for using local, organic ingredients, grass-fed beef and the like.

GRUENE HALL

Although Gruene Hall is located outside the city limits of San Antonio, it's worth the extra gas to get to what has now become an iconic venue. Built in 1878, Gruene Hall is considered the oldest running dance hall in Texas, and the Central Texas birthplace to many famous songwriters and musicians, including George Strait, Ace in the Hole, Jerry Jeff Walker, Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, Robert Earl Keen, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Hal Ketchum, Bruce and Charlie Robison, and many more. This is the place to put your boots on (or an excuse to buy some if you don't already have a pair), grab your guy or gal and head on down for an evening to remember!

DORCOL DISTILLING COMPANY

Thanks to a new law, Dorcol Distilling Company, which makes an incredible Serbian apricot brandy, transforms into a cocktail lounge on the weekends and, using only their signature spirit creates the most amazing craft cocktails! Dorcol was the first urban distillery to open after the law, enabling them to sell liquor on the premises. Located in the burgeoning arts district on Flores Street south of downtown in San Antonio in what used to be a restaurant equipment dump site, Dorcol is now a social hub with as much promise as character and originality. Owners Boyan Kalusevic and Chris Mobley opened their doors at the end of 2013 and have been gaining momentum ever since. Currently, Dorcol only makes one spirit called Kinsman, which is a premium handcrafted Rakia made on site in small batches. The cocktail bar, or tasting room, is only open Thursday through Saturday, but is certainly worth a jaunt to the Southside, particularly if it's the 2nd Saturday of every month, which is when the arts walk in the neighborhood takes place. Dorcol usually hosts an art opening as well - featuring one of San Antonio's local talents.

LUNA

If country music's not your thing, get a taste of soulful, alternative rhythms at LUNA. Jazz is the club's raison d'etre, and its red-velvet decor, exposed brickwork, and slinky upholstered bar provide a perfect backdrop to the main event. While you're savoring top-notch music, try a Liquid Reverb martini with raspberry vodka, orange juice and Red Bull to accompany the snacks. Other musical styles you may encounter include swing, soul, blues, funk, and Spanish guitar. Folks love the live salsa music and dancing. This is an ideal spot for a first or favorite date. Lounge and listen or get out there and make some memories!



What is Pearl?

The architects and planners behind San Antonio's Pearl District have organized a neighborhood in a brewery. The former home of Pearl Brewery, which operated here from 1883 to 2001, was for years a no-go area, an eerily empty stretch of land north of downtown. Over the past decade, the plant has been painstakingly and sensitively repurposed into a vibrant micro district. Many original structures remain; the bottling plant is now a food hall, for example, and vintage equipment is strewn around public spaces. Brewery and ammonia tanks are now rainwater collectors and herb-garden containers. Read more [What to do in Austin](#) With chef-owned restaurants, independent shops and cool cocktail bars all situated in a compact, 22-acre site by the San Antonio River, Pearl has quickly become the city's most desirable place to stay and play.

Pearl, located north of downtown San Antonio, provides a unique experience as a top culinary and cultural destination. The mixed-use space features retail, dining, picturesque green spaces, a riverside amphitheater, and the third campus of The Culinary Institute of America. As a former brewery operating from 1883 to 2001, Pearl reflects a vivid past while embracing the future with environmentally sustainable buildings mixed with historic architecture.

The 22-acre Pearl site is home to the year-round Pearl Farmers Market, Hotel Emma and its restaurant Supper. Pearl restaurants include La Gloria by CIA graduate chef Johnny Hernandez; Savor, from The Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio; Blue Box Bar; Botika; The Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden; Cured; Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery; Bakery Lorraine; Local Coffee; Lick Honest Ice Creams; Green Vegetarian Cuisine; and High Street Wine Co. The Bottling Department, San Antonio's first food hall, includes restaurants Bud's Southern Rotisserie, Fletcher's Hamburgers, Maybelle's Donuts, Tenko Ramen, and The Good Kind.

Pearl is also known for its shops, including The Sporting District, The Twig Book Shop, The Tiny Finch, Adelante Boutique, Ten Thousand Villages, LeeLee, Dos Carolinas, Leighelena, Niche at Pearl, and Bike World. Notable office tenants at Pearl include San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, Nature Conservancy, San Antonio Area Foundation, RBC Securities, The CE Group, Inc., WestEast Design Group, KGB Texas, and The San Antonio Business Journal.

The Can Plant offers urban contemporary apartments with a place in history. The Cellars are luxury apartments offering hospitality and culinary excellence, extraordinary living spaces, concierge-curated services, and more. Event space includes the historic Pearl Stable.



SAN ANTONIO GUIDE PEARL & BROADWAY DINING & NIGHTLIFE

Just north of the River Walk is the thoroughfare called Broadway. Along this great San Antonio street, you'll find bustling restaurants with charm and unique cuisine amongst the former Pearl Brewery, boutiques, museums and the Culinary Institute of America. Estimated cab fares are \$8-\$12 one way from the Henry B. González Convention Center. All passengers can ride for the price of one.

PEARL & BROADWAY DINING

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
Alamo BBQ Co.	511 E. Grayson	994.8099	BBQ
Augie's Alamo City BBQ	909 Broadway	314.3596	BBQ
Bakery Lorraine	306 Pearl Pkwy #110	862.5582	Bakery
Boiler House	312 Pearl Pkwy, Building 3	354.4644	Texas Grill Wine Garden
Botika	303 Pearl Pkwy	951.9393	Asian/Latin Fusion
The Brown Coffee Co.	1800 Broadway #1131	274.0702	Cafe
Cheesy Jane's	4200 Broadway	826.0800	Burgers
Cured	306 Pearl Pkwy	314.3929	Modern American
Down on Grayson	303 E. Grayson	248.9244	Modern American
Fratello's Italian Market & Deli	2503 Broadway	444.0277	Italian
Good Time Charlie's	2922 Broadway	828.5392	American
The Granary	602 Avenue A	228.0124	BBQ/Beer
Grayze	521 E. Grayson	481.8776	American
Green	200 E. Grayson #120	320.5865	Vegetarian
Koi Kawa Japanese Restaurant	4051 Broadway	805.8111	Japanese

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
La Gloria	100 E. Grayson	267.9040	Mexican
Larder (Hotel Emma)	136 E. Grayson	448.8355	Gourmet Market
Lick Honest Ice Creams	312 Pearl Pkwy #2101	314.8166	Homemade Ice Creams
Local Coffee	302 Pearl Pkwy #118	248.9133	Cafe
The Luxury	103 E. Jones Ave.	354.2274	Modern American
Rosella Coffee	203 E. Jones Ave. #101	277.8574	Cafe
Sam's Burger Joint	330 E. Grayson	223.2830	American
Saveurs 209	209 Broadway	639.3165	French
Shuck Shack	520 E. Grayson	236.7422	Oyster Bar
Smoke Shack	3714 Broadway	957.1430	BBQ
Sobro Pizza	1915 Broadway #101	227.6276	Italian/Wine Bar
Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery	136 E. Grayson #120	455.5701	Texas
Supper (Hotel Emma)	136 E. Grayson	223.7375	American
Tomatillos Cafe y Cantina	3210 Broadway	824.3005	Mexican
Tre Trattoria	200 W. Jones #501	805.0333	Italian

PEARL & BROADWAY NIGHTLIFE

BAR / CLUB	ADDRESS	210 AREA	THEME
Blue Box Bar	312 Pearl Pkwy	227.2583	Cocktails
The Brooklynite	516 Brooklyn Ave.	444.0707	Cocktails
GS 1221	1221 Broadway	251.3184	Craft Beers
High Street Wine Co.	302 Pearl Pkwy #104	908.9144	Wine Bar
Jazz, TX	312 Pearl Pkwy, Building 6	332.9386	Cocktails
Paramour	102 9th, Ste. 400	340.9880	Cocktails
Sternwirth (Hotel Emma)	136 E. Grayson	223.7375	Cocktails
Still Golden Social House	1900 Broadway	365.3246	Cocktails
The Modernist	516 E. Grayson	446.8699	Cocktails
VEFW Post #76	10 Tenth	223.4581	Cheap Beer

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SLEEP IN A BREW HOUSE

When it finally opened in November 2015, Hotel Emma signified Pearl's transformation from sketchy industrial area to slick neighbourhood was complete. Thoughtful touches like a welcome margarita – served from a vintage cocktail tray in the Library room – and bedtime macaroons from Bakery Lorraine, a local favourite, mean guests feel thoroughly taken care of. Set aside an afternoon to doze by the tranquil outdoor pool, with food and drink served straight to your lounge.

BROWSE NICHE SOUVENIRS

Pearl has more than a dozen independent shops to explore. Lose an afternoon at the Twig Book Shop, and peep at Vintage Bouquet Bar's floral works of art. For a souvenir fix, visit fairtrade craft store Ten Thousand Villages and browse turquoise glassware and seersucker bathrobes at Curio, inside Hotel Emma's lobby.

GET ON YOUR BIKE

Rent a bike from one of Pearl's B-Cycle hubs to explore the Museum Reach, a rejuvenated stretch of the pedestrian-friendly River Walk. Pass art murals and green spaces en route to downtown, visit the location of the 1836 Battle of the Alamo, and continue to Southtown – another up-and-coming area, dominated by the Blue Star Arts Complex. Shop to live music. Live bands play while shoppers browse stalls with local honey, wine, cheeses and baked goods at Pearl's monthly night market, which runs throughout the summer. Local restaurants, bars and shops join the fun, staying open late and offering discounts. The weekend farmers' market runs all year.

TAKE AN AERIAL YOGA CLASS

To counter all that food and drink, book a class at The Synergy Studio. Niche workouts include Nia – a combination of jazz dance, yoga, and mindfulness – and aerial yoga, where poses are struck in an aerial hammock. Cruise down the River Walk. Take a narrated boat tour with Go Rio Cruises, passing the city's first neighbourhood – La Villita – or buy a day pass and hop between the museums, bars and restaurants dotted between Pearl and downtown.

DRINK IN A BREW TANK

The most coveted seats in Hotel Emma's bar, Sternwirth, are inside cast-iron tanks once used to ferment beer. There's even a button to summon the bar staff, so you don't have to shift from your velvet banquette to order potent cocktails like the Three Emmas, made with Pearl beer, rose cordial and gin.

SOAK UP SOME ART

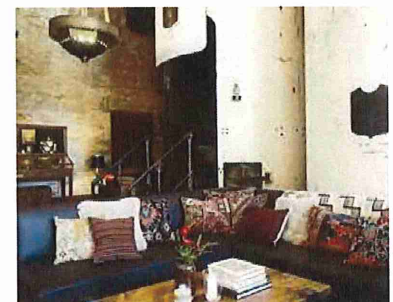
Take a short stroll along the River Walk to reach the San Antonio Museum of Art. Its beguiling collections of pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial and Latin American art are arranged across two wings, connected by a skybridge with city views. The 19th-century building was formerly occupied by the Lone Star Brewery. Notice a theme here?

DINE AT CHEF-LED RESTAURANTS

Many of Pearl's restaurants are owned by chefs trained by the CIA – the Culinary Institute of America, that is – there's a huge campus here. Many graduates have stuck around, and the talent is evident in every bite. Hotel Emma's supper uses local produce for dishes like crispy smoked quail with pickled corn relish. At Cured, housed in the brewery's administrative offices, diners are greeted by a charcuterie case. The menu is (unsurprisingly) meaty, from the plates of house-cured meat to the bison tartare. But they take their vegetables seriously too, as evidenced by the vibrant beet salad and the deliciously rich and earthy mushroom gnocchi.

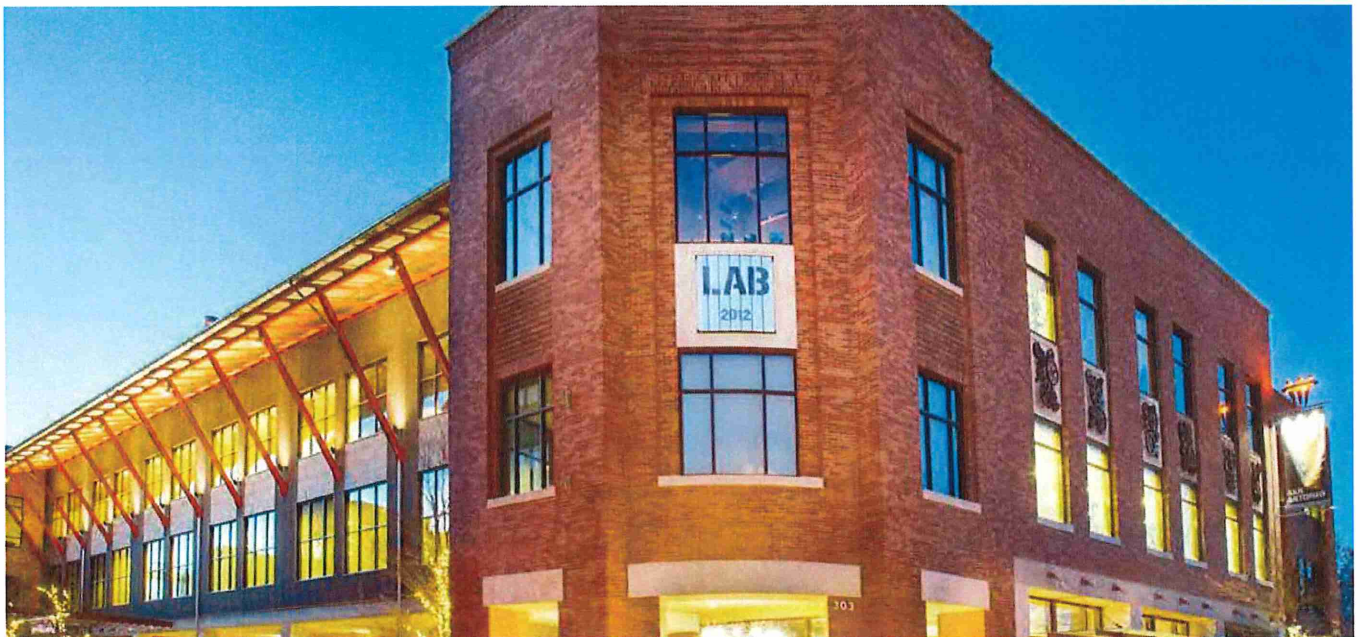
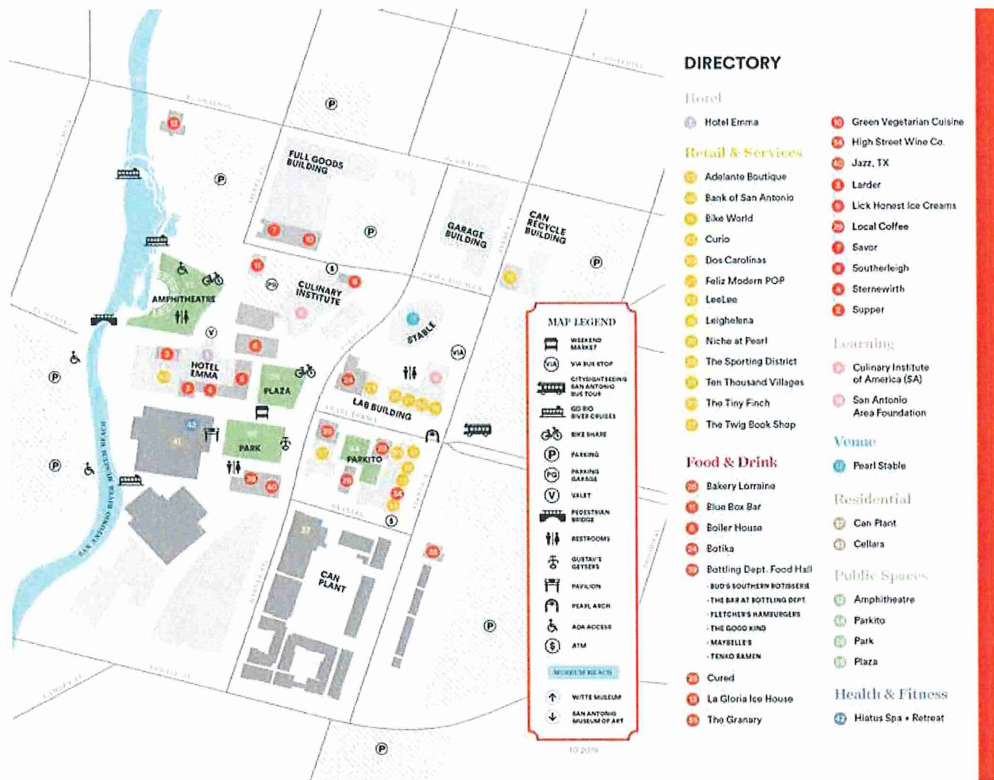
SIP FROSÉ IN A FOOD HALL

Head to the Bottling Department for happy hour. The food hall's drinks cost half price every day from 3pm to 6pm, and all day on Mondays. The frosé (frozen rosé) is especially refreshing, like a grown-up slushy. Stalls selling ramen, burgers and rotisserie chicken and are on hand to soak up the booze, or try a raspberry hibiscus doughnut, served plain or a la mode (with a scoop of ice cream), from Maybelle's.



PUBLIC SPACES?

Pearl currently has four public spaces: the Amphitheater, Parkito, Plaza, and the Park. The spaces are open to the public and dog friendly. Every week we host programming at Pearl and we invite you to come and enjoy these spaces with your family and friends.



Very Cool Things to Do in San Antonio

By GEORGINA BUCKLEY

The Alamo City is primarily known for... well, the Alamo. It's also home to SeaWorld, Six Flags, and the famous River Walk, but that's only the facade of the city. Instead, think of San Antonio as a *cascarón*: smooth and plain on the outside, but filled with a ton of colorful confetti on the inside. You just need to know how to get through that outer shell, and you're set -- which is why we've done the legwork and put together a rundown of all the best stuff the city has to offer, from off-the-beaten-path attractions and local events to iconic bucket list spots even locals need to try. Here's everything you need to do in San Antonio, no matter your budget.

DRINK MARGARITAS IN THE SUN AT THE YANAGUANA GARDEN

Free-\$

Part public art show, part playground for kids and adults, and all beautiful, this garden is a great place to relax and showcases the best that urban design has to offer. The garden offers a few places to eat and drink, including a Commonwealth Coffeehouse & Bakery, and the Con Safos Cocina & Cantina. Typically, you can also find plenty of nearby food trucks, and yes, you can get a variety of craft beers and margaritas at Con Safos.

SPEND THE DAY KAYAKING AT CONFLUENCE PARK

Free

The newly opened confluence park used to be an industrial lot; now it exists to help teach about solar and energy neutrality, and is also an excellent entry point for kayaking or biking along the river. Although the park is still in its infancy, it still serves as a great place to practice early morning yoga or picnic along the banks of the river.

HAVE LUNCH ON THE RIVER WALK

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There are plenty of non-touristy options for eating along the River Walk, but if you're paralyzed by choice, just head to the historic Schilo's: it's a reliable landmark restaurant that's served lunch to San Antonians since 1917. If you're going there for breakfast, make sure to get there relatively early; the traditional German goodness is decidedly worth the wait.

EXPLORE SAN ANTONIO'S MISSIONS ON A BIKE

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Varied locations south of Downtown San Antonio. The San Antonio Missions are part of a UNESCO world heritage site and span the Antonio River for several miles south of Downtown. The most famous mission is, of course, the Alamo, but Missions Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan, and Espada are just as beautiful (and slightly less mobbed with visitors), so don't overlook them. The best way to see them all is to take an Uber, Lyft, or your own car to the farthest one (Mission Espada) and rent a B-bike at one of the kiosks. From there, you can cycle the Mission Reach Trail and visit each Mission along the 15-mile riverside trail. There are B-bike kiosks at every mission, and you only need to plug in your credit card to get your bike (there's also a B-bike app you can download). The trail also runs straight into the Blue Star brewery complex, so after visiting the first few missions you can stop for a cold beer (or margarita), and take a look at the King William historic district.

GET YOURSELF SOME CULTURE AT ARTPACE

Free

If contemporary art (and its creation) fascinates you, then ArtPace is the place to go. The museum is fairly unusual, in that nine artists per year are invited to live and work here throughout the year in three four-month cycles; three of the artists are from Texas, three are from elsewhere in the United States, and three are from around the world. ArtPace is free and open to the public, and offers artist lectures and other events for the ambitiously arty among us -- for example, they recently paired with Austin Eastciders to create "Cider Sessions" where free cider was offered, and visitors got the inside scoop on the artists' creative processes.

PEOPLE WATCH (AND DOG WATCH) AT THE FARMERS MARKET AT PEARL

Free

The farmers market itself features almost 20 vendors, some selling standard grocery fare while others offer brunch and lunch options, all set amidst the picturesque community gathering space that is the Pearl District. Dog-friendly, kid-friendly, and filled with locals and visitors alike, it's easy to while away your morning sipping on coffee from local coffee (or something a little bit stronger from Southerleigh brewery) while chomping down on a variety of food courtesy of the Culinary Institute of America, which has its third campus right there in the Pearl. The beginning of the River Walk is just steps away, making it relatively easy to walk your way into central downtown with a cold one in hand -- preferably a Sol -- from La Gloria.

DANCE TO THE BEAT AT LUNA

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Luna has been around since 2003, and offers live salsa, jazz, funk, soul, and every other music genre you can think of -- depending on the night, of course. The club offers a decent cover charge, and phenomenal drinks and atmosphere with high energy dancing and music playing until 2am.

GET TIPSY AT A MUSEUM FOR KIDS

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Technically a children's museum, The DoSeum is a highly interactive and playful museum featuring a host of games, activities, and hands on learning. One of the best features of the DoSeum, though, is that they offer "ReDo" nights, which are 21+; all you have to do is buy a ticket and you'll get complimentary drinks, appetizers, and full access to all the activities at the museum.

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DO SOME YOGA AT THE SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Thirty-three acres of exotic and local plants and trees make up this winding park, which also features old log cabins, bird watching areas, formal gardens, veggie gardens, and a variety of ecosystems displayed in a large, architecturally wonderful greenhouse. If you're over the River Walk, and you're with someone who likes to stay fit, this is the place to go: the garden offers yoga and tai-chi classes, which you can sign up for online.

DRINK BUBBLE TEA AT THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

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The Japanese Tea Garden actually used to be a rock quarry, but it's now a verdant public space that's currently listed on the US National Register of Historic Places. The garden is both tranquil and beautiful, containing a torii gate, pagoda, café, and scores of varieties of flora and fauna. The garden itself has a fascinating past, enough to keep history buffs enthralled for hours, but if you're tired or hungry, the beautiful Jingu House serves light lunch and tea (no alcohol, though). Don't forget to see if any local artists are playing at the Sunken Garden open-air amphitheater, which is just a few steps from the tea garden.

GAZE AT THE MURALS OF I-35

Free

You only notice it in flashes as you're driving by, but once you get up close, the murals under I-35 (near St. Mary's and Elmira Streets) are breathtaking. Brought to the city by the Street Art Initiative, the murals showcase a variety of different graffiti styles brought to you on a massive scale. Viewing is free, and will leave you wanting to pick up a spray paint can and make a mark of your own -- but, don't do that.

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DINOSAURS AT GOVERNMENT CANYON STATE NATURAL AREA

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If you're feeling ambitious and need to work up a sweat (as a result of too many margaritas, perhaps), then head for the hills: Government Canyon is a 12,000-acre park and, incredibly, has hundreds of preserved dinosaur tracks. The trails are open to the public, and it'll be about a three-hour hike to get to the tracks and back. In the summer months, be sure to go in the morning -- this is South Texas, after all, and it gets absurdly hot.

SPOT SOME STAND-UP TALENT AT LAUGH OUT LOUD COMEDY CLUB

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Showcasing a mix of comedians you've never heard of and ones you've certainly seen somewhere before, Laugh Out Loud is a belly laugh of a night out with great drinks, tables, food, and plenty of parking. Open every night except Monday, the Comedy Club is an easy choice when you've done every other type of night out in San Antonio. If you're taking family, be sure to check exactly what type of comedian you're signing up for, as the type of comedy you're hearing can range in styles and taste.

GET YOUR SWING ON AT JAZZ NIGHT AT THE BLUE STAR BREWING COMPANY

Free

Every Tuesday from 8-10pm some of the best jazz artists in the city gather here to perform big band compositions. Your best bet will be to go around 7:30pm and have dinner at one of the Blue Star Complex restaurants (Sukeban or Stella are both great choices), then follow it up with some jazz.

TAKE IN THE ART ON THE RIVER WALK'S MUSEUM REACH

Free

The River Walk is an obvious staple of San Antonio, but what a lot of visitors (and locals, even) don't know is that there's more River Walk than what's featured downtown. Starting around the Pearl District, you can get on the less bustling end of the River Walk to see some of the amazing art installations under the bridges, including F.I.S.H. by Philly artist Donald Lipski. The best (and coolest, temperature-wise) time to see them is toward twilight, as the gigantic fish light up and it's sort of like you're walking underwater. This part of the River Walk also offers access to several museums. As a bonus, you can stop at open-air bars like the Luxury and bring your beverages on your walk. If you don't feel like walking, feel free to hail a river taxi, but watch out: they're a bit pricey.

PADDLE AMONG GORGEOUS HOUSES ON THE KING WILLIAM PADDLE TRAIL

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If you're the type to drive through rich neighborhoods and gawk at the mansions, this is the activity for you. You can rent a paddleboard at places like SUP SATX, then meet near the Blue Star Brewery and go for a long paddle through the ancient Oaks and elaborate Victorian houses of the historic King William District. Afterward, you can have a beer at Blue Star or go visit essential King William watering hole: The Friendly Spot.

SIP AND TAKE IN SOME POETRY ON MONDAYS AT JANDROS

Free-\$\$

Monday nights at Jandros on St. Mary's Strip is the place to be for anyone who's into the spoken word scene. Showcasing both new and seasoned poets, the patio at Jandros is a great spot to relax with a cocktail and let the words flow over you -- the poetry's free, but the drinks aren't.

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TAILGATE A SAN ANTONIO FC GAME

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When most people think about sports in San Antonio, they think about the Spurs. However, a new team is gaining traction: the San Antonio Futbol Club (SAFC) was founded in 2016, and plays at Toyota field off of Wurzbach during the regular USL season. Unlike other sporting events, which often involve expensive parking, long lines, and bad seats, SAFC games feature free (or very cheap) parking and arguably the best tailgating in San Antonio. The stadium is relatively small, meaning you always have a good view of the players and the games are fast-paced and raw. The fans are diehard, the energy is undeniable, and the location is easy to get to. The best nights to go are one-dollar beer nights -- yes, they exist, and yes, craft beer is included.

SEE THE CITY ON TWO WHEELS WITH SATX SOCIAL RIDE

Free-\$\$

Every Tuesday, a few hundred bicyclists meet up at Burleson Yard Beer Garden to do a 10-to-12-mile bike ride through downtown San Antonio. Whether you have a bike or just rent one at a nearby shop, this is a perfect early-week activity to take visitors out on a tour of the city -- or, to just head out on your own and meet a hundred new friends. Once you've finished your ride, Burleson Yard offers the perfect low-key spot to have a drink, play ping-pong, and eat a delicious assortment of foods from the nearby food trucks. Take in the city lights from the Hays

TAKE IN A SHOW AT THE ROXIE THEATRE COMPANY

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Run entirely by community volunteers, the Roxie Theatre Company is housed near the medical center area, in what used to be a nightclub. The result is an intimate, 360-degree playhouse showcasing actors of all ages and styles in both offbeat and mainstream productions. Snacks and drinks (including booze) are sold inside the playhouse. The playhouse is not downtown, so it's easy to get to and parking is free. This is perfect for any musical lover, but especially those who want something off the beaten path.

PLAY A FEW ROUNDS AT THE QUARRY GOLF CLUB

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If you want to play golf but don't want to sacrifice your lunch money for the entire week, take note: tee times after 5pm at the Quarry start at \$45 per player on Sundays, and rates are even better after 5pm on weekdays. The Quarry golf course is particularly unusual, in that nine of the holes are actually inside an old rock quarry -- y'know, hence the name. Afterward, you can kick back your feet and have a margarita at one of the many restaurants in the Quarry area.

ENJOY A DRAG BRUNCH AT PARAMOUR

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Paramour has some of San Antonio's best rooftop bar views, and the décor alone is worth the visit. Conveniently located right off the River Walk if you're walking down from the Pearl, the bar itself is upscale and urbane, but brunch at Paramour is especially exciting, featuring a stacked roster of drag queens.

GO TWO-STEPPING AT JOHN T. FLOORE'S COUNTRY STORE

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Take the whole family to see some good old-fashioned country music at Floore's. This place has been open for about 75 years, and in that time every single legend of country music has sang here. Make sure everyone knows how to two-step by the end of the night -- including yourself -- or you've failed.

DANCE YOUR BOOTS OFF COWBOYS DANCE HALL

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The beer is cold and dressed, the boots are shining, and the music is loud at this dance hall. If you've ever wondered if actual dancing (the Kevin Bacon-in-Footloose kind) is still alive and well, look no further than Cowboys. Couples young and old, twist, spin and twirl their way around this dance hall -- that's not to say things don't take a raunchier turn every now then. Cowboys also occasionally turns into a rodeo (the place is cavernous) and there's nothing more quintessentially Texan than watching the rodeo, listening to Pat Green, and dancing with your sweetheart all in one place.

DRINK OVER THE RIVER AT VIVA TACOLAND

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There is no better place to look out over the river and drink relatively cheap brews than Viva Tacoland. There's always a good breeze, with live music most of the time as well, and (as you'd expect) the tacos are pretty good. The graffiti is on point, too, so if you or your friends are Insta-famous (or aspiring to be), this is a perfect place to take some good snaps.

COOL OFF AT SAN PEDRO SPRINGS PARK POOL

Free

Let San Pedro Pool be the antidote to your hellish summertime sadness. It's free, it's cold, it's laid-back -- it's the best swimming pool in San Antonio, bar none. Take plenty of towels, books, and tubes of sunscreen, and avoid the (well-deserved) crowds by showing up around 3pm on a weekday.

BUMP AND GRIND ON ST. MARY'S STRIP

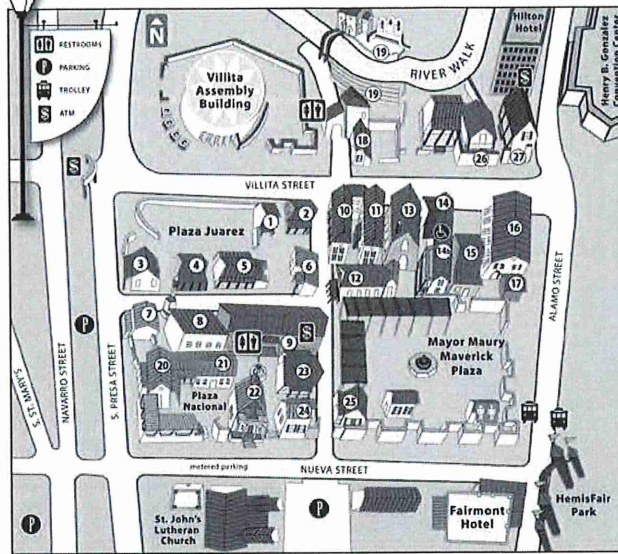
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If you're dying for some younger crowds, but you're not looking to pay exorbitant amounts of money, the St. Mary's Strip is where you need to be. Home to Hi-Tones, Paper Tiger, and The Mix, there's plenty to do and plenty to see; start with a couple of tallboys at Hi-Tones, progress to mixed drinks at The Mix, and end the night with live music at Paper Tiger.

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- 6 **Casa Manos Alegres** – Gift and souvenir shop specializing in Day of the Dead artwork, Oaxacan woodcarvings, tin items, handmade folk art and creatures of all sorts and sizes. Est. 1971. 210.224.5107 | lb.casamano.com
- 7 **Originals Jewelry & Gifts** – Unique gallery of gemstones, fossils, jewelry, semi-precious beads, pearls, gifts and more. 210.226.8008 | originalstexas.com
- 8 **Village Weavers** – Handwoven and handmade clothing, rugs and tapestries. Gift items from local and international weavers. Home and fashion accessories. 210.222.0776 | villageweavers.com
- 10 **Village Gallery** – The Potter's Gallery – 38 years in La Villita. Pottery by master potter Walt Glass. Regional crafts. Custom orders welcomed. Member of San Antonio Potters Guild. 210.226.0044 | waltglasspottery.net
- 11 **Copper Gallery** – Featuring one-of-a-kind hand-hammered copper art, finished in natural patina, for over 60 years. Copper sinks, bowls, vases and more. 210.271.3856 | thecoppergallery.com
- 12 **Starving Artist Art Gallery** – Features the original work of over 20 artists and craftsmen. Unique gift items such as jewelry, pottery, wood crafts, decorative metalwork, and much more. 210.226.3593
- 14 **River Art Gallery** – 300 Area artists and fine craftsmen exhibit and display their artwork in oil, acrylics, watercolor, art photography, wood crafts, jewelry, glass, fiber, pottery and sculptures. 210.226.8752 | rivergroup.com
- 14b **Debra Benditz Art Studios** – Original art and working studio of Debra Benditz. 512.588.2606 | debraenditz.com

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RESTAURANTS & CANTINAS

- 9 **La Villita Café** – Fresh sandwiches, wraps and fresh fruit. Great desserts, ice cream and coffee. Open daily from 10 am to 6 pm. 210.223.4700.
- 16 **Guadalajara Grill** – Serving authentic Mexican, Tex-Mex favorites, burgers and steaks. Lunch and dinner. Full bar. 210.222.1992 | guadalajagrill.com
- 26 **Fig Tree Restaurant** – Simple elegance. Patio dining just steps from the River Walk. Our famous continental cuisine includes: lobster, Beef Wellington and rack of lamb. 210.224.1976 | figtreerestaurant.com
- 27 **Little Rheln Steak House** – Rustic charm and patio dining. Tantalizing appetizers. Entrees include: Steaks, lamb chops and seafood. 210.225.2111 | littlerhelnsteakhouse.com

SPECIAL VENUES

- 13 **Little Church of La Villita** – An ideal setting for weddings, baptisms and Quinceañeras. 210.226.3593
 - 18 **Cos House** – Historic facility includes indoor and outdoor courtyard available for private functions. 210.207.8614
 - 19 **Arneson River Theatre** – A unique and picturesque amphitheatre for dance or musical performances, can seat 800 people. Located on the banks of the San Antonio River. 210.207.8614
- Historic Plazas – For Plaza Juarez, Nacional or Maverick rentals call 210.207.8614

- 15 **Monte Wade Fine Art Gallery** – Original paintings, pottery, Indian jewelry, sculpture, Southwest accessories, and designs. 210.222.8838 | montewadefinearts.com
 - 16 **Mustang Grey's** – A distinct blend of Texas clothing, hats, art, leather and western memorabilia. 210.222.1894
 - 17 **Alice Knight** – Multimedia gallery of the artist. Paintings and drawings, matted prints. Unique handcrafts, handmade paper pottery, jewelry and original music. 210.226.7220 | alicenight.com
 - 20 **Galleria II** – Local artists featuring original watercolors, acrylics, oils, handmade and wheel thrown pottery, mesquite bowls and glass art. See artist at work. 210.227.0527
 - 21 **Scentchips USA** – Scentchips, the original fragrance melt. Hand crafted since 1979. Tour our factory and create your own fragrance blend! 210.223.2267 | scentchipsusa.com
 - 22 **Nueva Street Gallery** – Studio of Susan Carlin and contemporary art by Texas artists. Works in oil, watercolor, photography, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and prints of original artworks. 210.229.9810 | nuevastreetgallery.com
 - 23 **Little Studio Gallery** – Founded over 40 years ago. Dedicated to supporting local artists. Original artwork, sculpture and jewelry. Oils, watercolors, acrylics, collages and much more. 210.227.8893
 - 24 **Found** – Eclectic mix of art and antiques from 19th century to contemporary. Includes ceramics, paintings, mixed media, sculpture, and textiles. 210.224.2484
 - 25 **Artistic Endeavors** – This art shop has a vibrant selection of original art, San Antonio posters, fine art prints and offers custom framing. 210.222.2497 | artend.com
- This site is accessible and specified shops are usable for people with disabilities.

Shops at
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SHOP DAILY
 Mon. thru Sat. 10 am to 6 pm | Sunday hours vary
 210.207.8614 | lavillita.com
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- A** Centro de Artes
 B Produce Row Shops
 C La Margarita Restaurant
 D El Mercado Shops
 E Viva Villa & Shops
F Mi Tierra Café & Bakery
 G Farmer's Market Shops & Café's
 P Parking
 B SWell Cycle
 VIA Bus Stop
 Restroom

