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

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The Bay Area has long been ramen-obsessed. Of all the region’s culinary trends and foodie fanaticism, nothing seems to spark longer wait lists and eater-on-a-mission car rides than those steaming hot bowls of noodles in exquisitely rendered broth.

Though local diners’ love of ramen knows no season, with fall in the air and chillier weather afoot, we’ve re-visited and updated this list of standout ramen spots on the Peninsula.

**RAMEN DOJO**

If you live in the Bay Area and/or love ramen (and chances of the latter increase with the former), you’ve most likely heard of Ramen Dojo in San Mateo and its long lines. It’s one of the most well-known ramen shops on this list, with diners driving in from San Francisco, San Leandro and all over the Bay Area for the restaurant’s rich flavorful broth. Their ramen comes in pork, garlic pork, pork miso and garlic miso pork soup base options. It’s topped abundantly with two pieces of pork, shredded chicken, fried whole

**Epic (and eclectic) bowls of delicious noodles that rise above the ramen rabble**

BY CHRISTINE LEE AND ASHLEY WANG

Above: Toppings on Ramen Dojo’s garlic pork ramen include slices of pork and a quail egg. Courtesy Yelp. Top: Ramen Seas serves ramen in a light, savory broth full of rich shellfish flavor and topped with plenty of seafood. Courtesy Ramen Seas website.
garlic, kikurage mushroom, chives and — love it or hate it — quail egg, instead of the more common soft-boiled egg. Yes, it’s a slightly innovative take on traditional ramen and makes for a colorful, vibrant, carefully curated dish.

The Banbanji ramen, with a sesame pork broth, comes with the standard toppings, minus the pork. And for a vegetarian option, there’s the creamy corn ramen.

Ramen Dojo’s noodles are on the thicker side and cooked al-dente, which helps balance out the strong flavor of the broth. Chashu slices are generous, juicy and perfectly smoked, with a simple flavor.

Be careful when you’re selecting the spice level — here, the extra spicy is actually extra spicy, and you might get a kick you weren’t expecting.

Ramen Dojo, 805 S. B St., San Mateo; 650-401-6568. ramendojo-sanmateo.com.

RAMEN NAGI

If you’re looking for a quick, no-wait ramen stop, Ramen Nagi might not be your best bet. Since its opening, the restaurant has drawn epic interest and round-the-clock lines that reflect its game-changing role in the Palo Alto ramen scene. In fact, this location is the Tokyo-based chain’s first-ever venture into the U.S. market, and their ramen is living up to the hype.

Customers can choose from four broths, dubbed “kings”: original (tonkotsu), black (squid ink), red (red miso and red chili paste) and green (with basil, parmesan and olive oil). Each bowl starts with the tonkotsu as its base. The pork broth is cooked for more than 20 hours.

Also notable is Ramen Nagi’s vegetarian ramen — the broth is made from cauliflower, onions, milk and garlic.

Ramen Nagi, 541 Bryant St., Palo Alto; ramennagiusa.com.

HOKKAIDO RAMEN SANTOUKA

A cute little stand located inside San Jose’s Mitsuwa Marketplace, Hokkaido Ramen Santouka is your classic, international ramen chain staple. But don’t brush off this location for being another bland food court disaster just yet: The spicy miso and shiso ramens boast perfectly seasoned broths and the most tender, melt-in-your-mouth chashu. Plus you can’t miss out on dessert.

Hokkaido Ramen Santouka, 675 Saratoga Ave., San Jose; 408-446-1101. santouka.co.jp.

RAMEN PARLOR

If you’re into seafood like us, then you may want to set your sights on Ramen Parlor, whose famous lobster garlic ramen is always worth the trip and something you won’t find anywhere else in the area. It comes loaded with soft shell crab, spinach and quail egg. The broth is bold and the lobster creates a deeper, saltier flavor. Other seafaring bowls include the crab spicy miso ramen and shrimp curry ramen.

Not into seafood? There are plenty of other options. You can choose from three ramen categories — classic, parlor and house specialty — each of which offers different ramen broth (pork, miso, garlic, soy sauce).


RAMEN IZAKAYA YU-GEN

With a great interior and lively atmosphere, Yu-Gen has been a key location in the Peninsula’s ramen scene outside of San Mateo for a while now. The restaurant’s tonkotsu “deluxe” ramen is a local mainstay and worth coming back for again and again. There’s also a chicken paitan ramen, served with a five-spice quarter chicken, as well as a mixed vegetable ramen for non-carnivores.

Delve into Yu-Gen’s menu for pre-ramen eats, such as the takoyaki (octopus dumpling balls) and chicken karaage, and round out the meal with one of the many sake options.


HIMAWARI-TEI

At first glance, Himawari might resemble a jazz bar more than a ramen restaurant: Vinyl record covers line the walls, with high stools and sophisticated industrial lights making for a great place to catch up with friends over ramen and beer.

The line isn’t too bad as long as you avoid peak hours. The menu is a long list of familiar dishes: soy ramen, shio ramen, miso ramen and deluxe ramen, plus appetizers such as agedashi tofu, gyoza and edamame. Himawari’s light broth and time-tested favorites satisfy both ramen fanatics and newbies.

Don’t forget to order the massive, crispy-on-the-outside, tender-in-the-inside chicken karaage.

Himawari-Tei, 202 2nd Ave., San Mateo; 650-375-1005.

RAMEN SEAS

Unlike tonkotsu or even shoyu, seafood ramen can be a rather hit or miss affair on the Peninsula. But fear not — for seafood ramen that is both delicious and dependable, we point you to Ramen Seas.

The Sunnyvale restaurant’s main seafood broth — the defining factor of good ramen — is light, savory and full of rich shellfish flavor. Other options include clam (our favorite) and miso-clam ramen.

For something more unconventional (and vegan!), check out the ramen salad.


—Additional reporting by Heather Zimmerman
Palito, 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 Caña da 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; hannahousestours.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 hannahhousestours@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.

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.

Museums, gardens, tech landmarks

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 the center are not available. The Ames Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 398 Moffett Blvd./NASA Parkway, Mountain View; 650-604-5000; nasa.gov/ames/visit-ames-research-center/

KIDS

Junior Museum and Zoo: The facility is home to 300 animals. 1451 Middlefield Road. For tickets, hours and programs, call 650-329-2111, or go to bit.ly/MuseumAndZoo.
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Palo Alto Players: works from Broadway, off-Broadway | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. **Now playing:** Misery - The Play (Jan. 19 - Feb. 4), Gala: The Greatest Show (April 6), The Music Man (April 26 - May 12) paplayers.org, 650-329-0891.

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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:** The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Nov. 29 - Dec. 24), August Wilson’s How I Learned What I Learned (Jan. 17 - Feb. 11) theatreworks.org, 650-463-1960.

West Bay Opera: Palo Alto’s own opera company | Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road. wbopera.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 | thepear.org, 650-254-1148.

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


Foothill Music Theater: Live theater performances | 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.

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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. 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: Chinquapin Trail (create a 7-mile loop by using Dean and Crystal Springs trails); Chickadee and Redwood Nature trails, which are 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...
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 by 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
Sam McDonald Park contains about 400 acres of redwood forest and connects to Pescadero Creek 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. 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. 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. 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
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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.
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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 by Marriott Palo Alto
2. Aloft Mountain View
3. The Ameswell Hotel
4. Avante, a JDV by Hyatt Hotel
5. The Clement Hotel
6. Courtyard by Marriott
7. Creekside Inn
8. Crowne Plaza Cabana
9. Dinah’s Garden Hotel
10. el PRADO Hotel
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16. Homewood Suites by Hilton Palo Alto
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22. The Nest Hotel
23. Nobu Hotel Palo Alto
24. Residence Inn by Marriott — Palo Alto Los Altos
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30. Stanford Park Hotel
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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.

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, baylandsgolflinks.com.

Those with a Stanford connection (alumni or parents) can play at the Stanford Golf Course, located at 91 Links 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, shelinelinks.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 wanting 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 (shorinelake.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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My alcoholic beverage preferences tend to be very hyper-focused for a period of time. In 2022 I sought out every tiki bar that I could find in the Bay Area and beyond. As the calendar turned to 2023, I was ready for a new tipple.

Instead of the festive, sweet, rum-filled drinks served in ornate and gaudy tiki mugs, I sought out the stripped-down classic served in a simple glass chalice.

My mixology mission has been to find the best martinis on the Peninsula. My usual order is gin-based and served up, but for this quest I opened the parameters slightly to taste the best version according to local purveyors.

Like many classic cocktails, there is no definitive answer as to who invented the martini or where it originated. It appears the cocktail emerged sometime during the late 1800s and may have been a riff on the classic Martinez.

The martini was originally a gin drink until the 1950s, when vodka became widely distributed in the United States. Over the years, the martini moniker has expanded to include an array of cocktails such as the dirty martini, Gibson martini, espresso martini, appletini, Cosmopolitan and more!

There is no shortage of interesting and delicious cocktails being served on the Peninsula, but where can you find the best martinis? Here are some of my favorites:

**THE BAY AREA INSTITUTION**

Original Joe’s began in 1937 as a 14-stool counter on a sawdust-covered floor at 144 Taylor St. in San Francisco’s Tenderloin. Original Joe’s Westlake opened in Daly City in 1956 and serves up classic Italian American fare along with some well-crafted cocktails.

I visited on an inauspicious weeknight and the bar was packed. One of the first impressions anyone will make when visiting Original Joe’s is the eclectic crowd. The bar area was beaming with energy and people of every walk of life. Luckily, I was able to grab the last open seat and take it all in.

Joe’s Martini is a classic take with Sipsmith Gin, dry vermouth and blue cheese-stuffed olives. The ratio was more heavily in favor of the gin than I was expecting, but no complaints from me. Overall, it was a very familiar and tasty martini enjoyed in a loud and joyous atmosphere. Plus it pairs well with all the incredible Italian fare on the menu. I’m partial to the meatballs.

**The Wave, Jettywave martini served at Jettywave Distillery in Half Moon Bay.**

**5 Peninsula spots to shake up your cocktail hour**

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**STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEVIN ROBERTS**

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THE SOUTH CITY DIVE BAR

The StandBy is a casual local bar that caters to nearby residents along with the biotech crowd that commutes into South San Francisco. The current iteration has been around for nearly 14 years and boasts an impressive lineup of cocktails, wine and craft beer.

One of the most impressive features of The StandBy is that they make all of their juices and syrups fresh in house, according to bar manager Blue Romero. The house-made cocktails are distinguished and include the Martini Proper, a beautifully simple martini made with Hendricks Gin and vermouth rinse and garnished with a single olive.

The StandBy, 935 Airport Blvd., South San Francisco; 650-588-8300, Instagram: @thestandby.

THE SILICON VALLEY STEAKHOUSE

Sundance the Steakhouse is a dimly lit bar and dining room found on El Camino Real in Palo Alto. Sundance first opened in Palo Alto in 1974 as Sundance Mining Co. and has made lists of best steakhouses in America in years past. The bar area was full when I arrived on a Monday night, but I was able to grab a single seat available at the end of the mahogany bar. Surprisingly, there isn’t a classic martini on the menu but there is a martini section.

Bartender Brandon Smith suggested the popular Lavender Bee’s Knees. It is a far stretch from a tradition- al interpretation, but I love Empress Gin so I decided to give it a try. In addition to Empress 1908 Gin, this cock- tail includes fresh lemon juice, honey syrup, and a dash of lavender bitters and is served with a lemon twist garnish. While this is a delicious and approachable cocktail, it wasn’t scratching my martini itch so I asked for another suggestion. The bartender proposed a vodka martini made with Belvedere Single Estate Rye Smogory Forest Vodka and vermouth, served with two housemade Roquefort stuffed olives. This was truly a smooth and flavorful drink that made me rethink my gin bias.

Sundance the Steakhouse, 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 650-321-6798, Instagram: @sundancethesteakhouse.

THE COASTAL DISTILLERY

Located in Pillar Point Harbor, Jettywave is a coastal distillery that proclaims to bottle the modern Northern California coastal life. The distillery serves its spirits in an outdoor area with two bars and a decidedly laid-back vibe. The ocean-themed cocktails are interesting takes on the classics along with some originals. The open air and contemporary ambiance made this a stark contrast from the other locations on this list, whose aesthetics veer more toward dark and vintage. I visited on a typically overcast Pacific Coast afternoon and was greeted with live music and a friendly welcome from bartender Nicole Lyon.

The martini option here was in the form of the Wave, Jettywave, their take on a classic Vesper martini using inverted portions of their Offshore Vodka and CA Botanical Gin along with a spray of bergamot and lemon twist. The inverted portions make this a super smooth and refreshing cocktail experience, fitting of the fresh ocean air.

Jettywave Distillery, 155 Broadway, Half Moon Bay; 650-291-8835, Instagram: @jettywavehmb.

THE MARTINI MECCA

Selby’s is located on the corner of Selby Lane and El Camino Real in the town of Atherton (although the address is technically Redwood City) and celebrates classic American continental cuisine. This destination-worthy restaurant exudes old-school cool and feels like a location for grand celebrations. The bar area is exceptionally ornate and offers open seating. I was able to grab a seat right away and opened a tome of alcoholic beverages. Much of it was filled with wine, but there is a page devoted to cocktails. Ice-cold martinis are the focus of Selby’s cocktail program and they claim to serve “the coldest martini on the West Coast.”

Bar manager Lawrence Aljentera suggested the Vesper martini. This was a drink invented by author Ian Fleming in “Casino Royale” and the first of his works to feature James Bond. It is a bold and beautiful cocktail consisting of Monkey 47 Gin, Wheatley Vodka and Lillet Blanc and served with a lemon peel. It is a prebatched cocktail and truly served ice cold. The Vesper was so good that I opted for the other “coldest martini,” named simply Dukes, with Roku Gin and dry vermouth and served with two olives. Since this is the martini mecca, I needed to try one more and saved the best for last: The Ford. This mind-melting martini consists of Hendrick’s Gin, dry vermouth, orange bitters and benedictine.

Overall, Selby’s is undoubtedly the reigning king when it comes to martinis on the Peninsula, and I would suggest everyone try it at least once. As for me, I’m taking a break on martinis for a while. I thoroughly enjoyed every one of these delicious drinks, but I’m on to the next beverage quest. I hear an old fashioned calling my name!

Selby’s, 3001 El Camino Real, Redwood City; 650-546-7700, Instagram: @selbysrestaurant.
Stanford University is one of the largest and most beautiful campuses in the country and deserves a visit regardless of the reason for your stay in the area.

**CAMPUS TOURS**

Free 90-minute, student-led walking tours of the 8,180-acre campus cover nearly all the central areas along an accessible 2-mile path. For more information, go to stanford.io/3htj73y.

If you are short on time, the formal and most dramatic entrance is from Palm Drive, which approaches the Oval, the Main Quad and Memorial Church from the east and downtown Palo Alto.

**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. Open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, go to hoover.org/library-archives/visit.

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.

**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.

**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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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 local eateries, including those voted the best in their cities for Embarcadero Media's annual readers' choice contest, Best Of.

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<td>3130 Alpine Rd #290, Portola Valley 650-851-3997</td>
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