

THE 'HOOD

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Coco's Variety owner Peter Vermeren recommends...

Salazar executive chef Jonathan Aviles recommends...



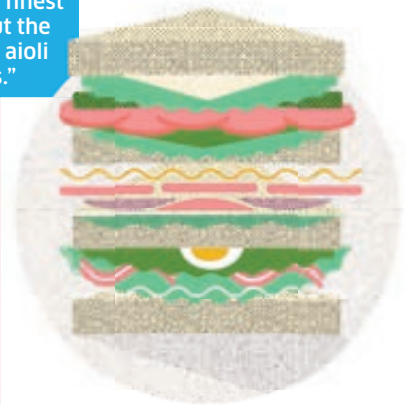
"Frogtown Brewery is a fun place to hang out on the weekends. Frogtown is a really small community, so it's great to have other like-minded businesses in the neighborhood."

Frogtown Brewery co-owners and brewers Adam Kestel and Mike Voss recommend...

"We love Coco's Variety bike shop—friendly service and gorgeous vintage and new bicycles. Rent one by the hour and cruise on the LA River Bike Path."

"Work up an appetite on the bike path, and then have LA's favorite new tacos and restorative margaritas at Salazar."

"Peter and Lauren of Wax Paper make some of the finest handcrafted sandwiches in Los Angeles. Check out the Ira Glass—avocado, cheddar, cucumber, and garlic aioli on bread from cult bakery Bub and Grandma's."



Wax Paper co-owner Lauren Lemos recommends...

Frogtown, LA

A hopping 'hood down by the river

Officially known as Elysian Valley, Frogtown—which earned its nickname from the Western toads that once climbed up from the adjacent LA River—has seen its profile rise over the last decade, thanks in part to artists such as Shepard Fairey and Thomas Houseago opening studios here. Today, it's home to an annual art walk, a popular bike path, and a hip music venue, Zebulon, transplanted from Brooklyn. Here, a few locals take us for a spin around one of LA's bike-friendliest 'hoods.



Salvare Goods co-owner Selina Becker recommends...



"I love Salvare Goods. You know that once-in-a-lifetime piece you found in an antique shop on the cross-country road trip you took? Selina Becker and her husband, Seth Meisterman, hunt those pieces down and fill their little space on Riverside Drive with pure design magic."

Spoke Bicycle Café co-owner Laurie Winston recommends...



Left Bank co-owner Jacqueline Goodman-Lean recommends...

"The Left Bank is a great place to find one-of-a-kind vintage clothes and home furnishings. Jackie Goodman-Lean is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. She tells the best stories and scores some seriously amazing vintage finds."



"Spoke Bicycle Café is located on North Coolidge Avenue, directly on the bike path. You can rent bikes and grab a bite while enjoying a local coffee or beer."