

# Whatever your tastes, Eugene is the place

■ Eugene features a wide range of dining options for tastes and budgets of all kinds

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This weekend's activities are sure to rouse the hunger of students and their visiting families. When mealtime arrives, remember that visitors aren't limited to the fast-food joints surrounding the campus area. The Eugene area offers culinary choices for every taste, from vegetarian to the traditional meat-and-potatoes fare.

Eugene is home to many upscale restaurants, several of which are located downtown. Although expensive, the food is usually excellent in quality and well worth the cost.

Visitors who want fresh grilled seafood, meat and poultry can try Adam's Place. Located at 30 E. Broadway Ave., this is a favorite establishment of Allan Peterson, head chef at the Town Club restaurant.

"It's mostly upscale, fine cuisine. The menu changes quite a bit. The best thing to eat depends on what's available that day," said Peterson.

Pre-business major Mike Spangenberg is also a fan of Adam's Place.

"It's an expensive restaurant, but you pay for the quality," he said. "They have a lot of different kinds of food there, as well as really good service."

For a diverse menu including Mediterranean, Greek, East Indian, Mexican and Northwest cuisines,

try Café Zenon at 898 Pearl St. "They have a good atmosphere and great food," said sophomore Garrett Roberts. "I particularly liked their stuffed Portabella mushrooms."

For a juicy steak try The Oregon Electric Station, located at 27 E. 5th St.

Like Italian? Head to Ambrosia Restaurant & Bar, at 174 E. Broadway Ave.

Eugene also offers choices for those who want good food without high prices. Chain restaurants such as the Outback Steakhouse, Red Robin and the newly-opened Chilis will be open through the weekend.

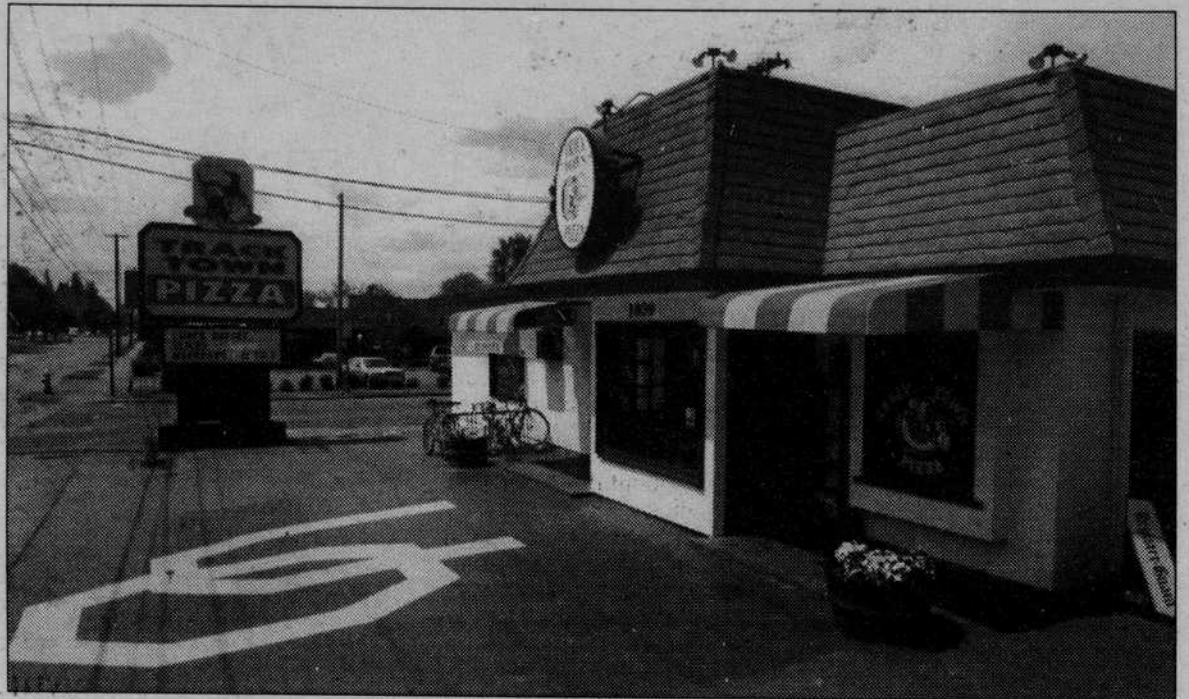
"I like Red Robin because they have unlimited steak fries," said freshman Kara McManus.

Track athlete Jake Garlick is also a fan of Red Robin. "I liked their chicken sandwich," he said.

Want something a little more exotic? Lovers of Mexican food can find many places to dine in the area. Peterson's favorite Mexican restaurant is Tio Pepe, located at 1041 River Rd.

"They have good chili verde, and the chili Colorado is good, too," said Peterson, who also recommended Tio Pepe's tasty nachos.

Several Mexican restaurants are located near the University, including the popular Mission Mexican Restaurant on Franklin Boulevard. Visitors wanting to leave campus might also try Hilda's Latin American Restaurant on Fourth Avenue and Blair Street.



Track Town Pizza, on Franklin Boulevard just east of campus, is one of many pizza places surrounding the University. However, Eugene offers a wide range of culinary experiences, with cuisine available for even the pickiest eater's palate.

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Or, try the Mucho Gusto Mexican Grill, which recently opened in Oakway Center on Coburg Road.

Those harboring a craving for pizza have many different options to choose from in Eugene. The University area has a glut of pizza restaurants, including the popular Pegasus Smokehouse Pizza and Track Town Pizza restaurants. Fans of Oregon athletics should check out Track Town Pizza, where the walls are covered with Oregon ath-

letics and track-related memorabilia.

McManus said she prefers to get her pizza from Sy's Pizza on Alder Street.

"They're a small, out-of-the-way place, with slices as big as my head," she said.

The West Bros. BBQ Bakery & Brewery, located at 844 Olive St., serves both BBQ and vegetarian options in an eatery conveniently

located for downtown shoppers and diners. At Chez Ray's North Beach Café, located at 44 W. 10th Avenue, Ray Sewell, former chef for the Grateful Dead, offers salmon burgers and live music.

For a quick bite, visit one of the international vendors at Saturday Market, located at 8th Avenue and Oak Streets. This open-air market whips up food choices that are as eclectic as the crafts and music which complement the meals.

## Eugene's cool sights, sounds extend beyond campus

■ From the beaches to the mountains, arts and crafts to art house movies, there's plenty for the family to do

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Rather than entertaining your loved ones at home this Family Weekend, here are some fun and interesting outings intended to satisfy the entire family.

A popular destination for weekend visitors is Spencer Butte. Eugene's highest point at 2,052 feet, the butte offers a spectacular view

of the entire city. Be prepared for a short hike to the top — this view requires a little extra work that will be worth the effort.

"There are many trails to take for varying ability," said John Webber, staff member of Eugene's Parks Planning Department. And the site is beautiful, too.

"The butte is a place that preserves the natural beauty of Eugene," said Webber.

If a car is available, head to Florence, an hour west of Eugene. Described by the Florence Chamber of Commerce as a "diverse and rich 'playground' destination," the city claims to have one of America's

"most beautiful and dramatic coastlines." If the weather's nice, lay on the beach and enjoy the rolling sand dunes. Should visitors tire of walking, they can stop by C&M Stables for a guided horseback ride along the coast.

"A lot of families come here to ride. It's good all-around recreation, and it's safe because we place everybody on a horse according to their riding ability," said Jeff Chastine, president of C&M Stables.

For a relaxing, peaceful experience, visitors can take a stroll over to the duck pond on Franklin Boulevard. University students can often be seen taking a break with

some crackers and bread in hand to feed the ducks.

Consider taking a tour of the beautiful campus. But instead of taking a guided tour, students should consider giving visitors a taste of the city.

On Saturday, stop by the Saturday Market, the oldest weekly open-air crafts festival in the United States, at Eighth Avenue and Oak Street in downtown Eugene. Knickknacks and crafts can be purchased here while listening to great live music and eating delicious food.

In the evening, take a walk down 13th Avenue to catch a flick at the

Bijou Art Cinemas. Formerly a church, this Spanish Mission-style building, located four blocks west of the University, was designed by the first dean of the University's School of Architecture in 1925. This theater offers a wide array of films, both mainstream and alternative.

"The prices are reasonable. The building is really cute, and you will see movies intended to appeal to the more intelligent public," says Josh Hendrickson a Bijou staff member.

Keep these suggestions in mind for a satisfying weekend in Eugene and the surrounding area.



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