

good that just about everyone eats their crust.

About a half a block north of 13th Avenue is **Claim 52**. Now, everything is good, but our advice: come for the kolsch and stay for the unique Thicc gose beers and food. For the uninitiated on Claim 52's Thicc series, it's a gose-style wheat beer with a puree of some sort, but it's best summed up as a smoothie mixed with a beer. The Thicc mixes various flavors, creating beers that taste like s'mores, rocket pops or rainbow sherbert. Of course drinking all that kolsch and Thicc beer means you need some food in your stomach. The menu ranges from a pretzel that'll make an old mall rat miss their younger days to bahn mi sandwiches and tacos.

On your way to Eugene, maybe you heard that psilocybin (you know, magic mushrooms) will soon be legal. These magic mushrooms will only be legal in therapeutic settings, but you can at least get a digital Mario mushroom at **Level Up Arcade**. Level Up has a full bar and a ton of beer on tap and a ton of video games. But this place differs than the Whiteaker's **Blairally** or Big City Gamin'. Level Up has some pinball options but more modern arcade games, such as *Star Wars*, *Guitar Hero*, *MarioKart* multiplayer — and more.

If you're looking for an easygoing place to nerd out on beer, head to **16 Tons Beer and Wine**. The shop maintains a diverse tap selection, offering beers from sours to IPAs to stouts, as well as ciders. And its taplist likely has drinks coming from breweries in the region that you've never heard of, so it's the perfect place to post new discoveries to your friends on social media apps, like the beer-centric UnTappd.

*Hot Mama's Wings, 420 W. 13th Avenue; HotMamasWings.com. Cafe Soriah, 387 W. 13th Avenue; Soriah.com. Claim 52 Brewing, 1203 Willamette Street; Claim52Brewing.com. Level Up Arcade, 1290 Oak Street; LevelUpArcade.com. 16 Tons, 265 E. 13th Avenue.*



### ColdFire Brewing Company, food carts and history

After an afternoon run along Eugene's riverfront trail, a scenic pathway that includes the Willamette River and the **Owen Rose Garden**, you've got to replenish your body's carbs. So head over to **ColdFire Brewing Company** for

locally made beer and food. ColdFire's tap line has some favorite types of beer — IPAs, kolschs and pale ales — as well as more niche offerings — sours and gooses.

But the food cart scene at ColdFire is home to some of Eugene's hottest kitchens. ColdFire's food scene includes fried chicken and West Indian food from **Yardy Eugene** (voted as *EW's* Best New Restaurant in 2021), mouth-watering barbecue meats and sandwiches from **Paper Plate BBQ** and locally sourced Japanese cuisine from **Yabai Nikkei**. All of the food carts' menus are subject to change based on availability, but there's something for everyone here.

With a full belly of food and beer, take a stroll to the historic **Shelton McMurphey Johnson House Museum**, a Victorian era house built near Skinner Butte. Through October, the museum has an exhibit called *Track Before TrackTown*, featuring memorabilia from local track coach John Gillespie, Olympian Annette Peters and photos from the sport before 1975. After perusing the museum, go on a short hike up Skinner Butte for a landscape view of Eugene's metro area.

And to get a sobering look at Eugene's history — before it was TrackTown — visit **The Mims House**. It's the Eugene Springfield NAACP headquarters, but during segregation, the Mims family, who owned the building, offered it as a hotel for Black people traveling through town, when no other hotel in Eugene would. If you want more insight into Eugene's history, download the **Strides for Social Justice** app, developed by PeaceHealth and Eugene Marathon, to guide your walking tour of this area of Eugene.

*ColdFire Brewing Company, 263 Mill Street; ColdFireBrewing.com for food cart hours. Shelton McMurphey Johnson House Museum, 303 Willamette Street; SMJHouse.org. The Mims House, 330 High Street.*

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