

☞ Dining Suggestions ☞

LUNCH:

On Campus (These are only open Monday to Friday)

CHANDLER CAFÉ

M-F, 7am – 10:30am, 11am – 2pm, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Main Cafeteria on Campus - Better than most cafeterias (but it is one).

Includes: Mongolian BBQ, Wood Fired Pizza, Pasta Bar, Sandwiches, Grill, Salad bar.

AVERY BISTRO

Another Campus Cafeteria, but it's much smaller and more specialized - can be quite good.

Has: Chinese Specials, Japanese-style box lunches, Indian plates, Soups, Salad bar.

M-F, 11:30am – 1:30pm

RED DOOR CAFÉ

Coffee and other drinks, some pre-made sandwiches, cookies, scones, etc..

M-F, 7:45am – 6:00pm

Near Campus:

BAJA FRESH

899 E. Del Mar Blvd. (at the intersection with Lake Ave), 792-0446,

\$5 to 7--Truly fresh and natural burritos, tacos, taquitos. Fast self-service, but packs a crowd.

Some of the best burritos around.

PRIMO GOURMET ITALIAN DELI -

350 S. Lake Avenue (North of San Pasqual and south of Del Mar), 795-4749,

\$6-8--Hot entrees, sandwiches, and salads in a cafe setting. Nothing special. Indoor and outdoor eating.

WILD OATS -

Intersection of California and Lake, 792-1778,

\$6-10--A supermarket/deli for the health conscious. Juice bar, gourmet salad bar, espresso bar, deli counter, market.

EDDIE'S MARKET

217 S. Michigan Avenue (one block north of Del Mar), 795-2447,

\$5-6--Sandwiches made to order. Eat in the park across the street. Quick and easy.

BURGER CONTINENTAL

535S. Lake Street, between California and San Pasqual, 792-6634

\$5-9 --Enormous menu - their middle-eastern food is their strength. Huge portions. Don't be surprised to see a belly dancer at lunch.

ZONO SUSHI

Lake Street north of Del Mar.

\$5-12 (at lunch) Reliably good sushi and Japanese cuisine.

MEDITERRANEAN CAFÉ

Del Mar and Lake (located in the parking lot off of Del Mar, just east of Lake)

\$5-7 Middle-eastern food: Great chicken schwarma sandwiches!

PIE'N BURGER

913 E. California (near Lake), 795-1123

\$5-9. Just what you would expect from the name. Has been there for years.

Further from campus

KING TACO

Union Street

Excellent tacos and tortas, (but their burritos are not so good -- go to Baja Fresh for burritos).

Beware the hot sauce - it's hot!

WOLFE BURGER

46 N. Lake Street (north of Colorado), 792-7292.

Best hamburger/cheeseburger in town and the onion rings are good too.

Dinners: Pasadena Area

\$ - below 15\$ per person for a dinner

\$\$ - 15 to 30\$ per person for a dinner

\$\$\$ - more than 30\$ per person for a dinner

Old Pasadena Historic District -

Colorado and Green Streets between Arroyo Parkway on the east and Pasadena Ave. on the west. More than 70 restaurants (some of which are listed here), in addition to interesting shops, art galleries, antique stores, cinemas, jazz clubs, and book stores.

Bistro 45 -

45 S. Mentor Avenue, between Colorado and Green St., 795-2478,

\$\$\$--California-French Bistro. Particularly good seafood. Good wine list. Better for small groups.

Buca di Beppo

80 W. Green (at DeLacey) 792-7272

\$\$ -- Large portions of Italian food. Nothing special; loud décor and noisy crowd - can take large group with a reservation.

Celestino -

141 S. Lake Avenue, between Green and Cordova, west side of Lake, 795-4006,

\$\$\$--Fresh, creative, homemade Italian cuisine. Cozy, bright atmosphere.

Cheescake Factory

2 W. Colorado (near corner of Fair Oaks) 880-9323

\$\$ - Standard American Menu - Variety of passable food in huge quantities. Very rich, sinful,

and over-sized deserts. (Skip dinner - just go for the cheesecake.)

Clearwater Seafood

168 W. Colorado - at Pasadena Ave, 356-0959

\$\$ - Decent seafood.

Crocodile Cafe -

140 S. Lake Avenue (and another on Colorado in old-town), 449-9000,

\$ --California salads and pizzas. Decent burgers. Relaxed indoor and outdoor dining. It's a popular chain with many restaurants in the LA area.

Crown City Brewery -

300 S. Raymond, SE corner of Raymond and Del Mar, 577-5548,

\$--Upscale burgers and fries. Best beer in town and they brew their own!

DeLacey's Club 41 -

41 S. DeLacey Avenue, just south of Colorado, 795-4141,

\$\$ -- One of the best places to have a drink in Pasadena. Reasonable steak and chops.

Green Street -

146 S. Shoppers' Lane, just north of Cordova between Mentor and Lake, 577-7170,

\$--Salads and burgers. Indoor and outdoor dining.

Il Fornaio -

24 W. Union, between Fair Oaks and DeLacey, 683-9797,

\$\$--Part of an Italian bakery chain. Good bread (for the U.S.) and interesting decor. Pleasant outdoor patio seating can avoid the noisy crowd indoors. Service can be quite bad.

La Luna Negra -

44 W. Green St., between Fair Oaks and DeLacey, 844-4331,

\$\$--Spanish cuisine, best tapas in town (but there's no competition), fun for large groups.

Parkway Grill-

510 S. Arroyo Parkway, 795-1001

\$\$\$ -- Upscale Californian. The food can be creative and excellent, but is also highly variable. Good but pricy wine list.

Saladang -

363 So. Fair Oaks, between Del Mar and California, 793-8123,

\$\$--Best Thai food in town (including LA) and friendly service. Interesting décor (designer warehouse). Gets crowded early, but they move people through quickly - still, phone ahead.

Shiro -

1505 Mission St., South Pasadena (you have to drive), 799-4774,

\$\$\$--Excellent Franco-Japanese cuisine, with an emphasis on fish. Their signature dish is fried catfish (it's great, but only if you really like catfish).

Smitty's Grill -

110 S. Lake Avenue, between Cordova and Green St., 792-9999,

\$\$ -- Americana cuisine, steaks, mashed potatoes, cornbread, seafood, and salads.

Sorriso Trattoria -

46 E. Colorado , 793-2233,

\$\$ -- Generally tasty Italian food. Sometimes excels.

Twin Palms -

101 W. Green St., 577-2567,

\$\$- Cindy Costner's place - Country French, trendy, a place to be seen. Some nights have later-night Jazz shows.

Yujean Kang's -

67 N. Raymond, north of Colorado, 585-0855,

\$\$-- Excellent Chinese cuisine and impressive presentation. Reviewed by every major food magazine. If you go, don't miss the tea smoked duck (the main course, not the appetizer) - it's spectacular. Fun to share plates in a group so you can try their many delicacies.