

APTOS AREA RESTAURANTS

RANCH DEL MAR SHOPPING CENTER: Located directly across State Park from the Seacliff Inn, it contains a Rite Aid and a Safeway as well as a cluster of decent eating establishments:

- Erik's Deli: They are providing Saturday's box lunch. Lunch and Dinner, sandwiches, salads, soups and chili. Under \$10/person
- Sophia's: Good Mexican food also lunch and dinner under \$10/person.
- Showtime Pizza: Good pizza, unfortunately they don't deliver but call ahead and pick it up. Decent prices.
- Baskin Robbins: for that sweet craving open until 10 pm
- Aptos Coffee: Good coffee and all the expected goodies as well

APTOS CENTER: Turn left on Soquel (so-kell') and about ½ block on the left is another shopping center with the following options:

- Pacific Roasting Co.: They roast their coffee on the premises, good quality and the usual goodies to go with.
- Zameen: One of the best places to eat in Aptos and for a very moderate price. Mediterranean dishes for under \$10-\$15. Try the Saffron Chicken as either a wrap or a salad entrée with Pomegranate sauce. Tucked back in a corner, has outdoor as well as indoor seating.
- Gordo's: Cheap and good Mexican food, you can eat for under \$5.
- Heather's Patisserie: Good muffins, croissants, other yummys made right there and coffee (no espresso.) Also handmade (wonderful!) chocolates.
- Aptos Natural Foods: for all your organic vegetable, fruit and vitamin needs.

IN APTOS VILLAGE: Turn Right on Soquel and drive for less than ½ mile to Trout Gulch (a four way stop) and in the general area is:

- Café Sparrow: Upscale dinners and lunch. Has been highly rated.
- Barolo in the Bayview Hotel directly across the railroad tracks. Recently the object of a Restaurant Impossible remake to air the beginning of May.
- Aptos Real Smoked BBQ: Back to earth with cheap prices and excellent BBQ, Open from 11:30 to "til we sell out" they are open for dinner. Try the rib sandwich if you get there in time.

Before you get to Aptos Village on the left right after you cross under the railroad trestle is Britannia Arms is a real pub owned by Brits and they do Fish and Chips right.

Others close by: Bangkok West: excellent Thai food. Manual's Mexican Food with the area's best Margaritas, food is good as well. Expect to wait. Ask for directions at the front desk for these two.

Gayles: Owned by Joe Ortiz (author of "The Village Baker" the book that started the artisan bread movement) and his wife Gayle, pastry chef extraordinaire, probably the best known bakery in the whole area. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Look for their Blue Plate Specials. Excellent choice for calorie intake of all sorts. Also good coffee. Just walk through the bakery and breathe in the wonderful air! Charming environment and outdoor patio as well. Drive toward the beach on Bay St. and about a block past the 4 way stop (Nob Hill Market on the right) you will see it straight ahead of you.