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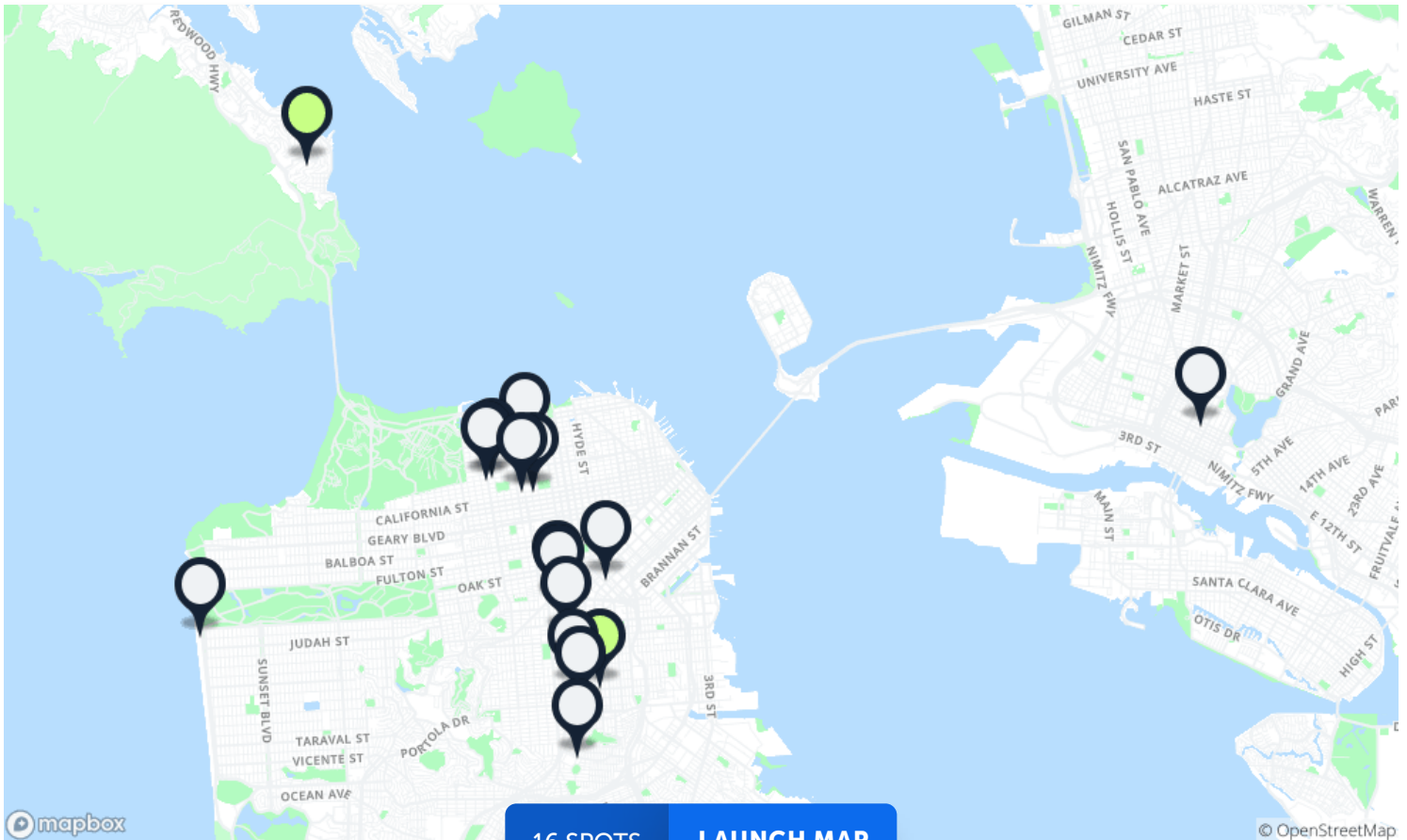


# The San Francisco Day Drinking Guide

The 16 best places for day drinking in San Francisco.



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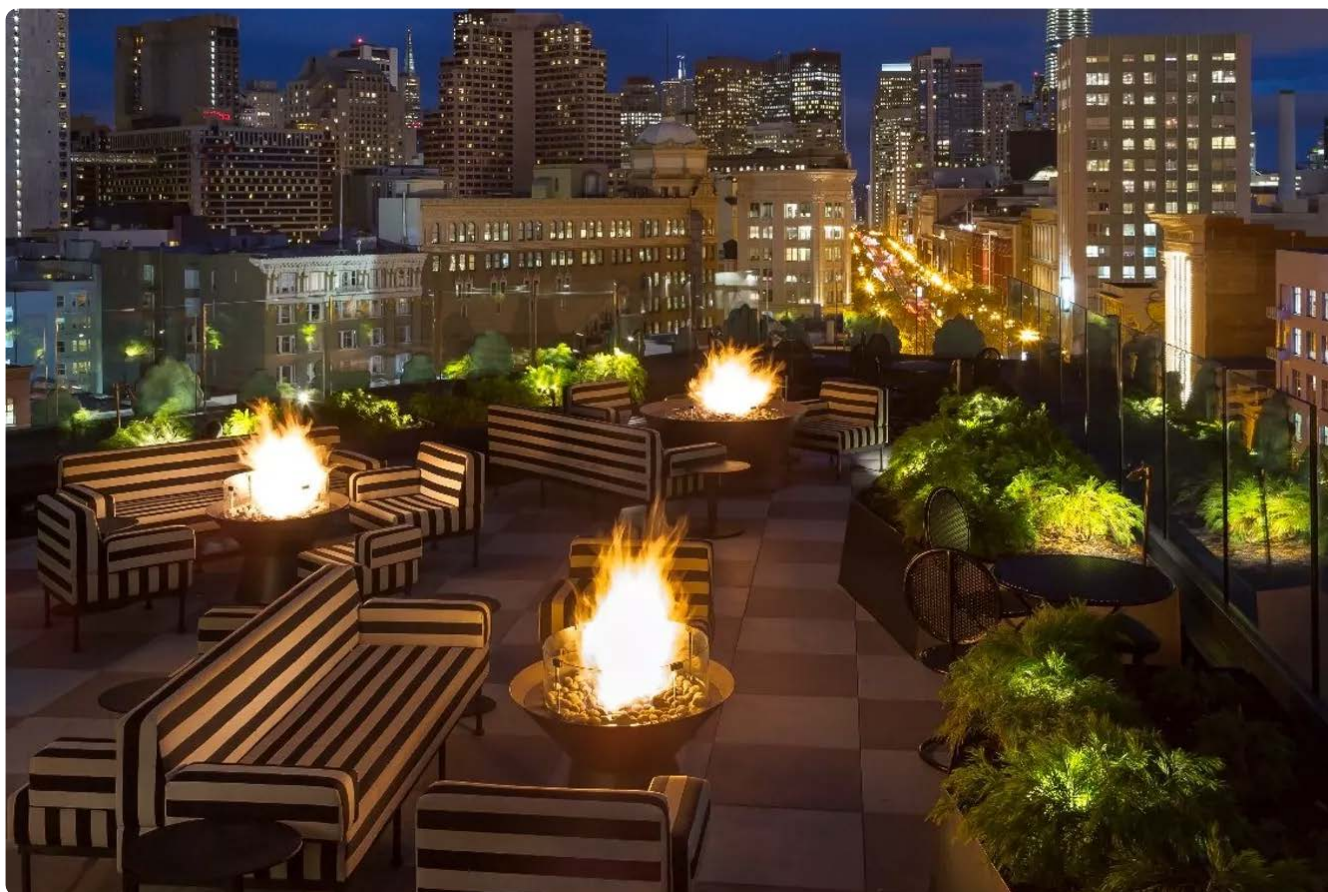
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Everyone loves to talk about the hiking and museums in San Francisco, but the best-kept secret of the Bay Area is that it's the perfect place for day drinking. On a nice day, it's usually still a degree or 17 too cold to actually enjoy the beach, but given that the sun is out, you probably won't want to spend all day inside the SFMOMA, either. Skip Mount Tam and go enjoy the best day drinking spots the city has to offer.

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## THE SPOTS



### Charmaine's

Civic Center

\$\$\$\$ 📍 45 McAllister St

When you want to drink with a view, you can (illegally) brown bag it at the top of a hill, or, to avoid almost getting hit by a scooter every two blocks, you can go to Charmaine's instead. While this place is more of a nighttime spot, the view from the Proper Hotel is just as spectacular during the day. Plus, the sun can warm you up if there are no seats by a fireplace outside. Head inside to

check out the *Alice In Wonderland* and *Mad Men*-inspired space and order a Nature Boy with passion fruit and rye at the bar while you're there.

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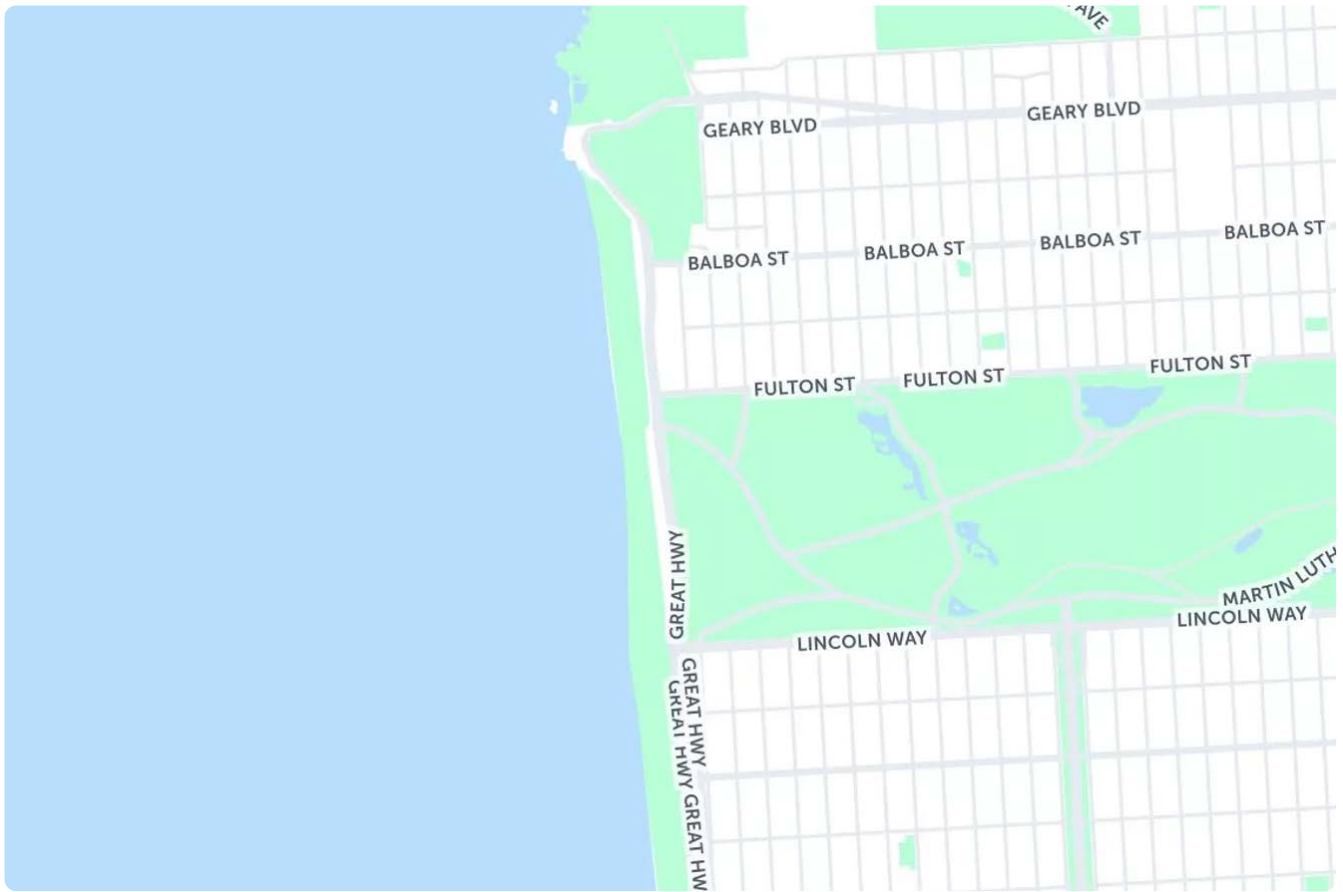
## Biergarten

Hayes Valley

\$\$\$\$ 📍 424 Octavia St

Biergarten in Hayes Valley is the kind of place you plan to go to for an hour and end up spending the whole day at. They serve a variety of German beers in either liter or half liter mugs, so once you've settled in with your crew, you won't need to head to the bar every thirty seconds for a refill. Rather you can hang out and talk about everything from your roommate's love of NASCAR t-shirts, to that awful time in middle school when you accidentally made a three pointer in the wrong team's basket. When you inevitably get hungry, they have things like pretzels and sausages to snack on, or you can head to Barcino or Souvla nearby for something more substantial.

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## Park Chalet Garden Restaurant

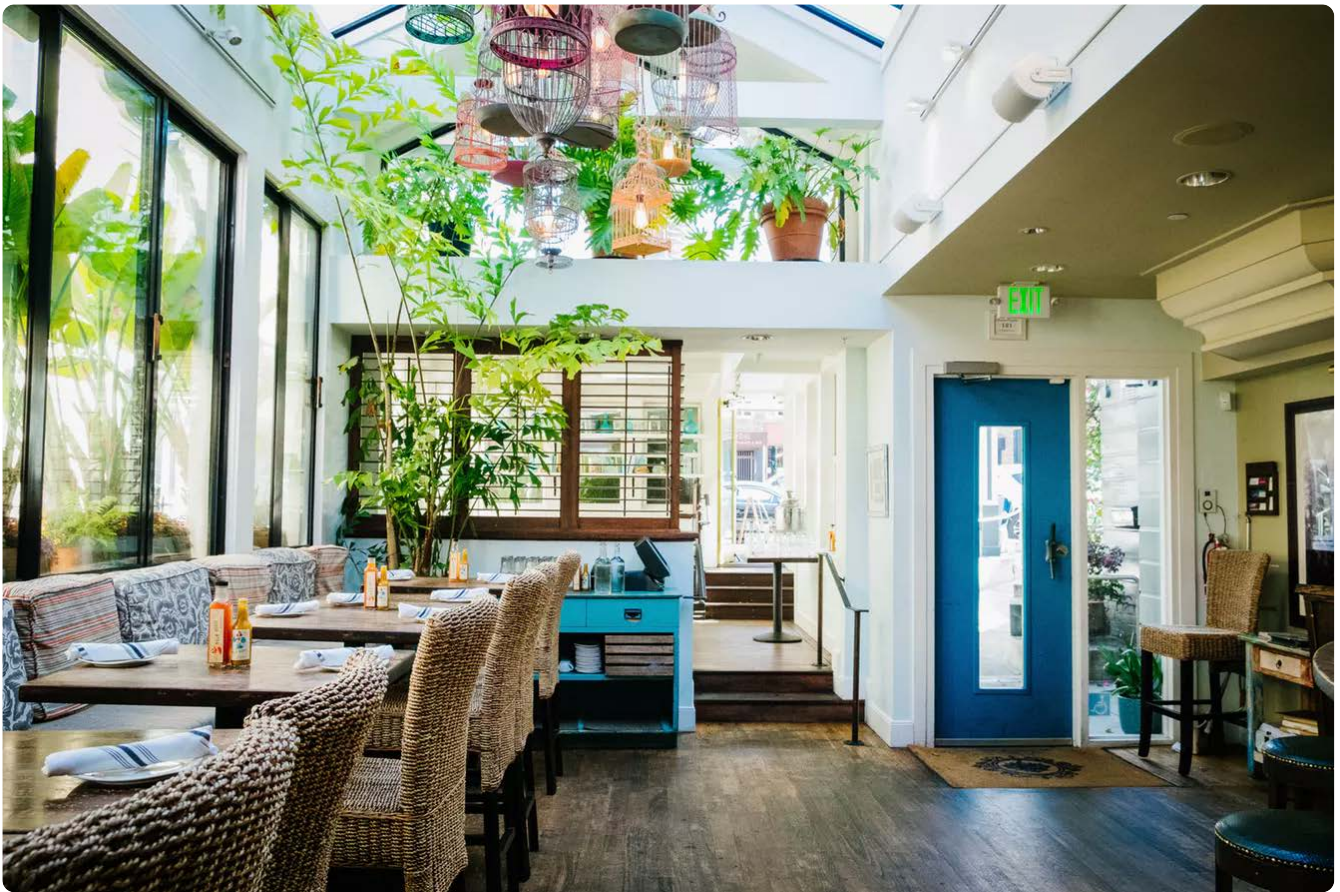
American in Richmond

\$\$\$\$ 📍 1000 Great Hwy

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When it's nice out, Park Chalet is the ideal day drinking spot. This place feels like a backyard party, with lots of lawn chairs to sit in and plenty of beers to try, all of which are brewed in-house. The beer garden also backs up to Golden Gate Park, which you and your friends can take a walk through after a few drinks, or use for an overly enthusiastic game of adult hide and seek.

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## Palm House

Bar Food, Caribbean in Cow Hollow

\$\$\$\$ 📍 2032 Union St

There are a few communal tables at Palm House reserved for walk-ins, so if you show up during the day and grab a spot at one of those, you don't have to order food just to sit and drink. If it's still early enough for brunch, go with something "light," like a vodka and raspberry prosecco Palm 75, before going for a rum slushie with prickly pear or guava. Once you've been there a while and want something small to eat, get the smashed avocado to split with the group.

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## Hollow Cow

Cow Hollow

\$\$\$\$ 📍 1875 Union Street

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For the days when your weather app overshoots the temperature by 15 degrees, head to Hollow Cow. The back patio here has a glass roof over it, so you can still get the full outdoor daytime drinking experience without needing a jacket. While this place is first and foremost a bar, on weekends they also serve brunch, which means you can go from eating to day drinking without

changing locations. Start the day with the Cap'n Crunch pancakes or a bowl of grits and pork belly, along with a Bloody Mary. If you stay here long enough to eat a second meal, they make a solid burger too.

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## El Techo de Lolinda

Mission

\$\$\$\$ 📍 2516 Mission St

You have a bunch of friends in town, forgot to plan anything, and now they're throwing words around like "Pier 39" and "the *Full House* place." El Techo is one of the only legitimate rooftop bar options in the city, and daytime means you don't have to deal with the never-ending line that forms once the sun goes down. It also has the same view of the skyline you get from your Mission apartment's rooftop, but with the kind of pulled pork and margaritas you could never make on your own.

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## The Interval

Marina

\$\$\$\$ 📍 2 Marina Blvd, Fort Mason Building A

The Interval is one of SF's more unusual bars, and will instantly impress anyone you take simply by showing them you know it exists. This all-day spot has kind of a coffee shop vibe that combines the offices of a chemistry professor and a Mission start-up. Instead of tea and coffee though, they serve a long and impressive list of cocktails. It's a good spot for a solo drink, or for a small group after you "exercised" by walking around the Presidio.

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## Zeitgeist

### Mission

\$\$\$\$ 📍 199 Valencia St

If Zeitgeist was a person, he would be covered in tattoos, smell like stale beer (while claiming to only drink bourbon), and rant about the vampiric effect the tech bubble has had on San Francisco's culture. You always get the feeling that this Mission bar both loves and hates you - you can generally get in without a wait, but they'll always make it seem like they're doing you a favor. Zeitgeist continues to be worth it though, especially during the day when you and all your friends can head to the big back patio, take over one of the picnic tables, and order too many pitchers of beer. And then too many of their burgers.

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## Anina

### Hayes Valley

\$\$\$\$ 📍 482 Hayes St



Hayes Valley can occasionally feel like it was designed by a committee of lifestyle bloggers, and Anina fits right into all the neighborhood's cliches. Except that it's actually a fun place to hang out. They have punch bowls and a string light-filled side patio that's even better during the day than it is at night.

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## Southern Pacific Brewing

American, Bar Food in Mission

\$\$\$\$ 📍 620 Treat Ave

7.3<sub>/10</sub>

In a city full of bars that are either packed with people or entirely empty, Southern Pacific is an outlier. It's spacious enough that even at its busiest, it won't make you feel claustrophobic. It's also a great spot for a day party, rather than cramming your extended friend group into your not-so-extended apartment. Go early, snag a table, and get a house Moscow mule or five.

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El Rio

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## Bernal Heights

\$\$\$\$ 📍 3158 Mission St

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At this point it's well-documented that we fully endorse El Rio for almost any situation. Depending on the day, it can be great for either a casual drink while shooting pool or body shots with strangers. On the best days, both things happen.

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## Reed & Greenough

Marina

\$\$\$\$ 📍 3251 Scott St

Not all day drinking needs to be done in the great outdoors. Reed and Greenough feels like drinking in an old library, without your middle school's librarian whispering about the Dewey Decimal System. The cocktails are excellent, and it's the perfect spot to grab a laid-back afternoon drink with your friend who also values the indoors.

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## Bar Bocce

Pizza, Italian in Sausalito

\$\$\$\$ 📍 1250 Bridgeway

7.8<sub>/10</sub>

Bar Bocce is where you can pretend you're at a beach club in Mykonos without having to actually go to Mykonos. However, it does require a field trip to Sausalito. Since it's also one of the only bars in the Bay Area that's actually on the water, it's become our go-to for an afternoon of bocce, pizza, and having a few beers or splitting a pitcher of sangria.

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## Wildhawk

Mission

\$\$\$\$ 📍 3464 19th St

Wildhawk has some of the best cocktails and people watching you can find in the Mission. It's sandwiched between Valencia and Mission, and doesn't get a lot of foot traffic, making it perfect for posting up for the afternoon without having to battle any crowds. Plus, it's all indoors, so it works whether the sun is out, or Karl has settled in for the week.



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## Lost & Found

Oakland

\$\$\$\$ 📍 2040 Telegraph Ave

Some afternoons you just want to hang out and play drinking games, while maintaining the integrity of your apartment. Those afternoons are best spent at Lost & Found. There's enough room that you won't ever feel cramped, and you should be able to get onto the ping pong table without having to watch over it like a hawk, or negotiate with strangers.



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## The Topsy Pig

Bar Food in Cow Hollow, Marina

\$\$\$\$ 📍 2231 Chestnut St

You've finally gotten everyone to agree to meet for an afternoon drink, but no one can decide on where to go. If you're anywhere close to the Marina, save yourself some time - and 50 group texts - and just go to The Topsy Pig. There's somehow always an open table on the back patio to sit with friends, the menu has some solid bar food options, and everyone you've ever met is here.

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