

Your Guide to Encinitas Pub Crawlin’



If you’re gonna pub crawl it, it’s best to start where all of the pubs are within walking distance and in a straight line from each other. We just made that up, but it reads like pretty sound advice. Encinitas offers some great pub-crawling options because all the places we mention are on the same street and walkable.

Here’s where to go if you’re in a go-to-more-than-three-bars-in-one-night kind of mood. All spots are Your North County tested and personally experienced. The list goes in order of the north end of S. Coast Highway and heads southwards, so all you do is point the compass and walk.

Here we go...

1. D Street Bar & Grill

It's a good idea to grab some food before you start drinking, so start at D Street for some proper bar cuisine. D Street doesn't try to be anything other than it is – a comfortable neighborhood joint full of bar-food classics like onion rings, nachos, and sliders. There's also steak and pasta and pizza, so if you're looking for a solid stomach base to soak up your upcoming alcohol-infused gallivanting, D Street delivers.

- **Address:** 485 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas 92024
- **Website:** dstreetgrill.com

2. Shelter

Next head to Shelter. We're going to start classy while your hair is still brushed and you can stand. Grab a table if you can – or a private booth for \$400 bottle service later in the night (split it between 20 of you?). Alternatively, strike a pose and look cool just standing there. It's easy when you're in a place with a retractable ceiling, swank patio, and hipster DJs.

- **Address:** 540 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas 92024
- **Website:** shelterencinitas.com

3. The Saloon

It's time to go to the Saloon now because the pub crawl just got real. If you're lucky, you'll score a well-loved booth with some lingering seat support. The Saloon has been around since the '30s and the bathrooms look it, but if you want a dive bar (a standard on a pub crawl roster) with all that means (spotty service, dirty dancing, and lovable locals), then make this place a stop.

- **Address:** 546S. Coast Hwy., Encinitas, CA 92024
- **Website:** saloonencinitas.com

4. Bier Garden

It's Bier Garden time! We're assuming you're ready for louder crowds and general raucousness. According to the bar's website, Bier Garden is a historic location originally built in the shape of a T-bone steak in the late '40s because it was home to Tyler's Steak House. Whatever the shape, it's good fun. An indoor/outdoor bar, Bier Garden fills up on the weekends and the crowd is always lively. They serve great food, too.

- **Address:** 641 S Coast Hwy., Encinitas 92024
- **Website:** biergartenencinitas.com

5. Union Kitchen & Tap

Walk or Uber to Union. If you walk from the Bier Garden – know it's a bit of a hike, but doable (because we did it). It might be time for some more alcohol soak-up cuisine (note: served until 10PM) or you might be ready to dance. Union's not a dance place per se, but music plays and you can move to it – and people will join you on the dance floor you just made happen (we know because we did it).

- **Address:** 1108 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas 92024
- **Website:** localunion101.com

6. Get a safe ride home (i.e. uber, lyft or your dd), make the driver stop for a burrito, then fall asleep in beans watching Big Bang Theory reruns.

Number six should totally be a bar name.

Your Turn...

If you "occasionally dabble" in the Encinitas pub crawl scene, where do *you* like to go?