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## How to Spend a Perfect Day in Sebastopol

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A highlight of west Sonoma County, Sebastopol offers an enchanting mix of rural charm, culinary delights and artistic flair. Whether you're savoring farm-fresh foods, exploring quirky public art or winding through scenic vineyards, [this peaceful town](#) offers something

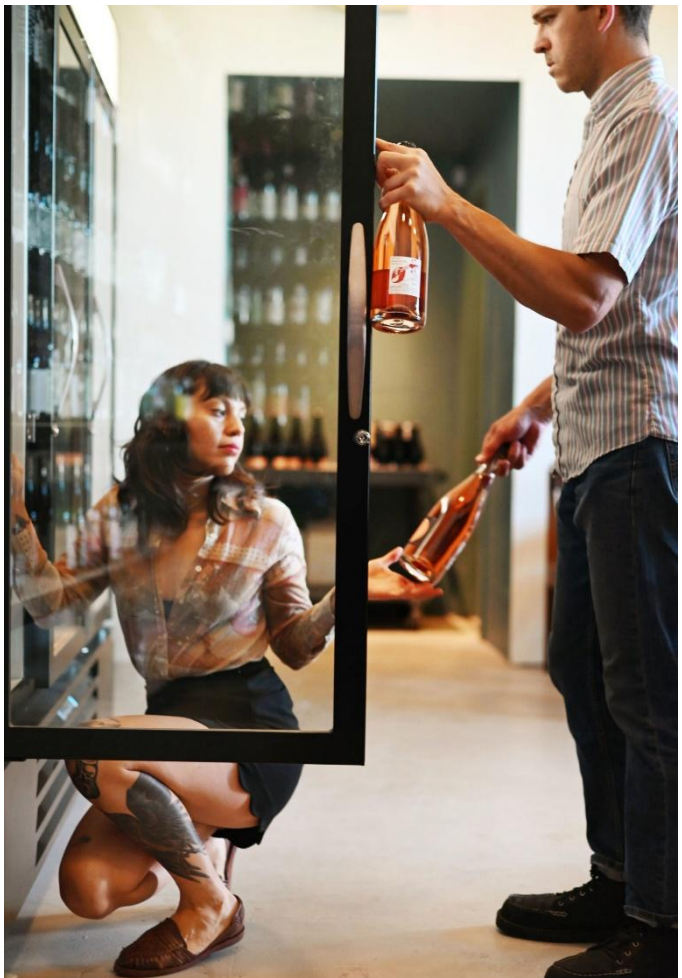
for every traveler. Follow this itinerary for a perfect day of local flavors, outdoor adventures and unforgettable experiences in Sebastopol.

### Where to go

Begin the morning with a croissant at [Sarmentine](#) (6760 McKinley St., Suite 150), a favorite French bakery with a [relatively new location at The Barlow](#). The popular, strollable outdoor marketplace includes shops, restaurants, tasting rooms and a terrific natural wine bar, [The Punchdown](#) (6770 McKinley St., Suite 130). Hop in the car for a quick tour down Florence Avenue to take in the whimsical [public art](#) pieces (382 Florence Ave.) made from recycled metal and other castoffs by Brigitte Laurent and her husband, Patrick Amiot.

Next, head to [Ragle Ranch Regional Park](#) (500 Ragle Road), best known as the setting for the signature [Gravenstein Apple Fair](#) each August. The park's Veterans Memorial Grove is a sheltered cluster of redwoods atop a beautiful knoll, and the Peace Garden is a good spot to pause and come back to center, especially after tackling 3 miles of rolling backcountry trails.

Outside of town, wind along the Bohemian Highway to reach the solar-powered, biodynamically farmed Marimar Estate Vineyards & Winery (11400 Graton Road), run by Marimar Torres and her daughter Cristina Torres, whose family's winemaking history stretches back to the 1600s in Spain. Settle into the welcoming tasting room for a glass of Albariño or Godello, with housemade tapas inspired by Marimar Torres's native Barcelona.



*Izzy Juarez, left, and Wesley Hammond stock the wine cooler at The Punchdown Natural Wine Bar + Bottle Shop. The wine bar is located in The Barlow in Sebastopol. (Erik Castro / For The Press Democrat)*



*Marimar Estate Vineyards & Winery in Sebastopol. (Sonoma County Tourism)*

From there, stop at [Gold Ridge Organic Farms](#) (3387 Canfield Road), whose name celebrates the town's rich Goldridge soils, which helped put this agricultural region on the map. Farmer Brooke Hazen risked everything to transform this 88-acre cattle ranch into an [award-winning olive operation](#) with 13,000 olive trees as well as hundreds of apples and other fruits. Now through March marks the brief season for *olio nuovo*, the new release of freshly milled olive oil, which you can taste at the farmstand.

Back downtown, stroll past the shops before seeking out playful vibes at neighborhood standout [Third Pig Bar](#) (116 S Main St.), where craft cocktails come served in vintage glassware or — our favorite — a pink pig tiki mug.



*Piggy Punch at Third Pig Bar in Sebastopol. (John Wesley Brewer)*



Nearby at [Handline Coastal California](#) (935 Gravenstein Highway S.), a family- friendly dinner spot, you'll be faced with a difficult decision: linger over a bowl of cioppino or excellent fish tacos, or pay tribute to the eatery's humble beginnings as a Foster's Freeze with a burger topped with St. Jorge Fonduta cheese and a side of hand-cut French fries. It's all delicious, especially when you finish up with a root beer float, made with local Strauss soft serve.

*For more tasty, farm-to-table eats in Sebastopol, find our [favorite restaurants here](#).*

*Handline was built on the site of the old Foster's Freeze in Sebastopol. The restaurant continues to keep soft serve ice cream on the menu. (John Burgess/The Press Democrat)*