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Here Are 10 Essential San Diego Burgers

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To round off Burger Week 2015, here are 10 of San Diego's most essential burgers to add to your burger rotation. From classic, straightforward burgers at casual eateries to now-signature burgers at neighborhood restaurants, these are burgers that you have to try. What's your most essential local burger? If we left it off the list, let us know in the comments.

Note: The map points on this list are not ranked.

1 Starlite

Quite possibly the most signature dish at Starlite, and with good reason, the burger here is built with a Brandt beef patty topped with melted Gruyere and caramelized onion, sandwiched in a brioche bun from local bakery Con Pane. It might just be one of the best burgers you eat after hours, as it's available on Starlite's late night menu that runs until midnight Sunday through Thursday.



2 The Lodge at Torrey Pines

There is something beautifully nostalgic about this burger, available at The Grill at Torrey Pines, the hotel bar and by request at A.R. Valentien. Executive chef Jeff Jackson calls it the Drugstore Burger, an ode to Midwest lunch counter of years gone by. The beef is juicy Niman Ranch chuck, the mayo is housemade and the fries are perfect.



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3 Jayne's Gastropub

The Jaynes burger has been many a shortlist since the neighborhood gastropub's inception, including being named San Diego's best by Sunset Magazine. It comes with Vermont cheddar, pickled onions, aioli and frites; on Tuesdays, \$17 gets you the burger and any draft beer.



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4 Rocky's Crown Pub

Sometimes simple is best. Rocky's 1/3 or 1/2 pound burgers, made with 80/20 ground beef, come with standard toppings and the option of cheese. That's it. The no-frills bar sells hundreds of hand-shaped burgers daily; try the weekday 1/3 pound burger lunch special that includes fries and a beer or soda. Bring cash.



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5 Nine-Ten Restaurant and Bar

Executive chef Jason Knibb's burger is a mainstay at the restaurant's bustling bar; the 1/2 pound grassfed beef burger is further distinguished by a housemade brioche bun, side of pickled vegetables and exemplary fries, which can be upgraded to a truffle version. Monday to Friday, the burgers are half-price during happy hour.



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