



## 6 of North Park's Hottest Loaded Spuds

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### Grab Your Fork and Dig Into the Best Loaded Potatoes in North Park

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One of the best things about living in San Diego, other than the weather and general awesomeness, is that there are so many neighborhoods! Each neighborhood has its own culture, vibes and atmosphere that stands out. There are many choices for where you spend your time, whether tanning in Pacific Beach, partying downtown or dining in Little Italy, but one of our favorite neighborhoods is North Park. This area is hip, trendy and laid back all rolled into one. North Park has great bars with handcrafted cocktails and local beers, live music, and delicious food on every corner. We're looking at the amazing things North Park restaurants and bars are doing to potatoes. Simple? Maybe in the past, but these loaded-up fries will have you thinking of spuds in a whole new light.

## Fries

### Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria



One of North Park's staples and ultimate favorite restaurants is Lefty's Chicago Pizzeria. You won't find a place that serves food like this in such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Known for its classic Chicago-style menu, at Lefty's you can grab a deep dish pizza, hot dog and, of course, pretty amazing fries. These babies come crispy, topped with cheddar cheese, blue cheese, bacon, sour cream and some scallions for a fresh finish. Show up for the fries knowing that you will definitely be back for more.

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## Tater Tots True North



An ordinary “tong and tray” Mexican bakery with extraordinary pan dulce, many from the area have proclaimed Panchita’s Bakery as one of the best in San Diego. Known for their fresh and inexpensive baked goods, Panchita’s has an array of traditional favorites from pan de muerto to rosca de reyes. And the churros? Crème filled using dulce de leche or jelly-filled with either strawberry or mango, these warm and gooey delicacies are pretty close to the churros of Brazil. Panchita’s also has regular churros, best enjoyed with some hot chocolate for dipping.

Native knowledge: Churros typically sell out by 10 a.m. on weekends, so make sure you get up early to beat the crowd!

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## Dirty Fries Soda & Swine



Located amongst the hustle and bustle of Adams Avenue, Soda & Swine is one of the coolest places on the block. Between the rustic setting, handcrafted cocktails and mind-blowing food, it's hard to choose one thing that makes this place so amazing—that is, until you have the dirty fries. These fries might be listed under sides, but the dish could be a meal of its own. Dirty fries come perfectly seasoned and topped with meatballs, pork belly, mushroom gravy and jalapeños. The combination is so different from anything else around and showcases Soda & Swine's ability to transform food into something truly addictive. You'll understand after a few bites.

**Native Knowledge:** Polite Provision is the bar next door to this hot spot where you can grab a drink and order from Soda & Swine as well. Two spots, one night.

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## The Moroccan Twist



Twist is the perfect name for this local's favorite because everything it does has such a modern spin. Twist serves classic American food with an ethnic twist that is a match made in heaven with every bite. Not only does Twist have its own version of loaded fries, but it has two other crazy creations we can't get enough of. The first is known as the Moroccan and comes topped with Moroccan spiced steak, green onions, pico de gallo, feta cheese and chipotle labne. The second is a meat lover's dream and comes with pulled pork, bacon, green onions, pico de gallo, guacamole, feta cheese and chipotle guava cream. Both of these will leave your heart, stomach and soul happy and more than satisfied.

**Native Knowledge:** In case you're not familiar with delicious labne, it's a Mediterranean cheese used at Twist.

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## **Chorizo and Potatoes, Steak and Eggs and Wild Buffalo West Coast Tavern**



West Coast Tavern is another amazing bar and restaurant inside a historic San Diego building. The decor and atmosphere is comfortable and laid back during happy hours and rockin' on the weekends. The Tavern is larger than it appears at first glance, with lots of places to eat, drink and be merry, including an outdoor patio. The best time to come here if you're looking for carbs, though, is during brunch. West Coast Tavern has loaded breakfast potatoes that will start any morning off on the right bite. There are three options: chorizo and potatoes, steak and eggs, and Wild Buffalo. Each is a mountain of delicious potatoes that have been transformed into a meal of epic proportion.

**Native Knowledge:** Brunch is served from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday for those of us who sleep in as often as we can.

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## Knockout Fries and Champion Fries Lucha Libre



Lucha Libre won our hearts with its amazing, authentic tacos at the original location in Mission Hills. Now that it's opened a new location in North Park, we've found another reason to fall in love: the loaded fries. Known as the Knockout Fries and Champion Fries, these menu items keep with the wrestling theme and spotless reputation for good eats. The Knockout Fries are freshly made and topped with steak, chicken or mushrooms, melted jack cheese, avocado, queso enchilada and super secret chipotle sauce. The Champion, on the other hand, comes with melted cheese, beans, guacamole, pico de gallo, sour cream and your choice of steak, chicken or pork adobada. This might just be the hardest decision that you make all week.

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