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Consider these dank dives, great escapes, and piquant personalities a cheat sheet for being a San Franciscan.

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Juan Wayne (Photo: Andre Landel)

Every year, SF Weekly asks readers to pick their favorite bars, clubs, venues, restaurants, people, places, and fiendish thingies. And every year, without fail, we know-it-all media elites feel the need to insert ourselves into the conversation — you know, to make sure that you know just how cultured and hip we are.

foot climb up wooden steps surrounded by lush greenery and wildflowers. A bench on the highest plateau overlooks downtown and the Golden Gate Bridge. (LS)

BARS & CLUBS



The Interval at Long Now (Photo credit: The Interval/ Facebook)

Best Bar and Museum Rolled into One

The Interval at Long Now

2 Marina Blvd.

Our moms were right. Reading is fun! Especially with a craft cocktail in hand. Located at Fort Mason, The Interval at Long Now is an astounding concoction of library, coffee shop, museum, seminar space, and bar. Featuring a floor-to-ceiling library, this unique spot features a constantly shifting modern art display and is a meeting point for the Long Now Foundation, an intellectual group for forward thinkers who regularly host featured speakers. In morning hours, the Interval is a quiet cafe and reading spot with incredible views of the bay. By night, a “Night at the Museum” after hours upscale bar experience awaits. (LS)

Best Recreation Activity In A Bar

Ping Pong Table at Finnegans Wake

937 Cole St.

Yeah, we’ve all played some pool and chucked a few darts at our local watering hole, but have you ever tried playing ping pong after a half-dozen beers? Shit is real fun. Finnegans Wake in Cole Valley is one of the few local establishments boasting a ping pong table, and you’d be hard-pressed to find an afternoon activity more fulfilling than practicing your backspin in the bar’s backdoor patio as the sun sets. Unlike pool, ping pong requires a healthy bit of hand eye coordination, so it’s not really one of those endeavors that gets easier as you get more buzzed, which makes those later games REAL interesting. Still, you might work up a sweat while drinking beers—that counts as exercise, right? (WR)