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BLAWNDE AMBITION



MEATLOAF SANDWICH





NATIVE KNOWLEDGE:

→ The top 3 menu items are the Duck Dive burger, ahi poke and the Voodoo salmon tacos.

ROB'S TOP 5 PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

- 1. Pacific Beach Shore Club
- 2. Pacific Beach Local 3. Downtown San Diego **4.** Little Italy
 - 5. North Park

CATCH THE LINGO:

→ A duck dive is when a surfer grabs the front of their board and pushes it down to go underneath a wave they don't want to ride. This way they avoid getting slammed by the wave by popping back up after it rolls toward shore.

DUCK DIVE 4650 Mission Blvd San Diego, CA 92103 858.273.3825 www.theduckdive.com

Duck Dive's all-wood interior, complete with wavy ceiling ridges, almost makes you feel as if you're inside a wooden surfboard-which fits the restaurant's Pacific Beach location, Along the back wall there's a huge underwater photograph of a woman duck diving, her silhouette perfectly outlined by the bright blue surf. People cruise in with their sandals and trunks to hang out and grab a bite or a drink at the bar. The dog-friendly patio also allows customers to spend quality time with their canine companions while back inside, the spacious bar serves wine, cocktails and craft beers.

Aside from the classic burgers, tacos and seafood dishes, Duck Dive makes a meatloaf sandwich that is the definition of comfort food. "Obviously nobody wants to eat mom's meatloaf," Rob Mcshey, Duck Dive's general manager, says. "This is a chef's take

on mom's meatloaf." In that first bite the sandwich is meaty, nutty from the Swiss cheese and creamy from the tangy thousand island sauce. The meatloaf lies in between sourdough bread from the local bakery and is lathered with caramelized onions, served with the housemade fries. Mom might know best, but Duck Dive's meatloaf sandwich knows even better.

Most of Duck Dive's recipes are the brainchild of Executive Chef Bento Garcia. One of the favorites, the voodoo salmon tacos, contains a special sauce mixture of a local IPA beer, sriracha and secret spices. The salmon is placed inside a blackened flour tortilla and topped off with fresh papaya salad. With the open-air set up and being two blocks away from the beach, it's always summertime at Duck Dive.

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