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I'm going to tweet restaurants worth BART-ing out for this month for @SFBART's 50th birthday! Half off fares all month.

My first pick is Nyonya Cafe in Pleasanton. Try the chwee kueh, curry laksa, kaya toast and seri muka.

Nyonya Cafe

(925) 425-7228

<https://t.co/yLGhHB2LOR>

15 min walk from Fremont BART station, is one of the only places doing Indian barbecue. Great kebabs and various tikkas (including paneer for the vegetarians). Try the mutton seekh kebab and chicken tikka.

Keeku da Dhaba

(510) 789-3437

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9 min walk from Union City BART, one of the best soup dumplings places in the Bay Area. Buns and small cold dishes (like cucumber salad, soy noodle salad) are all good too.

Din Ding Dumpling House Union City

(510) 675-9958

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14 min bike ride from Hayward BART, have some delicious pupusas before heading out for a bike ride or a run at Hayward regional shoreline park (also a birding hotspot)

Pupusería El Girasol

(510) 258-0648

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18 min bike ride from Milpitas BART, a branch of a famous restaurant from south India. There you can try the biryani with short grain rice (seeraga samba) that I am partial to.

Dindigul Thalappakatti Restaurant

(408) 942-8425

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Right at Fruitvale station, Wahpepeh's Kitchen is a Native American restaurant. Check out the lovely menu

<https://wahpepahskitchen.com/seasonal-restaurant-menu>

<https://goo.gl/maps/zkA4XpppPAMmp95B7>

(Fruitvale deserves another list of recs coz there is so much to eat there. Phippin, Tacos Sinaloa, La Grana Fish and the OG Red Bay Coffee)

9 min walk from Lake Merritt station, Tastee Steam Kitchen has an innovative 'reverse hotpot' thing going on that I've only seen in Taiwan.

Steam stuff on a pot, tasty things collect at the bottom, becomes a congee later.

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4 min walk from 12th St Oakland, Battambang is a delightful Cambodian restaurant. Ask the lovely lady for recommendations, and definitely try the amok

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8 min walk from 19th St, World Famous Hotboys for fried chicken. Their spicy levels are no joke. Nearby, one of my favorite Bay Area ramen joints, Shinmai, for something soupier.

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4 min walk from MacArthur station, delightful Eritrean food and honey wine.

<https://g.page/cafe-eritrea?share>

7 min bike ride from North Berkeley, Pâtisserie Rotha for croissants and pain au chocolat. Check the (brief) opening time, and be prepared for massive lines. Pair it with a trip to Tokyo Fish Market for fresh fish and Japanese groceries

<https://g.page/PatisserieRotha?share>

Richmond BART has too many delights. This will take several tweets.

Tacos El Tucan has Tijuana-style tacos, a rarity in the Bay Area. 10 min bike ride

<https://g.page/tacoseltucan?share>

Also 10 min bike ride from Richmond BART, Dumpling House Mongolian has excellent Mongolian buuz (like momos, but much bigger?). Khuushuur and tsuivan also good. Also they have dumplings IN a milk tea soup.

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6 min bike ride from Richmond BART, tamales from a little truck!

<https://goo.gl/maps/9itRDSeW9NdHMQVHA>

A fun multi-modal transit / food trip: BART and bike to Rocky Island Oyster Co, have oysters and uni, then take [@SFBayFerry](#) from Richmond ferry terminal

<https://goo.gl/maps/RNhkv3B42Wrfry9v7>

(Going to continue this thread with SF and Peninsula recs tomorrow.. don't know anything about food beyond Orinda, but I do plan to make use of the Sept discounted fares to get to Walnut Creek and beyond!)

(Sneaking in a few more east bay recs before crossing the Transbay Tube..)

7 min bike ride from Ashby, Royal Egyptian is a highly opinionated, high quality food truck. Go to Urban Ore after.

Royal Egyptian Cuisine

(510) 282-4551

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Right by El Cerrito del Norte, a mom and pop Korean tofu and fried chicken restaurant I would travel for.

Gangnam Tofu Korean Cuisine

(510) 778-1144

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3 min walk from Downtown Berkeley, Ippuku for legit izakaya food and vibes and everything on skewers.

Ippuku

(510) 655-1969

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Don't sleep on West Oakland, where you can find Matt Horn's Horn Barbecue and Kowbird for bbq and fried chicken respectively. I also like the Taco Panzon truck in the industrial area

The Taco Panzon

(510) 375-9150

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Crossing the transbay tube, we've got El Porteño for Argentine empanadas with a utterly butterly pastry. You may know them for their empanadas sold at Woods bars. There are more flavors here, like shrimp; and banana.

El Porteño Empanadas

(415) 513-4529

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Also at Embarcadero: Harborview restaurant is one of the few places you can do high quality outdoor dimsum. It's the place most likely high end dimsum places I love in Singapore & HK. Reserve!

Harborview Restaurant & Bar

(415) 399-1200

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3 and 6 min walk from Montgomery station, are two recommendations. Kona St Market for globally inspired cocktails, and Fang for very high quality Chinese. Maybe one of my favorite Chinese spots in the city.

Fang

(415) 777-8568

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6 min walk from Powell BART is one of our only Sudanese restaurants, Z Zoul.

Z Zoul Cafe

(415) 757-0187

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Civic Center BART is home ground for me so I've got a ton. I'll try to focus on things people may not know.

For restaurants before a show, Chao Pescao for Caribbean (lechon and empanadas and good cocktails).

Chao Pescao

(415) 621-2200

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Otherwise, a short walk from Civic Center BART are all of my top hits: Arsicault civic center for the only city croissant that doesn't make my French wife swear at someone; Hello Sandwich, Mong Thu, Hai Ky, La Cocina, Van Ness Cafe, Yemen Kitchen.

A few min walk from 16th St Mission, my top taco spot in the city: La Oaxaqueña. Burgers at WesBurger. Great groceries and banh mi at Duc Loi. Coffee at Linea. Noodles at Yamo.

La Oaxaqueña

(415) 621-5446

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24th St Mission has one of the few nonveg South Indian restaurants in the city. Biryani are good as are the gobi Manchurian, chicken 65, rasam and spicy goat soup.

Aditi Indian Cuisine

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Also Peruvian sandwiches at Sanguchon, puffy tacos at Casa de La Condesa, Persian food at Komaaj, kunafa at Old Jerusalem, and my favorite spices and frozen middle eastern delights store, Samiramis! (They have frozen malawach bread..)

Glen Park BART: very close by, a delightful Italian restaurant that is small and intimate and tasty. Perfect after hiking through Glen canyon park. And books, records and jazz at Bird & Beckett

Manzoni

(415) 334-2251

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As you go south of SF, good Filipino food starts popping up everywhere! Right at Balboa Park BART, Turo cafe. Have literally anything especially adobo fried rice, sinigang, lechon, crackling chicken, laing, bbq pork

Turo Cafe and Grill

(415) 825-5983

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Balboa Park BART is also a short walk from my favorite burger in the city, Beep's. There is a 'better than SF Chinatown and Richmond and Sunset' roast duck, chicken and pork place called Ming Kee, and Lao food at Champa Garden

<https://goo.gl/maps/U3J83SHLNxHbVT4Y6>

8 min bike ride from Daly City: a Vietnamese noodle shop Noodle Station that has a curry laksa most like the southern Malaysian curry laksas that I love. Also Filipino food again at Fil-Am, Fil bakery at Red Ribbon and Hilda's, Brazilian at Cybelle's

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Still somewhere between Daly City and Balboa Park (I have so many faves in this neighborhood):

Do Eat is my no 1 favorite Chinese BBQ shop in the city. Super good and cheap roast duck and soy sauce chicken. Get the tofu also

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Italian sandwiches at Calabria Brothers, Cuban chicken at El Pollo Supremo, Korean Chinese food at Jjamppong, my current favorite Mexican restaurant in the city Chicano Nuevo, fantastic pan dulce at Heavenly bakery, greats bars and food at Gently, Dark Horse Inn

(Also, between Pacific supermarket and Manila Oriental there is no southeast Asian or Chinese grocery item you won't get, at the best prices. Pacific supermarket has Indonesian sambal—Runel brand, that I recommend to everyone. Manila has fresh and rare tofu items)

Near Colma BART, you can't eat cemeteries, Home Depot or Best Buy, but you can head out a little to Izumi Revolving Sushi, which is good quality conveyor belt sushi WITH A JAPANESE TRAIN bringing you the sushi

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Also near Colma BART, Koi Palace is a well-respected dimsum house but it's competitive to get into and it's best with groups of at least 8. Nearby, the burger joint that people somehow like.

South SF: Filipino again at Karilagan, or bike 12 min to Hing Lung, the 'most like HK' congee I know of. Very competitive and you'll fight old Chinese aunties for a seat. So, most like HK. Also well-regarded dimsum at H.L. Peninsula
<https://goo.gl/maps/soHGHf6hUKqdoa2M8>

(In general, the dimsum restaurants that Chinese people go to with our families are not in SF Chinatown, Richmond or Sunset. Those are takeout dimsum, which is functional, but celebratory. For celebratory dimsum, they tend to be in south city / Millbrae / San Bruno)

Also south SF: two good sandwich spots! Little Lucca and Darby Dan's. And a nice homey Mexican restaurant I like called La Nueva Perla <https://goo.gl/maps/71YigR1vJcXUKjvs8>

San Bruno BART: I'm sad that Jollibee isn't open there anymore. But a great halal option exists: Mazra's got halal Mediterranean food and almost everything is char-grilled

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Also near San Bruno BART: ribs!

And Indian and Samoan groceries at Neelam Pacific. Also no-frills good dumplings and Korean at Dumpling Era and K-Grill Tofu House respectively.

<https://g.page/the-famous-rib-shack?share>

Millbrae BART's got so much going on.

Porridge & Things is the only place in the Bay Area (other than my house) where you can get Teochew porridge. They serve it with a side of preserved olive mustard leaves, a traditional Teochew/Chiu Chow condiment

<https://goo.gl/maps/GkG6xZwgtLVTEFxA7>

Other than that, a bunch of good old school dimsum places (HK Flower Lounge, Tai Wu), Sichuanese (Royal Feast) and a good Malaysian place (Ipoh Garden) and the only Hubei restaurant in the Bay Area, Hubei Restaurant. Millbrae is awesome, not just a stop for Caltrain!