

# Speak of the Devil

Ingredient of the Year

## Bacon All Day Long

Strips of crispy bacon on the side of a pancake platter is sooo 2011. Go hog wild, and get the “candy of meat” in a scone, as a jam, or blended with artisanal ice cream. Your doc may not approve, but this food trend is still smoking hot.

—LEEANNE JONES



### Breakfast

#### Scone Sideboard, Danville

Inside this savory scone are thick-cut chunks of applewood-smoked bacon and aged white cheddar.



#### Cocktail District, Oakland

At brunch, order the Breakfast of Champions: bacon-infused bourbon, maple syrup, and egg whites.



### Sweet Treat

#### Truffle Sôcôla, Oakland

The Notorious H.O.G. is a smoked bacon and Guittard chocolate truffle garnished with chipotle sea salt.



#### Soda Powell's Sweet Shoppe, Lafayette

Bacon soda is only for the brave (it reminded us of liquid smoke), but there are bacon lollipops, jelly beans, gum, and mints here, too.



#### Popcorn Pavé, Berkeley

Sweet and savory kettle corn tossed with maple syrup and candied Prather Ranch bacon. Order online at [pavecon.sultingsf.com](http://pavecon.sultingsf.com).



### Lunch

#### Hot Dog Havana, Walnut Creek

New on the menu: a bacon-wrapped Kobe beef hot dog with mango salsa and guava chipotle BBQ sauce.



#### Mochi FuseBox, Oakland

Bacon-wrapped rice cake brushed with miso butter and served with Korean mustard and crunchy pickled mustard seeds.



### Happy Hour

#### Cocktail Sauced, Livermore

Try a bacon old fashioned: bacon-infused Jack Daniels, with muddled orange peel, maple syrup, and bitters—and bacon garnish.



#### Beer Ale Industries, Concord

On tap a few times a year, the Dry Hogged English brown is aged in a “bacon-ized” bourbon barrel (leftover bourbon is infused with bacon before the beer is added).



### Dinner

#### Mac and Cheese Jack's, Pleasant Hill

Bits of bacon are mixed into a bowl of noodles smothered in Asiago, mild and sharp cheddar, and mozzarella.



#### Jam Disco Volante, Oakland

Why settle for a regular burger when you can get one topped with aged white cheddar, pickled pepper mayo, and bacon jam.



### Dessert

#### Ice Cream Ici, Berkeley

Among its rotating flavors is an ice cream with maple syrup and pieces of bacon brittle. Look for less frequent rosemary or peach bacon flavors, too.



#### Cupcake Let 'Em Eat Cake, Livermore

Cupcake special Breakfast for Dessert is a sweet maple-and-bacon cake topped with maple buttercream and salty bacon crumbles.



### Key: Oink-o-meter

From yummy (but maybe a little safe) to totally baco-crazy, we rate the inventiveness of these eats.

This little piggy is happy: ●●●●● It's why we bring home the bacon: ●●●●● Living high off the hog now: ●●●●● Sweatin' like a pig: ●●●●● Squeeeeeeaaal!: ●●●●●

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