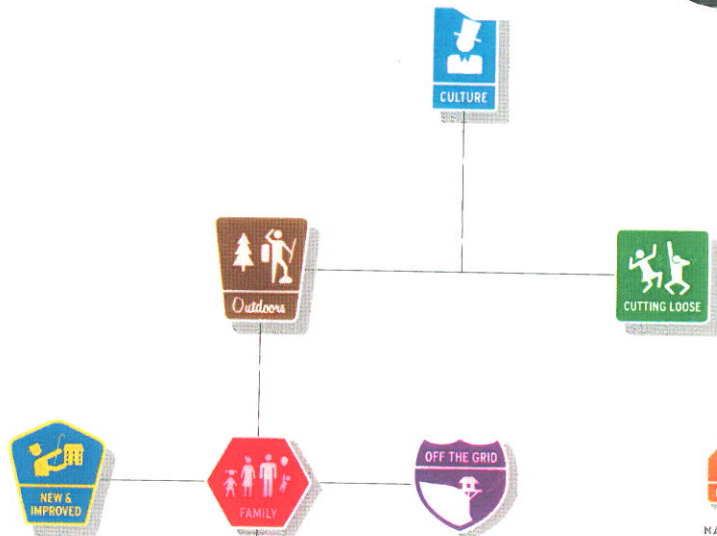


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Inside the Pound:
The Lost Dogs
of Los Angeles



52 Great Weekends

There's a reason we're the most productive country on the globe: We work hard. Too hard. You don't need us to tell you that. But maybe we can tell you about some ways to reward yourself. After all, we've been scouring the map, anonymously sleeping and drinking and sweating our way through an unseemly number of destinations. So water the plants and turn off the CrackBerry. *It's time to get away.*



NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Table Hop

EATING ONE'S WAY THROUGH

Napa County is not just about patronizing culinary shrines. Even the humblest establishment can astonish. In the town of Napa, crowds at the endearingly funky **ABC Bakery** (707-258-1827 or alexisbaking-company.com) testify to its appeal as a breakfast destination (try the cinnamon bread). In St. Helena, the inconspicuous **Market** (707-963-3799 or marketsthelema.com) serves a lunchtime macaroni and cheese made from Fiscallini cheddar, whipping cream, sour cream, Dijon mustard, parsley, and chives. Any hope of burning off calories by strolling St. Helena's Main Street quickly vanishes. **The Model Bakery** (707-963-8192 or themodelbakery.com) purveys chewy oatmeal cookies, while **Woodhouse Chocolate** (800-966-3468 or woodhouse-chocolate.com) sells an addictive

almond bark. A day spent sampling fare that passes for commonplace here provides the perfect prelude to a big-time dinner. From its zinc bar to its steak frites, Thomas Keller's **Bouchon** (707-944-8037 or frenchlaundry.com) in Yountville is the quintessential bistro—and it's not as hard to get into as Keller's French Laundry or as expensive. **The Carneros Inn** (707-299-4901 or thecarneros-inn.com; \$435-\$1,200), a collection of cottages overlooking the Carneros vineyards, offers a luxurious spot to rest a weary head and a full stomach.



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