

Sunset

BEST OF THE WEST



DAY TRIP



1. The coast is clear at Davenport Landing. 2. Pie from Swanton Berry Farm 3. Lundberg Studios, making glass art for 40-plus years 4. Pick your own strawberries at Swanton Berry Farm. 5. Whale City Bakery, Bar & Grill

WHY YOU'LL LOVE

DAVENPORT, CA

Small-town flavors meet world-class wine and waves on this sliver of coast near Santa Cruz. *By Christopher Hall*

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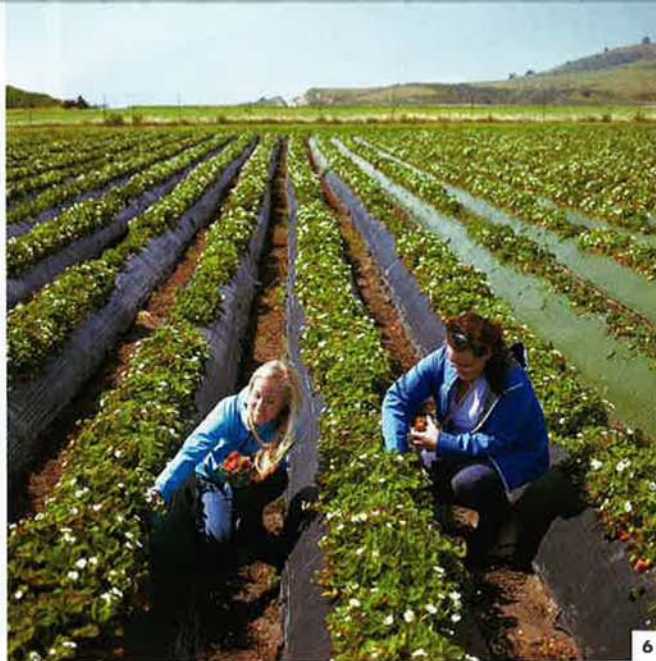
GETTING HERE

Davenport is on State 1, 12 miles northwest of Santa Cruz and 66 miles south of San Francisco.

Linnea Munson, a server at the **Whale City Bakery, Bar & Grill**, known as much for its creamy clam chowder and flaky olallie-berry croissants as for its wide patio with ocean views. Just down the road, wood-fired pizza and off-the-boat halibut make **Davenport Roadhouse** your spot in town for a sit-down dinner. The dining room warms with live jazz, but the real draw is the restaurant's side of local brussels sprouts flash-fried to a chewy, caramelized turn, then brightened with ponzu, apple cider, and lemon juice. "We go through 200 pounds a week," says owner Helmut Fritz, an Austrian who bought the restaurant last year. **Whale City Bakery, Bar & Grill**: \$; 490 State 1; [facebook.com/whalecitybakery](https://www.facebook.com/whalecitybakery). **Davenport Roadhouse**: \$\$; 1 Davenport Ave.; [davenportroadhouse.com](https://www.davenportroadhouse.com).

The glass will blow you away

For more than four decades, artists at **Lundberg Studios**



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November 8–10. But the tiny showroom, in a converted Craftsman garage, shimmers with iridescent shades of blue, green, and gold. And while a few items might induce sticker shock, more affordable luxuries aren't hard to find, from a \$60 Saturn-shaped ornament to many vases under \$200. **121 Old Coast Rd.**; [lundbergstudios.com](https://www.lundbergstudios.com).

Randall Grahm is at it again

Bonny Doon Vineyard's new tasting room, due to open this month, feels a bit like your



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eccentric uncle's Edwardian salon. "It's *Upstairs Downstairs* on the California coast," says proprietor Randall Grahm, one of winedom's most respected envelope-pushers. Hailed as an innovator (screw caps) and a lover of quirky wine names (Banana Slug Roussanne, anyone?), Grahm also turns out elegant pours, like the earthy, Rhône-style red *Le Cigare Volant Réserve* that's available for tasting. Also ripe for sipping: *Querry*, a crisp, sparkling hard cider made with apples, pears, and quinces.



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6. Swanton Berry Farm field 7. Duck egg salad at Davenport Roadhouse 8. Artichoke hearts in sourdough at Whale City Bakery 9. Windsurfers

Cider from a winemaker? Why are we not surprised. *Tasting from \$10; 450 State 1; [bonnydoonvineyard.com](https://www.bonnydoonvineyard.com).*

A stand for flavor

"We haven't found another strawberry with the same intense flavor as the Chandler," says Barrett "Bear" Boean, the man behind the stand at **Swanton Berry Farm**, which was California's first certified organic strawberry farm back in 1987. Just north of town, his 5.5-acre U-pick field with coastal views should be full of the juicy Chandlers into fall.