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VEGHEAD: VEGAN BAKED GOODS

This is ... *vegan*?!

Vegan fare typically isn't very hard to come by—you can find a salad or sandwich that fits the bill at almost every restaurant, even if it is just a pile of iceberg lettuce. But vegan baked goods ... that takes some serious sleuthing. Lucky for you, we've rounded up a list of some splendid places for vegan cupcakes, cheesecake, donuts, and more, so whether you're craving some muffins for breakfast or a whoopie pie for dessert, you'll know where to go.

FIORE'S BAKERY

With sketches by local artists on the walls, a simple chalkboard menu, and a family-friendly atmosphere, you feel immediately welcomed as you enter **Fiore's Bakery**. Offering a wide range of options like vegan cookies, muffins, and cupcakes, it's worth the trek to get here. We tried the enormous zucchini muffin and too-pretty-to-eat vanilla whoopie pie, which turned out to be just as delicious as it looked. We meant to save half for later but after accidentally inhaling the whole thing, all we could do was destroy the evidence. If anyone asks, we were never here. Capiche?

[**Fiore's Bakery**, 55 South St., Jamaica Plain.
@FioresBakery. fioresbakery.com]

TRUE BISTRO

With an entirely vegan menu, **True Bistro** has filled the void that many felt after the popular vegan mecca, Grezzo, closed. Offering breakfast items like banana bread, coffee cake, and even crepes(!), along with decadent desserts like pumpkin cheesecake and "death-by-chocolate" cake, True Bistro is prepped to please you morning and night. Bonus: They also cater to the gluten- and nut-free crowds, providing separate menus for each. So next time your parents are in town, take them here to show them why your "vegan thing" isn't just a phase.

[**True Bistro**, 1153 Broadway, Somerville.
@TrueBistro. truebistroboston.com]

VEGGIE GALAXY

With a name like **Veggie Galaxy**, you can guess that this might be a vegan paradise. Serving greasy spoon options in veg-head form, many flock here for main courses like seitan "meatloaf" and beer-battered tofu. But fewer know about their

fully vegan bakery, featuring an assortment of pastries, cakes, and cupcakes. The pecan sticky bun was a personal favorite of ours, along with the red velvet and cream cheese cupcake. And the best part: it's conveniently located in Central Square so you won't have to travel light-years to get them.

[**Veggie Galaxy**, 450 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.
@VeggieGalaxy. veggiegalaxy.com]

FAZENDA COFFEE ROASTERS

If you ever worry about how fresh the food is when you go out, **Fazenda Coffee Roasters** is here to put your fears at ease. Not only do they roast their coffee beans daily, their sandwiches are served on locally made breads and their breakfast goods are baked fresh every morning. They feature a rotating menu of vegan items—most of which are made in-house by Sabertooth Bakery—and the vegan donuts in particular caught our eye. Get there early enough and you just might nab one while it's still hot. Set your alarm, because *that's* dedication.

[**Fazenda Coffee Roasters**, 3710 Washington St., Jamaica Plain. @fazendacoffee. fazendacoffee.com]

THE CUPCAKORY

If your busy schedule doesn't leave you time to go get your cupcake fix, make the cupcakes come to you! **The Cupcakory** is a cupcake foodtruck offering traditional as well as gluten-free and vegan cupcake options nearly every day. With vegan flavors like peanut butter chocolate chip and a chocolate version stuffed with cookie dough, they keep you guessing. Follow them on Twitter for up-to-date information on their locations and the flavors of the day. As if eating cupcakes had to be any easier.

[**The Cupcakory**, locations vary.
@Cupcakory. cupcakory.com]

MUNCHIES

Now that the St. Pat's parade has passed, you'll have to find another reason to go to Southie. Maybe like ... the **11th Annual Taste of South Boston**, hosted by the **South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation**. **Harpoon** will be pouring tasters and Southie favorites like **Local 149**, **Lucky's Lounge**, and **LTK** will be on deck sampling their fine fare. [Sun 3.24.13. Seaport Hotel, 1 Seaport Ln., Boston. 6pm-9pm/all ages/\$50. sbndc.org]