



# WALK THE AVENUE!

Explore the World on New Hampshire Avenue



## The NEW AVE World of Bakeries & Sweets Walking Tour

In the New Ave bakeries you will truly feel you are traveling to a different world. Most are self-serve—pick up



a tray and tongs near the door to select your items. Some stores have a separate area to bag and tally your goods. Many Hispanic baked goods are designed to be eaten with a coffee or tea, so expect a drier consistency, but with a little experimentation (and a hot drink) you will find the ones you like! Remember to try the breads. But The New Ave is not limited to baked goods—try sweet sticky rice and bean wrapped in banana leaf at the Angkor



Super-market, and milk-based sweets from Udupi Palace.

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**START LOCATION:** Begin and end your tour at the Langley Park Center on the northwest quadrant of the University Boulevard/ New Hampshire Avenue intersection, where there is plenty of free parking.

### 1 Casablanca Bakery

7988 New Hampshire Avenue (Langley Park Center)  
Hyattsville, MD 20783  
(301) 445-3001  
HOURS: Mon–Sat 5:30 am–9:00 pm,  
Sun 6:00 am–9:00 pm

The fragrance and selection in this panaderia and tortilleria are wonderful, so linger awhile over a cup of hot coffee and a freshly baked roll or pastry at very reasonable prices. There are many to choose from—beso, casco, gusano, corbata, concha, cachito simple, empanada leche, pan chapin, pan de anis, cuernito dulce, and more. If you're hosting a special meal or attending one as a guest, consider taking home one of Casablanca's beautiful layer cakes in caffeinated flavors like cappuccino and chocolate, or whipped cream and fruit. You can also sample cake by the slice.

(Cross New Hampshire Avenue heading east and then cross University Boulevard heading south to the southeast quadrant.)

### 2 Udupi Palace

1329 University Blvd. E.,  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
(301) 434-1531  
HOURS: Daily 11:30 am–9:30 pm;  
Closed 3:00 pm–5:00 pm on Mondays

If you have a sweet tooth, this is your place. Milk, fruit, honey and nut-based pastries and candies in hot pink, orange, green and blue are artfully heaped in the long front glass cases of this outstanding South Indian vegetarian restaurant. Most westerners are fond of gulab jamun—a milk based dumpling bathed in rosewater syrup—so if you've never tried it, this is your chance to go wild! Try one of everything and discover your favorites.

(Walk east on University Boulevard to La Union Mall, 1401 University Blvd., and go up the stairs to the first floor entrance.)

### 3 La Chapina Bakery

1401 University Boulevard E. (La Union Mall), #G-21  
Hyattsville, MD 20873  
(301) 408-3700  
HOURS: M–F 7:30 am–9:00 pm; Sun 7:30 am–8:00 pm

This Guatemalan-style bakery features freshly baked rolls, pastries and cakes, along with hot coffee, so sit down and have a bite, while you chat with Lily, the friendly manager. Before this popular bakery opened, the owner tested over 75 different flours until he found the one most similar to

the bakery he grew up with—that is why Guatemalans go out of their way to stop by and buy a little taste of “home.” While you eat, consider which of the beautiful 10-inch layer cakes topped with whipped cream and fresh fruit you’d like to order, perfect for a special occasion. La Chapina offers other kinds of cakes by special order 24 hours in advance, including coffee, chocolate, and coconut. This panaderia and pasteleria bakes all of their goods on-site daily, so the rolls, cookies and pastries taste as fresh as they look.

(Walk downstairs and exit the mall, turning left until you reach Ten-4 Bakery.)

**4 Ten-4 Bakery**  
 1401 University Boulevard E. (La Union Mall, ground level)  
 Hyattsville, MD 20873  
 (240) 602-4354  
 HOURS: Daily 7:00 am–9:00 pm

The smell of freshly baked cookies, rolls, sweet breads, and cakes wafts through the doorway as you walk into this small Salvadoran-style panaderia. This bakery has both Guatemalan goods (which tend to be more yeast-based sweet breads), and El Salvadoran goods (which rely on baking powder for a compact spongy texture). Both Guatemalan and Salvadoran breads overall are sweeter than American breads—many have special fillings which may be meringue, milk or fruit based. Ten-4 has an assortment of baked goods, so try something new!

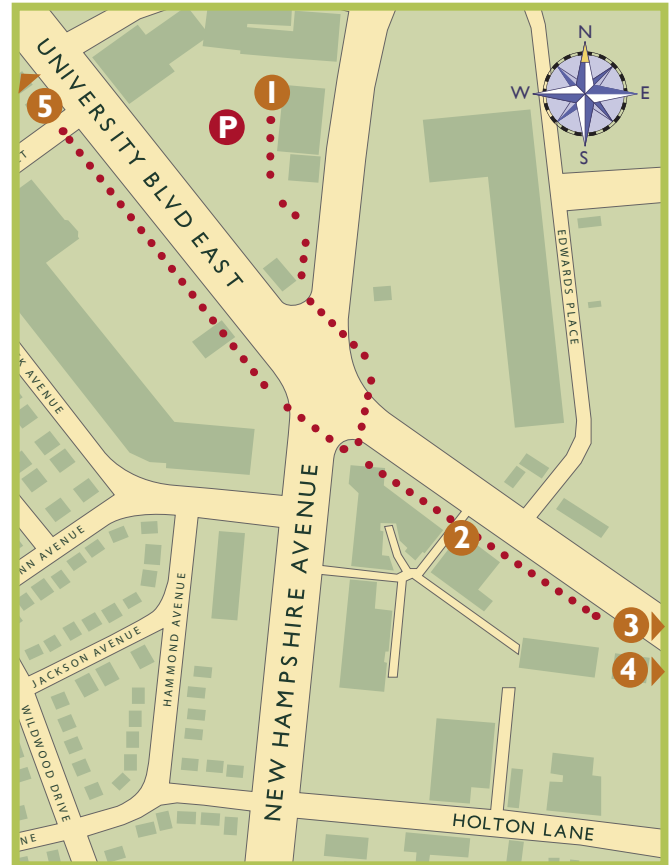
(Walk west along University Boulevard, cross New Hampshire Avenue and walk three blocks—passing your parked car—to the shopping center at Merrimac Drive.)

**5 Angkor Supermarket**  
 937 University Blvd. E.,  
 Takoma Park, MD 20912  
 (301) 445-4174  
 HOURS: Daily 9:00 am–9:00 pm.

This is not the sweetest-smelling place on the list, or the most organized, and definitely not the most familiar (unless you are from South Asia). But this small Asian style supermarket carries locally produced and imported products from all over the world. Once you try the Kasugai individually-wrapped, plump, heart-shaped, tropical fruit flavored gummies, you will never eat another bear, worm or tennis shoe. Bite into daifukumochi, powdered cases of rice flour dough enfolding sweet red bean paste, an unusually subtly flavored (and addictive) treat. Another star that is irresistible reheated at home is a banana in sticky rice with sweet beans tightly wrapped up in a banana leaf. If you are more adventurous, try a ready-to-eat container of rice and bean custard or grass jelly with an individual portion of coconut milk to mix in.

(Walk to your right east along University Boulevard, crossing left across the Boulevard at the light back to the Langley Park Center and your car.) **END**

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