

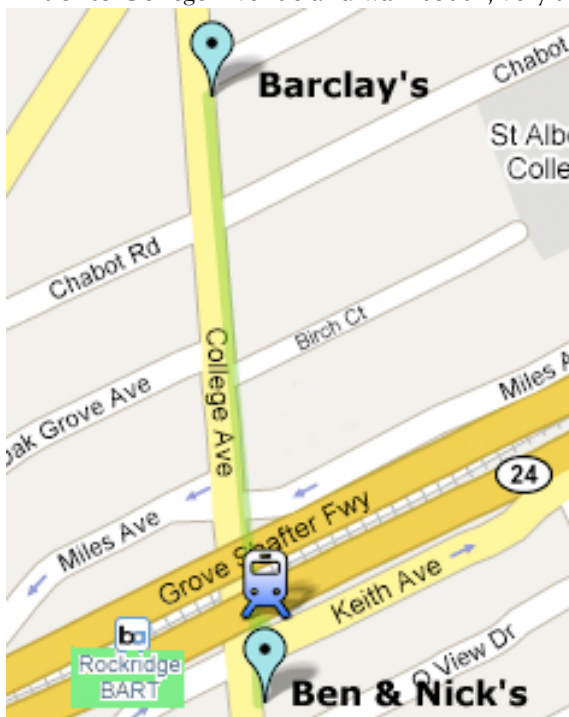


**NHC 2009 Brewers' Pub Crawl Guide**  
 Beer without driving (or parking drama)  
 from the 12th Street BART Station.  
 A community service from **Beer by BART**

**Overview:** Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) provides an easy way to get to good beer until midnight. This set of custom crawls shares 12<sup>th</sup> Street Oakland as a starting and end point. See BeerByBART.com to adapt or extend these with more beer destinations.

**2. Rockridge Hop:** Two beer bar-restaurants in a pleasant North Oakland neighborhood just three stops away:

Enter BART at 11<sup>th</sup> and Broadway, directly across 11<sup>th</sup> from the Marriott. You want a train with a destination of **Pittsburg/Bay Point**. Get off at the third stop, at **Rockridge** Station, named for this neighborhood and its geology. Exit onto College Avenue and walk south, very slightly downhill.



**Ben & Nick's Bar and Grill** at 5612 College Avenue is merely half a block south from the station. This is a cozy little bar and grill. With no website, the beer line-up must always be a surprise. Check it out in person.

**Barclay's** at 5940 College Avenue is an easy walk from Rockridge BART. It's north, so from Ben & Nick's you'll backtrack a block past BART up College Avenue and continue for another three blocks. You could enjoy reading the draft beer line-up in advance on the Barclay's website, but you can be confident that many of their rotating taps are worth checking out. They usually have one beer on cask. The pub menu is popular with the neighborhood regulars. There is a small outdoor seating area by the front door. Sports TV provides some distraction especially during college basketball season.

You'll notice many non-chain restaurants nearby. College Avenue is a good eating scene, and by day has some fun shops, too. It's also relatively close to 12th Street by cab if you miss the last BART train.

**BART basics:**

- Think "**closes at midnight.**" The last train on each line actually gets to 12<sup>th</sup> Street around 12:30 or after that.
- If you want to plan it to the minute look at the posted schedule at your departure station or see [www.bart.gov/schedules/](http://www.bart.gov/schedules/)
- Find links to transit info, to maps, and to the pubs' websites (often offering their current lists of beers on tap), at BeerByBART.com.
- One ticket per passenger from a vending machine in the station. (Takes credit cards, bills, coins.)
- Use it twice each leg, to get in and out. The fare gates deduct from your initial purchase.
- The shortest BART hops and the minimum ticket value to enter are both now just \$1.50 (Fare increase expected at some point.)
- If your ticket is underpaid when you want to exit, first pay up at an "AddFare" machine.

Round trip walking for this crawl is about 0.6 miles.

*Pub crawl route #2 (See live Google map on beerbybart.com site). Crawl notes Nov 2008*