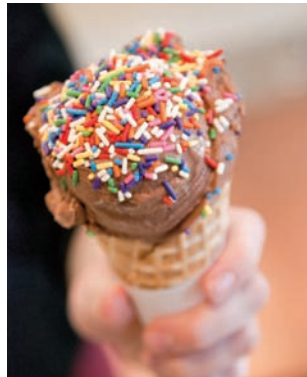




WINSLOW

WITH GORGEOUS VIEWS and charming shops within walking distance of the ferry landing, the village of Winslow on Bainbridge Island is 35 minutes from the city—but feels as though it's a million miles away. Several new businesses and restaurants have recently joined favorites like Cafe Nola, Streamliner Diner and Blackbird Bakery, giving Seattleites even more reason to head across the water. *Jennifer Lee*



EAT + DRINK

>> Part of the farm-to-table trend, **HITCHCOCK** (133 Winslow Way E; 206.201.3789; hitchcock-restaurant.com), open since May, boasts a direct relationship with local and regional farmers (the menu changes daily based on farmers' yields), and showcases local produce and shellfish in classic European-inspired dishes. >> **LOCAL HARVEST** (403 Madison Ave. N; 206.842.2006; local-

harvestrestaurant.com), which debuted last summer, also uses sustainable and eco-minded practices to fuel a tapas-style menu that includes flatbread pizzas, house-made pastas and perfectly caramelized scallops. >> **MORA ICED CREAMERY** (139 Madrone Lane; 206.855.1112; moraicecream.com) offers more than 40 locally made, all-natural ice cream flavors, including seasonal options such as the Valentine's Day-inspired XOXO (dark chocolate ice cream, cherry jam and cherry liquor). >> Matt and Sarah Albee founded sustainable **ELEVEN WINERY** (287 Winslow Way E; 206.780.0905; elevenwinery.com) in their Bainbridge garage, and recently opened a small, friendly wine tasting room in Winslow. >> Bainbridge mom Barbara Reininger started her online baking business, **MY KIDS' COOKIES**, in 2007 and in September opened her first storefront (400 Winslow Way E,

#115; 206.780.3091; mykidscookies.com), with more than 30 varieties of preservative-free cookies, muffins, brownies and biscotti.

SHOP + PLAY

Open since last spring and the only Washington state outlet of the national franchise, **BATH JUNKIE** (129 Winslow Way E; 206.780.8404; bathjunkie.com) is a drop-in spa that lets you customize your own lotions and scrubs with more than 200 fragrances to choose from. >> **CHURCHMOUSE YARNS & TEAS** (118 Madrone Lane; 206.780.2686; churchmouseyarns.com) is a must-stop for



knit-wits. A spacious store full of yarns, from the moderately priced to the luxurious, it offers a knowledgeable staff, regular knitting classes and teas custom made by Portland's Steve Smith. >> Home décor hot spot **DANA'S SHOWHOUSE** (194 Winslow Way E; 206.842.6945) offers stylish furniture, primo pillows and an extensive array of endearing cards. >> Epitomizing islanders' passion for local art, **BAINBRIDGE ARTS AND CRAFTS** (151 Winslow Way



Clockwise from left: Order from the Tuscan applewood-fired oven at Hitchcock; climbers love the magical treehouse at Kids Discovery Museum; locally made jewels at Ginger; artisanal work at Bainbridge Arts and Crafts; Mora Iced Creamery's all-natural frozen treats are especially sweet in February.

E; 206.842.3132; bacart.org) is a longstanding nonprofit that supports community art programs by selling the work of 280 local and regional artists. >> **GINGER** (124 Madrone Lane; 206.855.9661; gingerrocks.com) exhibits an eclectic assortment of handmade jewelry and contemporary functional art made from glass and metal by four local artisans. >> Part of a new sustainable development steps from the ferry dock, the relocated and expanded **KIDS DISCOVERY MUSEUM** (301 Ravine Lane; 206.855.4650; kidimu.org) fuses play and learning. Parents can take advantage of the monthly Kids Night at the Museum drop-off program—perhaps for a Valentine's date night. **S**

INSIDER TIP:

SEVEN BAINBRIDGE ISLAND WINERIES, including Eleven, Perennial Vintners and Rolling Bay Winery, is open for self-guided tasting tours once a month. This month (2/13-2/14) the tour includes chocolate pairings (noon-5 p.m., prices vary; must reserve for groups of six or more; bainbridgewineries.com).



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