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Grand Central Bakery: Have a Grand Time at this Popular Bakery



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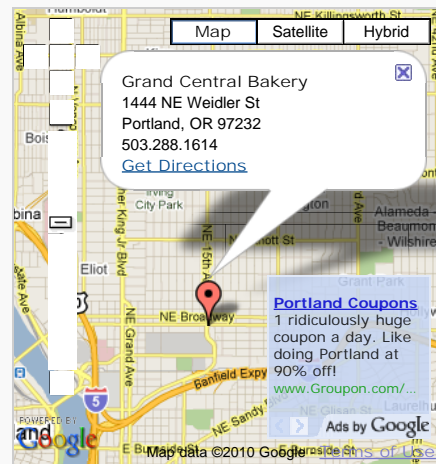
Portland has a wealth of local bakeries, from downtown Portland's Pearl Bakery and Lovejoy Bakers to the popular Grand Central Bakery. With stores in both Seattle and Portland, Grand Central Bakery now transcends the Rose City by carving out a spot as a large regional bakery in the Pacific Northwest.

With six cafes spread throughout the city, Grand Central Bakery can be a great choice, no matter what part of town you are in. While the business started in Seattle, the original Portland location was opened in 1993. The bakery explains the shop's origin: "Knowing that Portlanders shared the same insatiable appetite for good bread, Gwen sent her son, Ben Davis, down to Portland where he re-modeled an old nursery building in Portland's Hawthorne District."

If you are exploring Portland, chances are there is a location near you. The bakery also is at a number of the farmer's markets spread throughout the city, making it accessible when getting your fresh produce and goods each week. A number of grocery stores also carry their bread if you need a loaf to complement your home-cooked meal. Their rustic baguette is a great choice for parties large or small.




Each café has its own feel. One of the best locations is near Irving Park and Mississippi Avenue. This café has a subdued, relaxed feel with the walls adorned with art. Despite having numerous locations in two major cities, the cafes never seem to lose that local charm. Whether it is their friendly staff or laid back appeal, this local business keeps growing in popularity.

Address: 1444 NE Weidler St
Pricing: Cheap (Under \$20 for two)
Phone: 503.288.1614
Hours: Daily: 7:00am-6:00pm
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Grand Central Bakery has locations throughout Portland and

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The café can be the perfect lunch spot, as they have a number of delicious sandwiches to choose from, including a vegetarian grinder. They also have a great selection of morning [pastries](#) and baked goods as well as bread or rolls.

Portland has a good amount of local pride when it comes to bakeries and baked goods. Grand Central Bakery can claim a regional popularity [contest](#) with its delicious and time-honored recipes.

HelloPortland Tip: Planning a special dinner? You can order rolls and bread ahead of time, which can come in handy, especially during the busy [holiday season](#).

- by [William Crane, Portland Reporter for HelloMetro](#)



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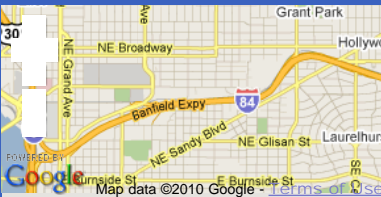
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Grand Central has a great selection of sandwiches and baked goods. Photo by William Crane.



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