**Rollins Cheat Sheet**

**Guide to Tampa Bay**

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**Night Life**

- **Hideaway Cafe** (St. Pete - Central Avenue around 18th Street - a recording studio with live music most nights that brings in the best local acts and many from all over Florida and elsewhere)
- **Bishop** (downstairs bar and upstairs club on 1st Avenue North in downtown St. Pete)
- **Ella's Folk Cafe** (a funky joint with good food and great music in Seminole Heights)
- **World of Beer** (popping up everywhere in Tampa and St. Pete - good beer and large crowds)
- **Independent** (best selection of beer in Tampa Bay - downtown St. Pete and Seminole Heights)
- **Taps** (great wine and beer selection in downtown Tampa across from Curtis Hixson Park)
- **Dubliner/MacDintons** (Tampa - South Howard pubs, Dubliner a little more low key but great crowd, MacD’s always packed, 5 different bars inside, live music)
- **Venue** (Clearwater Club)
- **Push Ultra Lounge** (St. Pete Club - upstairs, rooftop bar, house music)
- **Old Northeast Tavern** (DT St. P – 7th Avenue Northeast, don't overlook the great food)
- **Bungalow** (Tampa- indoor/outdoor seating, good happy hour)
- **Jackson's** (see Dining column also)
- **Cheap** (Tampa –SoHo- trendy bar with good sushi)
- **Yard of Ale** (Tampa SoHo – beer & wine, light apps)
- **Hyde Park Café** (Tampa, trendy, several bars indoor/outdoor)
- **The Fly** (DT Tampa – great food, variety of mixed drinks)
- **Manderin Hide** (DT St. P – posh “speak easy”, great drinks)
- **Red Mesa Cantina** (downtown St. Pete - excellent spinoff of the original on 4th Street with dining inside or out, live music and Push just one floor up)
- **Jackson's** (one of the few waterfront dining options in Tampa - good sushi and other dishes, turns into a nightclub on the weekend evenings)
- **Fresco's** (on 2d Avenue North at the base of the Pier - a brunch (and bloody mary) that is hard to beat)
- **Cafe Alma** (1st Avenue South - same as Fresco's, a great brunch and a full bloody mary bar on Sunday)
- **Dome Grill** (family owned spot with a great breakfast on Central and about 5th Street)
- **Harvey's on 4th Street** (a St. Pete tradition, including the full moon parties)
- **Ceviche** on Central in St. Pete, great breakfast and tapas
- **Corrigan's** (Irish pub with good food and better beer with some fun live music)
- **Laughing Cat** (great Italian in Ybor City)
- **Tampa Bay Brewing Company** (great beer brewed on the premises to be enjoyed inside or out with good food)
- **Acropolis** (great Greek food and a lively atmosphere in Ybor or St. Pete on Central)
- **Three Birds Tavern** (good food inside or out on 4th Street near downtown St. Pete)
- **Charley's, Bern's, Fleming's and Shula's** (Tampa's great line-up of steak joints)
- **Refrigerator** (critically acclaimed but relaxed restaurant with rooftop dining in Seminole Heights)
- **Pane Rustica** (MacDill in south Tampa - great bakery and very good Italian lunches)
- **Joey Brooklyn's** (1st Avenue North in St. Pete - your late night Pizza choice)
- **Prima Urban Cafe** (3rd Street between Central and 1st Avenue North in St. Pete - fantastic Italian)
- **Organic Cafe** (Central Ave in St. Pete -a fantastic lunch)
- **400 Beach** (Beach Blvd, St. P – great food, pet friendly)
- **Bella Brava** (Good Italian, amazing lobster mac & cheese)
Things To Do

- 600 Block of Central Avenue in St. Pete - original stores and shops.
- **First Friday** (get downtown for live music and a street party on the first Friday of every month)
- **Great Explorations** (fantastic place for kids in same location as the Sunken Gardens)
- **Big Cat Rescue** (support one of the most interesting non-profits in Tampa Bay that rescues and cares for exotic wild cats)
- **Painting with a Twist** (in both St. Pete and Tampa, grab a bottle of wine and learn to paint a masterpiece)
- **Craftsman House** (one bookend of the fast developing Central Avenue arts district - great art and a wonderful cafe)
- **Dunedin** : Dunedin Brewery, local artists and original restaurants - a great day.
- Concert at **Mahaffey Theatre** in downtown St. Pete, Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, or Morsani/Straz in downtown Tampa.
- **Festivals, festivals, festivals** - check Creative Loafing or your local chamber of commerce for the happenings in St. Pete, Tampa, Clearwater, Dunedin, etc.
- **Artwalk in Gulfport** (enjoy great art in Historic Gulfport, Tuesday afternoon vendors also!)
- **Dolphin Watching Cruise** (they take tour daily and great view of Florida Wildlife)
- **Salvador Dali Museum** (DT St. P – brand new facility, gives life to Dali)
- **The Ringling Museum** (Fine Arts)
- **Tampa Aquarium** (Located in DT Tampa right by the water)
- **MOSI** : Museum of Science and Industry
- **Busch Gardens/Adventure Island** (A Tampa classic, new rollercoasters mixed amongst the wildlife make this park incredible!)
- **St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts** (Right on the water DT St. P, new exhibits seasonally)
- **Hyde Park Shopping** (fine shops, boutiques and restaurants tucked away in Historic Hyde park, Tampa)
- **Ellenton Outlets** (About 20 minutes south of St. P, huge number of designer outlets)
- **Sunken Gardens** (St. Pete favorite, beautiful gardens located on 4th St, lots of kids activities too!)

Music Lovers

**SELECT TAMPA MUSIC VENUES**

- **The St. Pete Times Forum** (misnomer: located in Tampa)
  Events at this indoor venue include sporting events (such as NHL games and USF basketball games), concerts (including Red Hot Chili Peppers, Radiohead, and many more in 2012), and visits from traveling acts like the Ringling Circus.

- **The Ritz, Ybor City**
  This indoor space boosts some of the best acoustics in the bay area. The Ritz books major names in the music industry, from up-and-coming DJs to The Indigo Girls to jam bands like moe. It rents out for private parties as well. Be aware of your surroundings in Ybor City (you’re not in Winter Park anymore).
  1-800-Ask-Gary Amphitheatre
  The largest concert venue in the area, this amphitheatre attracts popular, mainstream acts, and sells its tickets through livenation.com. Limited covered seating is available; otherwise, you’ll be sitting on the large lawn (lots of fun—without a cover or chairs).
  **Skipper’s Smokehouse**
  Also a restaurant, this outdoor stage is surrounded by live oaks and a lively, laid back crowd. The music scene varies from night to night, with great bands frequenting the venue during the weekends. Wednesday is reggae night; Thursday is Grateful Dead night.
  **Tampa Theatre**
  This theatre attracts musical acts and also screens films.
  **Crowbar**
  Another solid spot for concerts in Ybor City.

**SELECT ST. PETE MUSIC VENUES**

- **Jannus Live**
  Musical guests play to large crowds at this popular downtown St. Pete outdoor venue. Featured artists range from local bands playing for free to international acts selling out the place.

- **State Theatre**
  This small indoor venue hosts a variety of concerts, from local acts to larger names like Galactic and Atmosphere.
  **studio@620**
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- **Ringside Cafe**
  You can enjoy many polished, up-and-coming local acts at this restaurant-venue.