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Restaurant and Drinks editor Andrew Knowlton shares tips, trends, and his take on eating out.

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Announcing the Bon Appetit Grub Crawl in Brooklyn, New Orleans, and L.A.

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Back in the day, before having two kids and "acting responsibly" became my reality, I dedicated all of my free time to eating and drinking my way through NYC. I'd draw tiny pocket maps of neighborhoods--say the West Village or Lower East Side--and mark a dozen or so new restaurants or bars that I wanted to check out. Any given night my then girlfriend (now wife) and I would hop from one spot to the next, having a cocktail here, an appetizer there, until we could walk, for one reason or another, no more. It made me the relentless eater and curious restaurant editor I am today.

So when team BA told me they were planning to throw a **series of on-the-go food events open to the public**, I gave them a high five--I also recommended neighborhoods, a few restaurants, and asked if I could tag along.

Today, we're announcing the launch of the **Bon Appetit Grub Crawl** presented by Belvedere Vodka and Chase Sapphire. Think of it like any other pub crawl, but with better food and one-of-a-kind VIP experiences. If you've had your fill of those huge food festivals where everyone is spilling wine on each other and fighting for tiny plate of seared tuna, well, the BAGrub Crawl is for you.

Fittingly, the first weekend kicks off in my neighborhood, Carroll Gardens, on Friday, June 1, followed by a day of crawling each in nearby Williamsburg (June 2) and Red Hook (June 3). Here's a look at the itineraries in Brooklyn. And if you can't make it to New York that weekend, don't worry, we're coming to a city near you, beginning with New Orleans June 22-24 and Los Angeles July 13-15. For tickets and pricing visit bonappetitgrubcrawl.com.

As a veteran of these kinds of nights out, I'll leave you with a word advice: Wear your fat pants. -Andrew Knowlton

BROOKLYN ITINERARY

FRIDAY, JUNE 1: CARROLL GARDENS

Clover Club

Punch demonstration by cocktail savant Julie Reiner, followed by a drinks tasting, deviled eggs, and mini pulled pork sliders

Frankies 457/Prime Meats

Hang with Frank Castronovo and Frank Falcinelli, taste lambrusco, and snack on assorted seasonal crostini served in the garden

Seersucker

Chef Robert Newton's fried chicken and biscuits with homemade spreads; local wine on tap

Treats Truck

Assorted sweets from Kim Ima's first brick and mortar shop

SATURDAY, JUNE 2: WILLIAMSBURG

Meatball Shop

Hang with chef/owners Daniel Holzman and Michael Chernow, plus meatball sliders, ice cream sandwiches, and pitchers of sangria

Maison Premiere

Slurp oysters and absinthe in the bar's newly opened backyard garden

Allswell

Foraged cocktails paired with foraged dishes

City Winery

Wine tasting and a behind-the-scenes tour of the winery

Rye

Learn to prepare chef Cal Elliott's signature Southside cocktail through a demo, tasting, and small bites

Knitting Factory

Special concert with a surprise artist--details to be announced soon!

SUNDAY JUNE 3: RED HOOK

Stumptown Coffee Roasters

Get a strong buzz and learn about Stumptown's various methods of roasting and brewing

Fort Defiance

Watch owner St. John Frizell give a Ramos Fizz demonstration paired with cold fried chicken and oysters

The Good Fork

Enjoy a Korean breakfast prepared by chef/owner Sohui Kim

Mile End

Taste meats and pickles with Mile End's chef/owner who cures, pickles, and smokes all of his products in house

Sunny's

Kick back and relax with a live band and many Dark & Stormies at one of Brooklyn's oldest bars, opening exclusively during the day for the Bon Appetit Grub Crawl

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