

PERFECT SATURDAY

Flea Market Browsing and Hudson River Biking in Hell's Kitchen

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Welcome to **Perfect Saturday**, a weekly Racked feature in which we outline the best places to shop and spend the afternoon in a particular neighborhood, starting with brunch and ending—who knows!



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Hell's Kitchen often gets overlooked because of its proximity to the Times Square, which isn't the most *relaxing* place to spend a weekend afternoon. But if you swing a little bit west of the flashing lights, you'll find a neighborhood full of **cozy pubs**, **comfort food**, **flea market finds**, and **scenic bike rides**.



↑It's hard to miss **44 & X** (622 Tenth Avenue): the restaurant's bright façade pops against its grittier neighbors. Try their one of their takes on comfort food—like poached eggs with Maryland crab cakes, or hazelnut brioche French toast with raspberry compote.



↑**Delphinium Home** (353 West 47th Street) is one of those stores that *seems* small, but that you can actually get lost in. Stop by the tightly-packed shop and pick up a month's worth of any-occasion gifts—from Jonathan Adler paperweights to whiskey stones.



↑One of city's original, real-deal bazaars, the **Hell's Kitchen Flea Market** (West 39th Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues) put the neighborhood on the retail map. You could spend an entire day here poring over the antique furniture, vintage jewelry, pre-loved handbags, and retro fashions. Pro tip: bargaining is totally on the table.



↑If you're looking to treat your guy, or if you're into the menswear-inspired look, swing by **Fine and Dandy** (445 West 49th Street), a style hub for dapper gents. The boutique, which stocks everything from books and greeting cards to wallets and flasks, is all about keeping men's fashion old school.



↑Channel your inner artist at **Mud, Sweat & Tears Pottery** (654 Tenth Avenue). The studio and pottery shop's programs give you all the essential information and materials to make plates, mugs, sculptures – you name it – in a laid-back setting. Stop by for their Saturday drop-in class to start creating your own masterpiece.



↑If shopping has left you a little famished, fear not: serious snacktime options are nearby at **Gotham West Market** (600 Eleventh Avenue). The gourmet food court is like Chelsea Market but with more seating, so you can kick back and enjoy treats like **Jeni's** ice cream, **Cannibal** beer and bone marrow brulée, and **Choza Taqueria** tacos.



↑Hell's Kitchen is just a short walk from the water. To make the most out those views (and one of the last summer Saturdays), rent a bike from **Bike and Roll** (Pier 84, 557 Twelfth Avenue) and enjoy a leisurely ride along the Hudson. You can also sign up for one of Bike and Roll's guided tours to destinations like the waterfront at Central Park.