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Beer-cation, day two

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Friday saw Jeff and I traveling to Traverse City! We lunched at the [Mackinaw Brewing Company](#). Because I am a girl and have a weird body type, I lamely had a salad. It was good, but it was still a salad. We did split the French Onion soup, which had one of the beers in it (I'm sorry, I forget which one). That was awesome! Speaking of awesome, the beers were good, too.

We got the sampler, which began with:

- The GT Golden. Our server described it as a "beginners beer" and she was right. It would be nice for someone new to craft beer or for someone like my dad, who has drunk Pabst and Budweiser (and before that, Schiltz and Stroh's) his whole life. It wasn't bad, but it was definitely weak tasting, although it had a nice dry finish to it.
- The big winner was the current seasonal beer, which was a honey orange trippel. Often, I shy away from trippels because they have a harsher taste. This beer did not. The honey and orange flavors made it smooth and easy drinking.
- I found the Red and the Bitter to be meh, as they say, but I liked the Oatmeal Stout, which wasn't as heavy as some stouts are but still had the distinct stout taste.
- I also liked the Belgina White Cap which had a nice fruity finish.
- My top pick is the Brown Ale, which was excellent—malty and smooth and one of the better brown ales that I've had.

