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TOP 10 BEERS TO DRINK FROM A CAN

WHY SHOULDN'T OUR INNER LEWIS AND CLARKS ENJOY BEERS ON TREKS THROUGH THE GREAT UNKNOWN? WELL, NOW WE CAN.

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Cold Smoke Scotch Ale by Kettle House Brewing: According to science, the growth potential for an animal's body mass is often related to the size of the environment. We think the same rule can be applied to Kettle House Brewing, located in Montana's "big sky country." With Cold Smoke Scotch's big flavors presented in an equally large 16-ounce tallboy can, this beer follows the brewery's motto: "We can—so you can take it with you!"

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CynicAle by Surly: A perfect introduction for beer drinkers slightly skeptical about having their brew sans bottle or draft, Surly's CynicAle will turn any cynic into a can fan. A seasonal offered between Memorial Day and Labor Day, this Belgian saison-styled ale delivers spicy flavors and apricot aromas, packaged in a portable 16-ounce can.

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Dale's Pale Ale by Oskar Blues: The first microbrewery in the United States to brew and can its own beer, Oskar Blues became "the little brewery that cans" in 2002 with the introduction of Dale's Pale Ale. Named after Oskar Blues' founder, Dale Katechis, this beer is categorized somewhere between American pale ale and IPA, using European malts and American hops to balance the flavor of this trail-blazing brew.

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Phoenix Pale Ale by Sly Fox Brewing: With the image of a fire-bursting Phoenix rising from the side of the can, this pale ale is worth picking up, if only to look at (rest assured, it tastes good, too). Named after the town of Phoenixville, Penn., where the brewery got its start, one can't help contemplating the symbolism of placing this mystical bird on a can, just as craft brewers begin to resurrect the integrity of canned beer.

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Coconut Porter by Maui Brewing: The only microbrewery on the island of Maui, this company managed to can aloha spirit by infusing the taste of toasted coconut in its porter. A 2006 World Beer Cup gold medalist, not only does this beer inspire leis and long-boarding, it also gives beachgoers a chance to try out the myth of cooling cans by burying them in the sand underneath a bonfire.

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Sea Hag IPA by New England Brewing: Inspired by a sea tale about the wife of a brewer who disappeared after stowing away on a trade ship bound for India, the legend of the New Haven Sea Hag stuck with Rob Leonard, owner and brewer of New England Brewing. And while the Sea Hag allegedly still haunts the coastal community of New Haven today, the only thing mysterious about this IPA is how Leonard fits the full-bodied flavor into a 12-ounce can.

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T-6 Red Ale by Warbird Brewing: Led by Dave Holmes, the "operations group commander of the 194th Brewing Wing, 1st Brew Force," this Fort Wayne, Ind. brewery not only has a thing for retired military planes (known as warbirds), but it also brews a mean red ale. With this kind of enthusiasm backing up great taste in a can, we'd be happy to ration our aluminum for the war effort.

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Brooklyn Lager by Brooklyn Brewery: It's an early summer afternoon in Brooklyn. The sun is beating down, heat's rising from the pavement and everything's running at a slower pace. It's the perfect opportunity to kick it on your stoop and crack open a cold can of Brooklyn Lager. OK, so maybe you live in Brooklyn, Mich., but at least this beer tantalizes the imagination.

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IPA by Caldera Brewing Co.: Aside from recycling, what else do the folks at Caldera Brewing do with their empties? They construct pyramids and model airplanes, of course (photos available on their Web site), but not before enjoying what's inside the can: an American-style IPA with strong hop flavors and good body. After drinking a few of these 6.3%-ABV brews, let the creativity flow with the empties—and don't forget to send Caldera photos of your creation.

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Watermelon Wheat by 21st Amendment: Watermelon is a quintessential summer fruit, but not everyone likes the sticky, seed-spitting results that come with the territory. The creative minds at 21st Amendment took care of that problem by brewing the flavor and aroma of watermelon into a refreshing wheat beer. With 400 pounds of the fresh fruit used in each batch, this beer might be the best summertime invention since years of important scientific research gave us the seedless watermelon.