

Coffee Shops of Vancouver

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What makes a good coffee shop?

- Good atmosphere
- Good food
- Entertainment/live music
- Friendly staff

- And of course . . .

What makes a good coffee shop?

COFFEE!



The Chains



Tim Hortons

- Canada's classic coffee shop
- Also known for their donuts, and 'TimBits'



- Most common coffee: the Double-Double

Bean Around the World

- One on campus, just down main mall from the CS building
- Some of the better food you can get nearby, but very expensive

Blenz Coffee

- B.C.'s largest franchised coffee shop chain
- The one in the village offers a free size upgrade for students
- Good mochas

Starbucks

- It's Starbucks, need I say more?

Coffee Shops on Campus

- Bean Around the World

- Main Mall and Thunderbird
- Often crowded, but good food and decent coffee



- The Original Beanery

- In Fairview
- Open late, good place to study. If you don't need internet . . .
- Has a pool table



Coffee Shops on Campus

- The Boulevard

- Near the smaller bus loop (14, 4, 9)



- Blue Chip Cookies

- In the Sub
- Fresh-baked cookies
- Can have looong lines



- Tim Hortons

- In Forestry building
- Good for getting last minute treats for events (orientation)



Cuppa Joy

- Great place to study
 - Open late
 - Decent internet
 - Two stories, lots of room
- Conveniently located at 4th and Alma
- Live music
 - Monday nights, possibly others
- Meh coffee
 - \$1 refills



Grounds for Coffee

- Best cinnamon rolls in Vancouver
 - Cinnamon roll provider for pretty much every other coffee shop around



- Meh coffee
 - \$1 refills

- Located at
Broadway and Alma



What Makes a Good Coffee?

- Beans

- Origin
- Roast
- Grind



- Brewing Method

- Most coffee shops use drip machines for convenience
- The best shops brew to order
 - Pour-over, french press, siphon, clever . . .

Brewing Methods



49th Parallel

- Two Locations
 - Main and 13th
 - 4th and Yew



- Very crowded at peak hours
 - Lots of room, good for studying if you can get a spot



- Good coffee
 - Roasts their own beans
- Location on Main also serves Lucky's donuts

Elysian Coffee

- Broadway and Ash



- Uses the Clover coffee brewer



Recommended Coffee: Adado

Revolver

- Located in Gastown (Cambie and Hastings)



- Coffee samplers

- 3 different beans, 1 brewing method
- 1 type of bean, 3 brewing methods
 - Aeropress
 - French press
 - Clever

- Bad espresso

- Maybe just a one-time thing?

- Very little sitting room

- Not good for studying



Roasters of Vancouver

- Matchstick Coffee

- Also serves coffee
- Fraser and 15th



- Bows & Arrows

- Located in Victoria



- Origins Coffee

- Darker, more full bodied
- Good for espresso
- Located on the Granville Island



Momento



- Located at 4th and Macdonald
 - Second location coming soon
- My favorite coffee shop in Vancouver
 - Amazing coffee, very knowledgable
 - Good place to study, giant table in the back
 - Very friendly staff
 - Good food
 - Fresh baked from local stores

Honorable Mention

- Innocent Coffee
 - 4th and Granville
- Kafka's Coffee & Tea
 - Main and Broadway
 - Only one outlet in the whole coffee shop!
- Calhoun's Coffee
 - In Kitsilano
 - Open 24/7
- Thomas Haas
 - In Kitsilano
 - Good desserts, never tried the coffee

Summary: Best for . . .

- Studying: Cuppa Joy, The Beanery, Momento, Calhoun's (?)
- Ambiance: Cuppa Joy
- Food: Grounds for Coffee, Momento, 49th Parallel, Thomas Haas
- Coffee: Momento, Elysian, Revolver