



COFFEE CULTURE



This walking tour highlights Riverside's culture of coffee connoisseurs, including our many unique and independent businesses specializing in fair trade and sustainable practices, coffee education, and a coffee tasting experience of the highest quality.



Merchants of Green Coffee

2 Matilda Street

Merchants of Green Coffee - located at the junction of Davies Ave and Matilda St, just north of Queen St East and the DVP - specializes in green coffee beans with their signature 'Cafe Solar', along with sustainable and fair trade business

practices such as solar-powered coffee processing and restorative farming. Their building was an industrial jam factory in 1909 which housed Imperial Extract, produced by Shirriff Marmalade, along with two wine businesses. In 1995, the 18,000 sq ft space, a tall warehouse with exposed brick and wood beams, became the 'Merchants of Green Coffee' and was called 'Cafe & Jam Factory' to recognize its roots. It is filled with antique wares and rustic furniture made with recycled materials by their in-house metal-worker/artist. It's a throwback to the original 80s style coffee house. Besides running their incredible cafe, they host coffee education workshops (Green Beans 101, Art of Roasting, etc) events, and special projects year-round. merchantsofgreencoffee.com



Cannonball Coffee and Bar 641 Queen St E

Coffee, great beer on draft, sandwiches made to order, breakfast bagels, freshbaked cookies and muffins. All that good stuff and some Wi-Fi. Formerly known as F'Coffee, this long-time Riverside spot reinvented itself as

Cannonball, a fully licensed café and bar. It's one of the most low-key, under-the-radar coffee spots on the east side, and even includes a secluded and leafy back patio which hosts live music in summer and is dog-friendly. This quirky, cozy and eclectic cafe, attracts a very artsy crowd. At Cannonball you'll find a mix of mid-century modern tables and chairs, "tacky souvenirs" from 1940s to 1960s passed down from owner Rob's grandparents, and Value Village - all a reflection of things he likes. Go in for a coffee, stay for a beer and meet new friends. facebook.com/ thecannonball641



Dark Horse Espresso Bar

630 Queen St E

With six locations in Toronto, this local mini-chain coffee empire has its roots in Riverside going back 10+ years. Originally in their 682 Queen St E location (their original shop), they relocated in 2014 to spacious digs with an outdoor patio at 630 Queen E. The first thing you'll notice when walking in is their huge wooden communal table, which moved from their old spot to their new one, and encourages 'talking to strangers in an

intimate setting'. Their claim to fame is to provide the most delicious balanced espresso Toronto has to offer and with their uber-cool events such as Adult colouring nights to hosting Motosocial (socials for motorcyclists), they have certainly racked up a cult following. darkhorseespresso.com



Tokyo Smoke

100 Broadview Ave. 2nd FI

Tokyo Smoke Riverside is the brand's first location in Toronto's East End. With an interior created in collaboration with the award-winning Design Agency firm, their sleek 2nd floor shop boasts a unique concrete bar and floor-to-ceiling windows. They serve a custom coffee blend by Pilot Coffee Roasters. Their locally-focused food program includes grilled sandwiches from Forno Cultura and a selection from Village Juicery - quick grabs

and delightful pick-me-ups for the offices and condos they share the building with. Tokyo Smoke Riverside also carries Fellow coffee accessories and an assortment of 'thoughtfully-designed cannabis products'. tokyosmoke.com



4 Boulton Ave

Boxcar Social The Riverside location is Boxcar Social's second shop, established in May 2015, and they have since grown to five

locations in Toronto. From 1888 to 1910, the building they are in was originally the Toronto Public Library's 'Eastern Branch', its first branch

east of the Don River. Thanks to the high ceilings in the Riverside space, Boxcar Social was able to build in a separate slow bar, floor to ceiling wine racks and a full draught beer system. The concept at Boxcar Social is "Do what we love, do it with our friends, and do it really well'. Their beverage program sources coffee from the world's top roasters. They strive to create the most unique tasting experience for customers including guided tastings with their coffee directors and educational workshops. boxcarsocial.ca





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