



A FOODIE DAY OUT IN SIDNEY BY THE SEA

Sidney, British Columbia · 20 min north of Victoria

Sidney offers a relaxed and walkable food scene on the Saanich Peninsula, where cafés, bakeries, breweries, and waterfront restaurants are all close at hand. It's an easy place to spend a day exploring local flavours at your own pace.

BREAKFAST

- 3rd Street Cafe** · 2466 Beacon Ave · Owned and run by Jess Birring, this well-loved breakfast spot is known for its eggs benedict and house-made hot sauce. Arrive early on weekends as it fills quickly.
- Sidney Bakery** · 2507 Beacon Ave · One of the oldest bakeries in British Columbia, operating from this location since 1903. The same family has run it since the 1940s, continuing long-standing recipes. The Texas donuts are made fresh each morning and are often gone by mid-morning on weekends. The bread, pastries, sausage rolls, and squares are all popular choices.
- Quince Café** · 2527 Beacon Ave · A thoughtfully run café on Beacon Avenue where everything is made from scratch using local and seasonal ingredients. The carrot cake is a favourite among regulars, and the patio is a lovely spot to watch Sidney in action on a sunny morning.

LATE MORNING

- Sidney Scones** · 9762 Third St · Owner Chelsey Columbus began baking scones at home, and what started as a passion project has grown into a popular local destination. The menu features a wide range of flavours, from earl grey vanilla and salted caramel apple to churro and everything bagel with cream cheese. The bubble tea menu is designed to pair well with the scones. Gluten-free and vegan options are available. Arrive before noon for the best selection.
- Smør Scandinavian Bakery** · 104-2376 Bevan Ave · Owner Leah Hayward began selling Scandinavian baked goods at farmers markets across the Saanich Peninsula in 2022 and opened her Sidney storefront in 2024. Everything is baked in house each morning, including rye bread, cardamom buns, heart-shaped waffles, and open-faced sandwiches inspired by Nordic traditions. Bread often sells out, so plan to arrive earlier in the day.

LUNCH

- Maria's Souvlaki** · 9812 Second St · A Sidney staple with over thirty years on Second Street. The Greek food is made fresh daily, with souvlaki as a consistent favourite. A casual and reliable lunch option.
- The Fickle Fig Farm Market Express** · 2489 Beacon Ave · A farm-to-table café on Beacon Avenue where everything is made from scratch each day. The menu includes sandwiches, wood-fired pizzas, artisan gelato, and baked goods, with a focus on seasonal ingredients.

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DRINKS

- Small Gods Brewing** · 9835 Third St · A craft brewery with a literary theme, where each beer is named after a book connected to its ingredients or style. The rotating taps offer a variety of options, and the dog-friendly patio on Third Street is a relaxed place to spend an afternoon.
- Beacon Brewing** · 9829 Third St · A family-run brewery located just steps away, offering a range of classic beer styles. Guests are welcome to bring in food from nearby spots. Vinyl night runs every Thursday, featuring records brought in by the community.

Local tip: Plan to visit both breweries. They sit two doors apart and offer different atmospheres within an easy walk.

- Janet's Special Teas** · Beacon Ave · A tea shop on Beacon Avenue carrying a wide selection of blends. Janet is known for her knowledge and for helping customers find something suited to their tastes.
- Victoria Distillers** · 9891 Seaport Pl · Home of Empress 1908 gin, produced on the Sidney waterfront. The gin is made with butterfly pea blossom, giving it a deep indigo colour that shifts when mixed. The tasting room and bottle shop are open to visitors.

SOMETHING SWEET

- Scoop and Waffle** · 2423 Beacon Ave · Opened in March 2025, this ice cream shop offers a rotating selection of Island Farms flavours along with mini donuts, milkshakes, sundaes, and waffle pops. Vegan sorbets and gluten-free options are available. Open late through summer.
- Tonollis Deli and Coffee** · 2400 Bevan Ave · A family-run deli and café just off the main strip at the corner of Bevan Avenue and Fifth Street. Known for its house-made baking and sandwiches, with a relaxed, dog-friendly patio.

DINNER

- 10 Acres at the Pier** · 2538 Beacon Ave · Located inside the Sidney Pier Hotel on the waterfront, this restaurant is part of the 10 Acres Farm and Restaurant Group. The menu features Ocean Wise seafood, a raw bar, and locally sourced meats and produce, with dishes that reflect the season. Book ahead.
- Atelier by Matt Jackson** · 9804 Fifth St · Opened in November 2022, Atelier is an intimate dining room on a quiet Sidney side street. Chef Matt Jackson brings a French-inspired approach, with a seasonal menu shaped by ingredients from local farms and nearby waters. The space seats around 30 guests, and reservations are recommended.