Hi all,

I've just made a "quick and dirty" list of places that we like to hang out at. Keep in mind that we are "repatriated locals!", with children in tow, so tend to go to what's relatively easy. I'm sure there's much, MUCH more out there! **YELP** anything and everything is my best tip. I would love to know of any more...

– Gloria

1. NEIGHBOURHOOD MARKETS

Whole Foods, Choices, Safeway, Save-On, Stong's on Dunbar, Ethnic Foods - Parthenon (Broadway), India town (Main and 49th), Yaohan, TNT, H Mart (various locations) BULK FOODS - Costco, Canadian Superstore, Famous Foods, Weigh to Go

2. HOUSEHOLD THINGS

London Drugs, Box'd (W.10th - great organizational things), Bed, Bath and Beyond, Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn, West Elm, Restoration Hardware etc.

3. RESTAURANTS

ASIAN

1. Cantonese/Dim Sum

Kirin Restaurant (any location), Red Star (Granville Street), Golden Ocean (Kerrisdale), First Honour (Granville/41st Avenue)

2. SE Asian - Banana Leaf, Cafe D'lite - Kits

3. Thai - Sawasadee, Salathai, Thai Food on Broadway

4. Vietnamese/Cambodian - Phnom Penh - E. Hastings (dodgy area but popular all these decades!), Au Petit Cafe (Viet sandwiches) - Main Street

BRUNCH BITES

The Oakwood (W. 4th) Cafe Medina (downtown/Gastown) Sunshine Deli (Broadway) Blaq Sheep (Dunbar) Jethro's (Dunbar, Fraser) Burdock and Company (Main Street) Sophie's Cosmic Cafe (W.4th and Arbutus) Fable (Kits)

BURGERS/CONTINENTAL

Moderne Burger (Kits), Romer's (Kits) Keg, Vera's (chain), White Spot, Milestones, Cactus Club

COFFEE SPOTS

JJ Bean, Cafe Artigiano, 49th Parallel, Beaucoup (Fir, near Granville Island), Coco et Olive (Main Street), Faubourg (Kerrisdale) Thomas Haas (Kits), and apparently Matchstick and Timber Train are good too.

COFFEE and CAKE The Secret Garden Tea Company Neverland (good tea, not sure about cake) Sweet Obsession (great cakes!) Faubourg (Kerrisdale)

FISH AND CHIPS Go Fish - Granville Island The Fish Counter - Main Street

FROZEN TREATS Any DQ, Rain or Shine, Earnest, Bella Gellateria (downtown), International House of Gelato, Mondo Gelato

GREEK Maria's - Kits Minerva's - Kerrisdale Olympia - Broadway

HIPSTER 'HOODS Gastown Commercial Drive Main Street

INDIAN - Nouveau Jolly's - W.4th Maurya - Broadway Vij's Rangoli - South Granville Vij's - South Granville

NOODLES/DUMPLINGS Long Noodles - Main Street Peace Restaurant - Kits or Broadway *ITALIAN* La Quercha Buffalo (Kerrisdale)

PIZZA DINE-IN

Campagnolo's Pizza Farina Nat's on Broadway

PIZZA ORDER-IN

Nat's on Broadway Double D Panago Fresh Slice Minerva's

RAMEN NOODLE JOINTS

- There are lots of little places along Robson and Denman.

RICHMOND RESTAURANTS

- If adventurous, go to Aberdeen Mall; try to avoid weekends though!- good restaurants in there - including SURA which is great Korean, "Chef Hung's" for Taiwanese, "Fisherman's Terrace" for Cantonese, food court.

-Emma Lea's for berry picking; next door is a bird sanctuary which is great for a little outing

-Iona Beach

-The Oval for sporting things; UBC just as good though.

-Steveston Village for small "beach" town atmosphere and fish/chips. Que Pasa out there too.

SANDWICHES

-Harvest - Kits -Meat and Bread - downtown -Acme - Gastown

SUSHI SPOTS

Ajisai (Kerrisdale, closed Mondays - only sushi), Hitoe (Kits area), Applause (South Oak) Kamei Royale (downtown). Heard that Sushi Mania on Main Street is great, Zest (W.16th) etc. etc.