Island Good Business Directory

Use this list to shop local and support Island Good businesses!



Baked Goods & Snacks

Bars, Cookies and Crackers

- <u>Clements Centre Society/The Mindful Mouthful</u>: Social enterprise offering tasty baked goods, supporting local community initiatives.
- Hornby Organic Bars: 100% Organic and Gluten-Free Hornby Organic Energy Bars.
- Jenny Marie's Cracker Company: Handcrafted, locally made crackers in a variety of flavours.

Bakeries

- <u>Duncan Garage Cafe & Bakery</u>: Cozy bakery offering fresh, delicious baked goods.
- <u>Honey Grove Bakery</u>: Located in Courtenay, a small artisan bakery making long-fermented, hand shaped pastries, sourdough bread and treats.
- <u>Freyja The croissant story</u> European style croissant bakery & coffee shops located in Courtenay and Campbell River.
- Nook Baked Goods: Located in the heart of the Alberni Valley and baking high quality treats with a specialty in sourdough.
- Origin Bakery: Located in Victoria and Langford. 100% gluten-free bakery.
- <u>The Sourdough Whisperer</u>: Located in Campbell River an artisan sourdough bread made with care and high-quality ingredients.

Chips

- Arbutus Foods: Fresh corn tortilla chips made with white and yellow corn flour. Gluten free.
- Taco Revolution: All natural, unsalted corn tortilla chips. 100% Gluten free!

Chocolate, Candy and Ice Cream

- Black Jaguar Chocolate: Unique and tasty chocolate bars.
- <u>Catalina Chocolate Company</u> Hot Chocolate Bombs, Chocolate Bumps ™ and other chocolate treats.
- Coal Creek Roasters: Bean to Bar Craft Chocolate. Roasted and Handmade in Tahsis.
- <u>Coombs Country Candy</u>: Offering chocolate truffles, bars and fudge, handmade ice cream, gelato, hard candies, sponge toffee, kettle corn, caramel apples, and more.
- Hazel's Ice Cream: Handcrafted, ice cream bars made with local ingredients.
- Original Udder Guys Ice Cream and Candy: Made-from-scratch, old fashioned, artisan ice cream.
- Sinfully Delicious: Specializing in handcrafted cake pops and chocolate treats.

Beverages

Alcoholic

- <u>40 Knots Vineyard & Estate Winery</u>: Based in the Comox Valley. Delicious by Nature. Clean ethical wines are their promise to you.
- Antidote Distilling: Based in the Alberni Valley. Distillery offering small-batch, locally crafted spirits.
- Beacon Brewing: Based in Sidney. Island-made beers brewed with quality ingredients.

- Beach Fire Brewing: Campbell's river's craft brewery providing quality drinks and food.
- Cherry Creek Cidery: Local and tasty cider located in Port Alberni.
- <u>Holocene Distilling Project</u>: A small owner-operated home-based craft distillery in Cobble Hill manufacturing eco-friendly spirits using local ingredients.
- <u>Longwood Brewery</u>: Craft brewery located in Nanaimo serving quality beers
- <u>Mile Zero Brewing</u>: An award winning nano brewery located in Metchosin focused on small batch goodness that is welcoming to all.
- Red Arrow Brewing Company: Located in the Cowichan Valley. Serving unique craft beers brewed with local ingredients.
- <u>Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse</u>: Award-winning ciders made with local apples.
- Smyle Brands: BC's only craft cannabis beverage manufacturer located in Chemainus.
- <u>Spinnakers</u>: Classic ales, specialty beers, ciders, barrel aged & sours.
- <u>Twin City Brewing</u>: Located in Port Alberni. Bringing people together for stellar food and meticulously crafted beer.
- <u>Unsworth Vineyards</u>: Vineyard and winery offering estate wines from the Cowichan Valley.
- <u>Wayward Distillery</u>: A Craft Distillery in the Comox Valley committed to saving bees and sipping amazing spirits.
- <u>Zanatta Winery</u>: A small family winery committed to producing premium Cowichan Valley wines from our single estate vineyard.

Non-Alcoholic

Coffee and Tea

- <u>Coal Creek Roasters</u>: Organic and Fair trade coffee beans. Roasted and Handmade in Tahsis
- Kettle and Hive: Citron tea concentrate. It's like a hug in a mug.
- Level Ground Coffee: Great Coffee Within Reach. Roasting in Victoria for over 25 years.
- <u>Stonehouse Teas</u>: Specializing in loose leaf tea selections, including an Island Good signature blend!

Sodas and more

- <u>Babe's Honey Bee Line</u>: A fermented drink, made by adding a culture of yeast and bacteria to a sweet tea.
- Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse: Award-winning non-alcoholic ciders made with local apples.
- Spinnakers Sodas: Their sodas and sparkling mineral water is made with 100% natural mineral water. Drawn from an aquifer 225 feet below the brewhouse at Spinnakers Pub
- <u>Thunderbird Spirit Water</u>: Premium spring water flowing from the sacred thunderbird nest on the lands of the Uchucklesaht tribe
- Wildkind Beverage Co.: an artisanal kombucha company based in Port Alberni

Dairy Products

- Cowichan Station Creamery Ltd.: Creamery and cheese shop, specializing in artisan cheeses.
- <u>Natural Pastures Cheese Company Ltd.</u>: Award-winning artisan cheeses made from local milk.
- <u>Paradise Island Foods Inc.</u>: High-quality, locally produced cheese and dairy products.
- <u>Tree Island Gourmet Yogurt</u>: Creamy, organic yogurt made on Vancouver Island.

Deli/Fresh and Frozen Foods

- <u>Arbutus Foods</u>: Based in the Cowichan Valley, they are an independent food company that
 produces more than 100 food products for grocers including salads, sides, dips, and grab-and-go
 items.
- <u>Eugene's Greek Food</u>: Find their authentic Greek food including Tzatziki, Homous, Pita bread and Spanakopita at local grocers.
- <u>Green Cuisine</u>: Providing sustainable healthy plant-based protein and products such as tofu and tempeh.
- Phrozen High quality Vietnamese homemade pho soup kits.
- <u>Sutra Sauces</u>: Small-batch, locally made sauces packed with bold flavours.
- <u>Taco Revolution</u>: Fresh corn tortillas, salsa, mole, frozen cochnita pibil, refried beans, vegan chorizo, and chicken tinga.
- <u>Take a Break Foods</u>: Canadian comfort foods, with a focus on mac and cheese—offered in six mouthwatering flavours.

Fruits & Vegetables

- A & S Microgreens: Fresh, locally grown microgreens and freeze-dried fruit snacks
- Averill Creek Ranch: A small ranch, homestead, and greenhouse growing plants, produce, and animals.
- <u>Eatmore Sprouts & Greens</u>: Fresh, locally grown, organic sprouts, year-round in the Comox Valley and beyond for a happier, healthier planet.
- Foragers Galley: Providing grow at home mushroom kits and dried mushrooms.
- Galey Farms: Local farm offering fresh produce, herbs, and seasonal goods.
- Gobind Farms: Local farm providing premium quality fresh produce and berries
- <u>Island Vegetable Cooperative Association</u>: A not-for-profit co-operative structured marketing association. They represent the following growers on Vancouver Island: Galey Farms, Gobind Farms, and Michell's Farm.
- <u>Sirius Micro Farm</u>: Fresh and sustainably made microgreens.
- Ultimate Microgreens: Fresh, healthy, naturally grown microgreens.
- <u>VI Farm Products</u>: They group of Island farmers and small marketing team who are passionate about feeding residents of Vancouver Island with Island-grown food. The farmers include Rages Farms, Lazo-Tyee Farm, Dove Creek Produce Farm, Cowichan Bay Produce, Hilltop Greenhouses and Coastal Black Estate Winery.

Meat, Poultry and Eggs

- <u>Farmer Ben's Eggs</u>: A locally owned and family run egg production and wholesale operation, located in the Cowichan Valley. Their eggs are always 100% Island produced.
- <u>Hertel Meats</u>: Renowned grocery retailers for the freshness and availability of their top quality pork products.
- Island Farmhouse Poultry: Look for their Island-raised poultry in local grocery stores.
- <u>Keating Farm Ltd.</u>: Produces pasture-raised meats, eggs, fruit, nuts, and hay, and welcomes visitors for farm stays, weddings, and community events.

- <u>Smith Lake Farm</u>: Produces high-quality goods, including delicious honey, beeswax products, and premium beef.
- Springford Farm: Eggs from free-range hens, and locally-raised beef. Located in Nanoose Bay.

Pantry Staples & Specialty Foods

- <u>Babe's Honey</u>: Raw & unpasteurized honey.
- Bagga Pasta: Handcrafted pasta made with local ingredients and traditional methods.
- <u>Beany Bites</u>: Freeze-dried smoothie melts made from organic fruits, veggies, and Canadian-grown soybeans—simple, wholesome snacks kids love and parents can trust.
- Big Venture Sales: Providing organic Crave Stevia, monk fruit, and inulin blends.
- Crumblz: Tasty high protein plant-based crumbles and bites (nuggets).
- Ed's Soup Shack +: Dried soup and meal mixes.
- <u>Fat Chili Farm</u>: A wide range of hot sauces and preserves made from specialty chili peppers grown on their farm.
- <u>Forest for Dinner</u>: Small-batch selections of mushrooms, greens, berries, and spices gathered from the wilderness of Vancouver Island and dried, frozen, & preserved into market-ready products.
- <u>Gathering Place Trading</u>: High-quality, Canadian-made organic herbs, teas and spices sourced from trusted small-scale farmers and handcrafted and packaged locally in Campbell River.
- La Pasta Triestina: Handcrafted pasta with a focus on quality and local ingredients.
- Mrs Jones Jams: Handmade jams made with locally grown fruits.
- Nikkei Ramen-ya: Providing made from scratch Ramen Building Blocks and Ramen Kits.
- Oh So Mexy: NO FRY ReFRIED BeANS—a healthy and delicious home style product that is ready
 in minutes.
- Salsa Gonzales: Handcrafted salsas made with local ingredients.
- Saltspring Kitchen Co.: Fresh, small-batch jams, sauces, and spreads.
- <u>Spice Bae</u>: A small batch hot sauce company with a focus on sustainability, local, quality, and unique flavours.
- <u>Taco Revolution</u>: Chorizo Spice Mix, Spicy Hot Chocolate, hot sauce and taco seasoning mix.
- That's My Jam: Unique, handcrafted jams using local ingredients.
- The Cure Hot Sauce Co: Locally made hot sauces with bold, fiery flavors.
- <u>The Ukrainian Gourmet at AngelStar Farm</u>: Ukrainian specialty foods such as relishes and pickled items, dry mixes, mustards, BBQ & hot sauces, spices & seasoning blends, dips & rubs, and more.
- <u>Tillys Galley</u>: Specialty all-natural, dehydrated, easy to prepare, main meal food mixes.
- <u>Tofino Hot Sauce Company</u>: Bold flavoured, high quality, perfectly spiced hot sauce and seasoning salt.
- <u>West Coast Kitchen</u>: Elevate your next rustic adventure with gourmet freeze-dried meals, made with love using locally sourced ingredients.
- <u>Yellow Deer Mustard</u>: Gourmet mustards crafted using the finest of ingredients.
- Yeshi Dressing: Gluten-free, vegan dressings and nutritional yeast flakes
- Woodfire Spice: Easy to use spice blends for everyday use. They also have Maple Sugar and Alder Smoked Salt.

Seafood & Seaweed Products

- <u>Crabby Bob's Seafood</u>: Located in Campbell River, fresh, local seafood direct from the Island's waters.
- <u>French Creek Seafood Ltd</u>.: Located near Parksville, providing a wide variety of sustainably harvested, fresh local seafood.
- Hardy Buoys Smoked Fish Inc.: Handcrafted smoked seafood with an emphasis on quality.
- St. Jean's Cannery: Specializing in local, canned seafood products.
- Walcan Seafood: Premium seafood caught sustainably on Vancouver Island.

Other Farmers:

- <u>Babe's Honey</u>: Raw & unpasteurized honey.
- <u>Field Five Farm Ltd.</u>: Grows grains and pulses annually on the Saanich Peninsula and is expanding into malted barley, wheat, oats, rye, and sprouted grains for milling and food markets.

Home & Personal Care Products

- Big Venture Sales: Makers of Aromatic Creation Canadian Made Essential Oils & More.
- <u>Bloom Botanicals:</u> All natural botanical bath & body care handcrafted on Quadra Island.
- <u>Dirty Girl Soap Co. Ltd.</u>: Specializing in soap subscriptions & boutique soaps, bath items & soy coconut candles.
- Feisty Ferdy Organics: Nut- free, organic skin care products.
- Kalli & Co: Offering quality perfume and scent products made locally.
- <u>Kálon Bath & Candle Co.</u>: Small batch, hand made products for the bath, body and home from ethically sourced materials.
- <u>Lemon Balm Lane</u>: Natural, herbal skin care products from pain balm to shampoo and soaps.
- Purica: Natural health foods and supplements.
- Wychbury Ave: Artisan soap, bath & body products, crocheted accessories, and hand-painted greeting cards.

Pet Food and Treats

- Buddies Natural Pet Food Ltd.: High-quality, locally made pet food and treats.
- Foley Dog Treat Company Inc.: Locally made dog treats using natural, healthy ingredients.
- Fresh Fetch: Natural, wholesome premium pet nutrition
- Grandpaws Treats: Healthy, delicious dog treats made with local ingredients.
- Maggie's Treats: All-natural home human-grade ingredient pet treats.
- <u>Peanut Butter Kisses & Treats</u>: Homemade dog treats made with love and locally sourced ingredients.
- SparkySnacks: Handmade locally sourced doggy treats.

Retailers

Grocery Stores & Markets

- <u>BC Farmer's Markets</u>: By shopping at the farmers' markets, you are directly supporting farmers and other local businesses. Link to their directory for a market near you.
- Choices Markets: Offering organic and sustainable groceries sourced locally.

- <u>Country Grocer</u>: A Vancouver Island and Salt Spring Island, family owned grocery chain of 11 stores.
- Fairway Market: Grocery store focused on fresh, locally sourced products.
- <u>Healthyway Natural Foods</u>: Natural grocery store offering local, organic, and sustainable products.
- <u>Lifestyle Markets</u>: Providing healthy, organic food and wellness products.
- Mid Island Co-op and Mid Island Liquor: Cooperative gas bars, stores and liquor stores.
- <u>Peppers Food Store</u>: A local & independently owned, family run grocery store located in Cadboro Bay.
- Quality Foods Ltd: BC owned grocery store with 13 locations across Vancouver Island.
- <u>Springford Farm</u>: Market store in Nanoose Bay featuring over 60 Vancouver Island farms and artisinal food producers.
- <u>Tru Value Foods</u>: A community-based chain of full-service grocery stores located on the rural islands
- <u>Victoria Olive Oil Co</u>: They offer a selection of premium olive oil and dark balsamic vinegar and other gourmet foods.
- <u>Victoria Urban Grocer</u>: A neighbourhood grocer with a strong focus on fresh produce and local goods.
- Village Food Markets: Located in Sooke they have a wide variety of local products.
- <u>Wesco Foods</u>: Community grocery store. They offer regional Agri-Food accessibility and local food development services in the Alberni Valley and beyond.

Gift Shops/Tourism

- <u>Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce</u>: Local business chamber promoting tourism and economic growth. Visit their gift shop at the Chamber and McLean Mill.
- <u>Comox Valley Airport Commission</u>: Look for the Island Good brand at Mid Island Gifts or at On the Fly Cafe in the Airport
- <u>Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre:</u> Local tourism center promoting the Cowichan region. Find local goods at the Centre.
- <u>Malahat Skywalk</u>: Scenic tourism experience offering breathtaking views from the Malahat. Purchase local goods in their gift shop and café.
- <u>Millstone Gallery</u>: Located in Nanaimo the gallery offers a wide variety of beautifully hand crafted Artisan goods.
- <u>Pages Resort Group</u>: Located on Gabriola Island. Visit Page's Li'l Market & liquor store for Island Goods.
- Tin Can Pottery: Gallery showcasing a variety of ceramics, fibre arts, jewellery and more.

Other Retailers

- <u>Coast Range Cannabis</u>: Located in the Comox Valley, they support local licensed growers by curating the best cannabis products from Vancouver Island, the Gulf Island and BC micro growers
- Mood Cannabis Co: With two stores in Nanaimo they have a selection of Vancouver Island cannabis products.

• <u>Vancouver Island Gift Basket Co.</u>: Order gift baskets filled with locally sourced, small batch BC productions, many of which are made on Vancouver Island.

Artisans

- <u>Millstone Gallery</u>: Located in Nanaimo the gallery offers a wide variety of beautifully hand crafted Artisan goods.
- Mossy Coast: Locally made quality apparel and jewelry.
- <u>Polaris Creative</u>: Fine art photography to showcase in your home, office, or business. Printed on canvas in a variety of sizes, the photography tells local stories of food, nature, and people.
- <u>Tin Can Pottery</u>: Gallery showcasing a variety of ceramics, fibre arts, jewellery and more

Restaurants, Cafes & Catering Companies

- <u>Duncan Garage Cafe & Bakery</u>: Cozy bakery and restaurant offering fresh, delicious meals made from local goods.
- Mensch Kitchen & Catering: A catering company based in the Cowichan Valley that is passionate about seeking out and working with the amazing local products all around us.
- <u>Nikkei Ramen-ya</u>: Has been serving up authentic, scratch-made ramen from our tiny restaurant in Downtown Courtenay since 2016. Ramen Building Blocks and Ramen Kits are now available at Vancouver Island grocers so you can make their restaurant-quality ramen at home.
- <u>Stonehouse Teas</u>: Located in Campbell River. Specializing in loose tea, gift baskets, bubble teas, coffee and tea accessories. Visit them for a pot of tea and a special dessert.
- <u>Twin City Brewing</u>: Located in Port Alberni. Bringing people together for stellar food and meticulously crafted beer.

Distributers/Supporters

• The Dock+: Part of the BC Food Hub Network, The Dock+ is a shared 17,000 sq ft. space, with a commercial kitchen, owned by the Port Alberni Port Authority at Fishermen's Harbour. It's where we offer start-ups and small businesses an environment for growth, development, and collaboration.

Other:

- <u>Aux Box</u>: Manufacture optimized structures for you to produce, create, play and relax. Beautiful small buildings, from 97sqft to 620 sqft, placed on your property in just a few hours, ready for you to enjoy
- <u>BC Coastal Grilling Planks Ltd.</u>: a wood manufacturing company specializing in the production of sustainable "Value-added" Western Red Cedar cooking products
- <u>Fawcett Mattress</u>: High-quality, locally made mattresses for a better night's sleep.
- <u>Island Kindling Co.</u>: A family-owned and operated bagged firewood & kindling company based out of Ladysmith.
- <u>K2 Stone</u>: Producers and distributors of natural stone products for the building industry

- Quality Designs: Located in Campbell River, their shop offers a variety of ready-to-go, pre-made signage for safety, building, logging, and road use, along with seasonal products like Vancouver Island-themed decor, laser-engraved driftwood, and holiday-specific items.
- <u>Steel Container Systems Inc</u>: Provides a full range of steel container products including roll off containers, recycling containers, scrap containers, sediment bins, camp bins, lugger bins, front load bins, rear load bins, flat decks, gravel boxes, and self dumping hoppers.
- <u>Timber Tiles</u>: produces aesthetic eco-friendly wood wall coverings using thoughtful designs and creative solutions for a greener world.
- <u>Van Isle Windows:</u> A local installer and manufacturer of custom-made vinyl windows and patio doors.
- <u>VanGalee Manufacturing Inc.</u>: Producers of an insulated metal roofing shake, proudly developed, engineered and manufactured in Nanaimo.