**Changi Village Hawker Centre**

**History:** The Changi Village Hawker Centre was built in 1975 as part of the government’s initiative to create a leisure and recreation district at the far flung eastern end of the island. By 2000, Changi Village Hawker Centre had become dated and required repairs. This was its first major revamp. The centre underwent another revamp a decade later in 2012 when it was closed for 10 months for upgrading.

**Must try:** Weng Kee Ipoh Hor Fun, Changi V Dessert House

**Maxwell Road Hawker Centre**

**History:** Maxwell Market was opened on 17 November 1928. During the Japanese Occupation, the market housed a government co-operative store, known as Kumaiai, that controlled certain types of the wholesale and retail trade. Wartime privation drove many to scavenge for discarded vegetables and fruits in the market. After the war, the Social Welfare Department set up People's Restaurants to provide cheap and nutritious meals to the masses. The first Family Restaurant, which served meals at 8 cents per plate, opened at Maxwell Market on 18 December 1946.

**Must try:** Jin Hua Fish Soup, Maxwell Fuzhou Oyster Cake and Popo&Nana’s Delights

**Newton Road Hawker Centre**

**History:** The Newton Food Centre is one of the earliest hawker centres built in 1971. In its early days, the hawker centre was promoted by the Singapore Tourism Promotion Board as a destination to sample Singaporean cuisine. To project the image of a modern garden city for tourists, the Public Works Department built the centre to house street hawkers who had been plying their trade in Koek Road and the Orchard Road Car Park (also known as Gluttons’ Square) for years.

**Must try:** Kwang Kee Teochew Fish Porridge, TKR Yummy Chicken Wing&Satay, XO Minced Meat Noodles and Guan Kee 53 Halal Seafood

**Old Air Port Road Hawker Centre**

**History:** Old Airport Road Food Centre was built in 1972 to resettle street hawkers found all around Kallang Estate. This estate was created following the closure of Kallang Airport in 1955. After which, the Singapore Improvement Trust built low-cost housing in the district to accommodate squatters who had been cleared from the Town areas. The area on which this new estate was constructed was actually the old airport’s runway. This became the Kallang Airport Estate. A market was also erected as part of the estate’s development. Initially called the Jalan Empat Market, it was later renamed Kallang Estate Fresh Market & Food Centre

**Must try:** Roast Paradise and Whitley Road Big Prawn Noodle.

**Taman Jurong Hawker Centre**

**History:** Taman Jurong Market and Food Centre’s predecessor was born in July 1972. Initially known as Yung Sheng Food Centre, it was one of the very first food centres to be built in Singapore. It was popular for housing exactly 60 permanent stalls, leading locals to nickname the food centre liu shi tan (六十摊), Mandarin for “sixty stalls”.

**Must try:** 58 Minced Meat Noodles, BBQ Seafood and TienLai Rice Stall