

1. Tiong Bahru Market

Tiong Bahru Market is one of the best hawker centres in Singapore. Here, you can find a wide array of yummy hawker food and it is always in long queues during weekends. Ask any Singaporean and they can name you at least 2 dishes worth trying in this food centre. Several well-known food items have in fact been synonymous with the name "Tiong Bahru", from chwee kueh, pau, porridge to roast pork. It is about 20 minutes walk from office. Some of the famous stalls here include:

- Lee Hong Kee Roast Meat: I like the sio bak because of the super crispy skin. The char siew was mediocre, perhaps it's because we had a better char siew from another stall. I find it too expensive \$10
- Tiong Bahru Char Kway Teow: Owner takes his own time to fry every plate of char kway teow individually \$4
- Liang Liang Garden: deserts such as Milo Dinosaur Ice Kachang \$2; Shark Fin Cheng Tng \$2
- Zhong Yu Yuan Wei Wonton Noodle: Wonton noodles with pig's armpit \$5
- Tiong Bahru Pau: 2 big bao, 2 char siew bao, 4 siew mai \$7.60
- Jian Bo Shui Kueh: Their chwee kueh well deserves its reputation. The firm and moist texture of the kueh is topped with fragrant chye poh. The chye poh has sesame seeds added for extra texture. 8 pcs \$2.40
- Min Nan Prawn Noodle: prawns are pretty fresh and it was interesting to see fishballs appearing in a bowl of prawn noodles \$4
- Tiong Bahru Lor Mee: ingredients such as ngor hiang, fish cake, lor bak, braised egg, fried fish and fried dumplings \$3
- 178 Lor Mee: famous Shark's Meat fritters \$3

2. Everton Park Coffee Shop

Around 10 minutes walk from office, Everton Park Coffee Shop is your reliable bet at affordable prices when you aren't sure what to eat. It includes stalls such as:

- caifun stall: mixed veggie rice / rice and dishes

- Western stall: chicken cutlet, chicken chop, fish and chips
- Noodles stall: meepok, fishball noodles, bak Chor mee
- Indian muslim: mee goreng, lontong, mee rebus, nasi goreng
- Prawn noodle

National Heart Centre Kopitiam

About 5 minutes walk from office, NHC foodcourt is an easy option with staff discounts.

Stalls:

- Mee Hoon Kueh: Ban Mian, Ee Mian, Koka Noodle
- Vegetarian mixed rice
- Yong Tau Foo
- Nyonya Cuisine: blue pea rice, Beef rendang, fish fillet meal, grilled chicken meal

3. Koufu @ Outram Community Hospital

This is the nearest option as it's in the same building as the office. Perfect for rainy days when it's not possible to walk out, or if you need to do a quick takeaway / "dabao" something to eat at your desk and work. Stalls:

- Yong Tau Foo
- Japanese/Korean
- Mixed rice
- Chicken rice
- Noodles

4. Koufu @ SGH

5 to 10 minutes walk from office. Usually crowded at lunch hours. Recently renovated and has more options than than the Koufu @ OCH. Unfortunately recently there have been complaints that the food here is too expensive for a hospital foodcourt. Stalls:

- Nasi Padang: rice with dishes, Nasi Lemak
- Vegetarian Beehoon
- Indian: rice with dishes, roti prata, Briyani rice
- Hakka Yong Tau Foo
- Telur Thai: Tom Yum soup, Basil Rice,
- Herbal Soup: ginseng chicken soup
- Viet cuisine

5. Henderson Hawker Centre (Bukit Merah View)

Must drive there, not walkable.

Located within walking distance from Tiong Bahru MRT station, the food centre is home to stalls like Bukit Merah View Carrot Cake, which has been in business for over 70 years. Diners also come for Hong Xing's handmade fishballs, thunder tea rice by a piano teacher-turned-hawker, and braised duck rice and kway chap from Happy Duck. Wen Xin has won praises for its fish soup and braised pork trotter, while We Western presents chicken chop with a side of nostalgia.

The Michelin Guide has also canvassed the hawker centre and found a trio of stalls worthy of a Bib Gourmand. Making its debut is Yong Chun, which offers hefty ingots of pork and water chestnut dumplings along with wanton noodles. It joins returnees Na Na Curry, which has been serving rich, spicy bowls since 1989, and herbal mutton soup from Chai Chuan Tou Yang Rou Tang.

Equally popular is 786 Char Kway Teow. The Halal-certified stall challenges the notion of what constitutes the dish while executing it perfectly.

Built in 1972, Bukit Merah View Market & Hawker Centre has one of the longest histories among the hawker centres in Singapore. It not only boasts of a loyal following among nearby residents, it's also a popular haunt among taxi drivers, who come here to fuel up in between their shifts.

6. Bukit Merah Central Food Centre

Need to take a shuttle bus from office to Connection One. Takes around 20 minutes to reach. Cheap options with variety, but only if you have enough time.

Conveniently located along Bukit Merah Central and Jalan Bukit Merah, Bukit Merah Central Food Centre has been here for several decades. It is home to many stalls with a long history and a local food haven for locals staying nearby and taxi drivers as well. Why not drop by for a meal the next time you're in the area? From char kway teow to yong tau foo, handmade ban mian and carrot cake, you'll find lots of local delights to whet your appetite.

Bukit Merah Central Food Centre is homed to 57 hawker stalls and conveniently located along Bukit Merah Central and Jalan Bukit Merah. Bukit Merah Central was homed to HDB's headquarters for 15 years since 1987 and has brought in lots of property buyers, agents and solicitors to this hawker Centre. It has lost its glory days when HDB's HQ was moved to Toa Payoh Hub in 2003. Nevertheless, it's still a food haven for locals staying nearby, Taxi drivers, as well as those who know this place well. The best place to find cheap, delicious and popular street food in Redhill and Bukit Merah Area.