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Dine in a WWII mess hall

Stanley Park’s Ferguson Point, overlooking English Bay and Third Beach, is named for one of the first commissioners of the vast park, American A.G. Ferguson. Ferguson found that his maintenance budget for the park often didn’t last the entire year. But he was such a big fan of the tree-filled green space that he would pay the remaining maintenance fees out of his own pocket. The area was a defence post during the world wars, with guns pointing out into English Bay (look for a memorial sign dedicated to the Royal Canadian Artillery there). Most of the original buildings are gone, but the officers’ mess has been turned into a restaurant that has some of Vancouver's best views: the Teahouse in Stanley Park. Dine inside or out on the patio and enjoy a menu featuring Vancouver’s Oceanwise sustainable seafood, a designation originated by the Vancouver Aquarium, the Teahouse’s neighbour on the other side of Stanley Park.

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When is the best time to visit?
Mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

Vancouver’s sunsets are often spectacular, and the Teahouse's hillside location is perfect for watching the summertime sun set into English Bay.

How much does it cost?

About CAD10 - CAD100.

Do you have any tips?

Reservations recommended for peak hours.

On Tuesday evenings, walk down the hill to Third Beach where there's often drumming and dancing.

Is there an official website?

Yes, you can visit www.vancouverdine.com

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