

## [The Woods largest shop to open downtown Jan. 17](#)

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The Woods Coffee on Bay and Prospect streets will open Monday, Jan. 17. Wes Herman, The Woods owner, sits in the new shop on a bench made from a fallen tree. The benches, along with other products and finishes, are LEED recognized. Herman hopes to get LEED certification for the shop after it opens. Photo by Ryan Wynne

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On Monday, Jan. 17, The Woods Coffee will open its tenth location in a 2,600-square-foot space on Bay and Prospect streets in the historic Flatiron Building, which will also soon be home to [Logos Bible Software](#).

“It will be our largest, probably most significant store to date,” Wes Herman, The Woods owner said. “It’s unique because it will be a new style for us.”

Most Woods shops have a cozy, cottage feel, and this one aims for that atmosphere, too, Herman said. It also incorporates industrial features, such as a tin ceiling that was part of the original building, which was constructed in 1908.

For the remodel, Herman combined the registered historic building's original features with LEED recognized products and finishes. The rustic wood benches were made from fallen trees and walls are lined with recycled wood. Herman's goal is to get the shop LEED certified after it opens, he said, and if he does, it will be the first remodeled commercial interior in Whatcom County to receive LEED certification.

The Flatiron Building is situated in the heart of Bellingham's arts district, and Herman hopes to attract the evening arts crowd with an expanded menu that includes salads, sandwiches and desserts made in The Woods [new bakery](#), which opened Jan. 5.

[The Woods](#), which was started in 2002 by the Herman family, added six employees for the bakery, and another eight for the new shop. In all, The Woods employs about 100 people in its 10 Whatcom County locations.

The new shop, located at [10 Prospect St.](#), will be open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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