

## **Restaurant Review - West 15 Diner**

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This place is hard to miss, just look for the Saloon/Verandah looking place with the equally surreal storybook house school across the street.

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