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Outdoor Hazard Reporting

Please report road and trail hazards to the 24 hour Public Works non-emergency line: 604-270-8721, with the location, type and condition of the hazard.

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Accessibility

While many of the walking trails are wheelchair accessible, it is advisable to be accompanied by an able-bodied person. The trails are subject to use and weathering which may degrade them to the point where their original accessible design has been compromised in some areas.
1. Burkeville Park – Sea Island

Distance: 3.5 kms

Terrain and cautions
No sidewalks; some pavement, gravel and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
This walk explores a thriving neighbourhood, which formerly provided housing for Second World War veterans and employees in the airplane manufacturing industry. Burkeville is a small unique community on Sea Island that is located next to the Vancouver International Airport and is separated from the rest of Richmond and Vancouver by a total of four bridges. Within this community there is an elementary school, playground, parks and tennis courts.

Starting point
Burkeville Park playground (between Airport Road and Catalina Crescent).

Parking
Side street parking along Airport Road.
2. Finn Slough

Distance: 5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Gravel, pavement, some areas without sidewalks and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
With a panoramic view of the Fraser River, walk along Dyke Road and back, passing by the historic community of Finn Slough. Founded by Finnish settlers in the 1880s this was once a popular residence for Richmond fishermen. The houses in Finn Slough are located along the marshy river bank and are now a small reminder of what life was like during those flourishing fishing times.

Starting point
Woodwards Landing–one block west of No. 5 Road off of Dyke Road.

Parking
Washrooms and parking are available at Woodwards Landing.
Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel path. Exercise caution along this route as there are limited sidewalks. No lights or washrooms on this route.

Description
Located in the Hamilton area of east Richmond, the Fraserwood Trail is one of Richmond’s most unique but lesser-known routes. The trail travels towards the Alex Fraser Bridge and passes a marina, houseboats, woodlots and Fraserwood Park. Look for Don Island, the larger of the two islands, at the beginning of the trail.

Starting point
Entrance to the trail at the intersection of Graybar Road and Dyke Road.

Parking
Available along Dyke Road and Graybar Road.
4. Garden City and Paulik Parks

Distance: 2.5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Gravel, pavement and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
This walk through Garden City and Paulik Parks features a lake, playground and an arboretum, which contains species of trees that originate from the Pacific Rim regions. With an abundance of trees and flowers, these gardens provide a beautiful place for people to walk as well as a place for the community to gather.

Starting point
Garden City Park parking lot one block east of Garden City Road on Granville Avenue.

Parking
Available at starting point parking lot. Side street parking also available.
5. Garry Point Park / West Dyke

Distance: 5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel dyke path.

Description
This trail begins at Garry Point Park, located close to Steveston’s historic fishing village. While walking through the park look for the Kuno Garden, a Japanese style memorial garden, and Scotch Pond, a heritage moorage site. The second leg of the trail travels along the West Dyke and provides spectacular views of the Fraser River, Gulf Islands and Coastal Mountains. Running adjacent to the dyke is Sturgeon Banks, an estuary that provides habitat and stopover sites for a large variety of birds and waterfowl.

Starting point
Garry Point concession stand, 12771 7th Avenue.

Parking
Available at entrance to Garry Point Park.
6. Horseshoe Slough

Distance: 3.5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel and dirt path.

Description
Traveling the South Dyke to Shell Road, this peaceful, tree-lined trail crosses over the historic Horseshoe Slough and provides pedestrians and cyclists a shady, cool retreat from warm summer days. Starting near the entrance to Woodwards Landing Park, the trail travels along two sides of the slough. The west side of the trail is wider and flatter, making for easier pedestrian and cyclist accessibility. The east side, adjacent to several industrial sites, is more narrow and uneven making the walk slightly more challenging.

Starting point
Woodwards Landing one block west of No. 5 Road off Dyke Road.

Parking
Available at entrance to Woodwards Landing and along Dyke Road.
7. Hugh Boyd

Distance: 2.2 kms

Terrain and cautions
Gravel, pavement and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
This unique walk highlights one of North America’s single largest artificial turf fields. Bordering Hugh Boyd High School and Richmond Pitch and Putt golf course, this park is one of Richmond’s most active sporting venues. With six soccer fields and tennis courts, a basketball and hockey court, a full size playground and an outdoor fitness circuit, Hugh Boyd Park offers physical activity opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Starting point
Outdoor Fitness Circuit on the northeast side of the West Richmond Community Centre, 9180 No. 1 Road.

Parking
Available at West Richmond Community Centre parking lot.
8. Iona Jetty

Distance: 9 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel path. Consider bringing an extra layer of clothing on windy days.

Description
This route follows the covered pipeline, which reaches 4.5 km into the Straight of Georgia and offers beautiful views of the many surrounding mountain regions; Mount Baker to the east, the Coastal Mountains to the north with Pacific Spirit Regional Park in the foreground, and the Vancouver Island Mountains to the west. There are covered benches along the jetty that provide a shelter from the wind and a resting spot from which to enjoy the views.

Starting point
North of Templeton Street, which becomes Ferguson Road, and continues to the jetty entrance.

Parking
Available along the road near the entrance to the jetty or at the Iona Beach Regional Park parking lot at the end of Ferguson Road. Please note the posted closing time on the park gate.
9. King George Park

Distance: 3 kms

Terrain and cautions
Some gravel, pavement and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
This walk loops around the sporting fields and playgrounds of King George Park and then travels north along Bath Slough (situated within Richmond’s industrial and business complexes) and back. This park is nearly one third of an entire city block and houses various active sporting facilities and a children’s water park. Located next to Cambie High School, this park is frequented by recreational users of all ages and abilities.

Starting point
The main entrance to the Cambie Community Centre, 12800 Cambie Road.

Parking
Available at Cambie Community Centre parking lot.
10. London Farm

Distance: 5.5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel path.

Description
Take a walk back in time along this trail that begins at the historic London Farm House, which contains a fully restored heritage house, barn and old farm equipment, illustrating the rural history of Richmond. The route then passes through the Britannia Heritage Shipyard with turn-of-the-century boatworks and cannery residences, and Steveston Village with the historic cannery site of the BC Packers Ltd.

Starting point
At the parking lot across from London Heritage Farm House, 6511 Dyke Road.

Parking
Available a short distance from London Farm House along Dyke Road.
11. McDonald Beach

Distance: 5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel path. Please note that the McDonald Beach walk is a dog off-leash area.

Description
This trail is perfect for airplane and bird watching enthusiasts. Home to the Vancouver International Airport, Sea Island offers a scenic walking trail along the north arm of the Fraser River with the trail beginning at McDonald Beach Park and continuing to the midway point at Grauer Road.

Starting point
North end of McDonald Road at the McDonald Beach parking lot.

Parking
Available at the McDonald Beach parking lot.
12. McLean Park – Hamilton

Distance: 2.4 kms

Terrain and cautions
Gravel, pavement and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
Starting with a loop around a paved walking path within the park, this route continues west on McLean Avenue and through the Hamilton area neighbourhood. Located directly behind Hamilton’s fire hall, this park is surrounded by a huge family oriented community. An abundance of recreational amenities are offered which encourage residents and visitors to participate in physical activity.

Starting point
Basketball court at the corner of McRae Street and McLean Avenue.

Parking
Side street parking on McLean Avenue.
13. Middle Arm

Distance: 4 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel dyke path.

Description
Starting at Dover Park, the trail is easily accessed from the city centre and links to the popular West Dyke Trail. This dyke path is adjacent to the Middle Arm of the Fraser River with views of Sea Island, the Vancouver International Airport and the North Shore Mountains. This route also passes by the Richmond Olympic Oval, a world-class community facility and home of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games long track speed skating competition.

Starting point
Dover Park, 5888 Dover Crescent (across from the Richmond Works Yard).

Parking
Available street side at Dover Park.
14. Minoru Park

Distance: 2 kms

Terrain and cautions
The pathway on this trail is mostly paved concrete, however, there are some areas where the path is bark mulch. Use caution when walking on the paved path that cuts across Minoru field, as this is a popular biking route.

Description
The trail begins at Clement Track before making its way into the Minoru Lakes area to the north. There are beautiful annual and perennial floral displays throughout the park, particularly surrounding Minoru Chapel and Pierrefonds Garden. Minoru Park and the pathways around Minoru Lakes provide a quiet retreat from the bustling city centre.

Starting point
Minoru Sports Pavilion, 7191 Granville Avenue.

Parking
Free parking available around Minoru Sports Pavilion, Minoru Arenas and Minoru Aquatic Centre.

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Terrain and cautions
Forested and shaded paths are a mixture of bark mulch and wooden boardwalks.

Description
The Richmond Nature Park consists of 200 acres of the raised peat bog that once covered large portions of Lulu Island. The walking trail provides an opportunity to encounter plants and animals in bog, forest and pond habitats. The shortest trail, an elevated boardwalk around the Park pond, is wheelchair accessible. A free trail guide describing the different plants and animals is available in the Nature House. The park is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

Starting point
Richmond Nature Park, 11851 Westminster Highway

Parking
Available at the entrance to the Nature Park.
16. Shell Road

Distance: 3 kms

Terrain and cautions
Shaded and secluded path. Please note that the Shell Road Trail is considered a dog off-leash area. There are no washrooms or lighting along this route.

Description
Lined with tall trees and shrubs, this long interior trail has a distinctly rural feel making it a unique walking experience in an urban city centre. The route travels to Blundell Road with the entire trail spanning from Alderbridge Way to Williams Road.

Starting point
End of Francis Road at No. 4 Road.

Parking
Limited parking available at the trail entrance at Francis Road and No. 4 Road.
17. South Arm Park

Distance: 2.4 kms

Terrain and cautions
Pavement and gravel. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
This walk loops around the South Arm Park, which includes an outdoor swimming pool, soccer fields, baseball diamonds and tennis courts. Located in the residential area of Garden City and Williams Road, this multi-facility park is one of the largest recreational areas in Richmond. Surrounded by trees and greenery, this park is an inviting playground to all.

Starting point
Front of South Arm Community Centre, 8880 Williams Road.

Parking
Available at South Arm Community Centre parking lot.
18. South Dyke

Distance: 5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel dyke path. Please note that the South Dyke walk is a dog off-leash area.

Description
Starting between Gilbert Road and No. 2 Road, the South Dyke trail travels along the Fraser River in a predominantly agricultural area. Walking along Dyke Road provides easy access to off-road trails and eventually links to the interior Horseshoe Slough and Shell Road Trails. Located at the base of No. 3 Road is the Sports Fishing Pier, which overlooks the Fraser River, Ladner and Mount Baker.

Starting point
At the parking lot across from London Heritage Farm House, 6511 Dyke Road.

Parking
Available along Dyke Road, across from London Heritage Farm House, 6511 Dyke Road.
19. Steveston Village

Distance: 4 kms

Terrain and cautions
Pavement and street traffic. Walk is stroller friendly.

Description
Starting at Garry Point Park, this walk through the historic fishing village of Steveston passes the Britannia Heritage Shipyard National Historic Site and Park, Canada’s former busiest fishing port and Steveston Village, filled with unique shops and restaurants.

Starting point
Garry Point concession stand, 12771 7th Avenue.

Parking
Entrance to Garry Point Park.
20. Terra Nova

Distance: 5 kms

Terrain and cautions
Flat gravel dyke path.

Description
Starting at the northern entrance to the West Dyke, this walk follows the perimeter trail surrounding Terra Nova Rural Park, a 35-acre protected old-field habitat with viewing platforms. Watch for wildlife as birds, owls and hawks are often observed in this conservation area. The trail continues onto the West Dyke until reaching the midway point at Blundell Road.

Starting point
Entrance to the West Dyke Trail, the west end of River Road.

Parking
Available at the entrance to the dyke at the west end of River Road.
Terrain and cautions
Flat paved concrete sidewalk and gravel dyke path. Exercise caution at the north end of this trail! Be aware of both passenger and commercial vehicles when crossing River Road to access the Dyke and the Middle Arm Trail.

Description
This route begins at Thompson Community Centre and continues north towards River Road along McCallan Road Trail. The route passes through McCallan Neighbourhood Park, located between Granville Avenue and Westminster Highway, and then heads west along River Road towards Terra Nova Park. With a panoramic view of the airport and the natural beauty of Terra Nova Rural Park, this walk is a treat for airplane and nature enthusiasts.

Starting point
North entrance of Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Avenue.

Parking
Available at the Thompson Community Centre parking lot.