

WESCAN 2020

SELF-GUIDED WALKING LOCATIONS NEARBY (or accessible by bus/car)

- a. Fisherman's Wharf- Float homes, Restaurants, Shops and Marina. Home to famous Barb's Fish and Chips. Access to **Harbour ferry**.
- b. Beacon Hill Park- Over 200 acres of parkland. Natural areas, manicured lawns and garden beds, ponds, playgrounds, waterparks and petting zoo all located in this park open to all. Borders Dallas road, has a cricket field, largest free standing totem and views out to Port Angeles and Port Townsend.
- c. St. Ann's Academy- Chapel is oldest part dating to 1858. Convent and boarding school
- d. Ogden Point. Breakwater Barge, entertainment barge built for summer bands and beer garden for the out of town cruise ship visitors. Long walkway, breakwater, headed out to lighthouse. First nations artwork featured on the walls. Can use upper walkway or lower, along the stones (good site for scuba divers)
- e. Point Ellice Tea house. 2616 Pleasant Street (near the Bay street bridge). House built in 1861, it's a National and Historical site. Also serves tea. Hours are Sat/Sun 10-4
- f. Gorge Waterway. Easy to use and rent Kayaks and Paddleboards can be found along the waterway. You can also walk along most of it as well. The biking, hiking path (Galloping Goose) takes you along the pathway and connects a few times with the waterway at various locations.
- g. Songhees walkway. A waterfront walk along Victoria West towards Esquimalt. Cross over the Johnson bridge (good view of the gears to raise bridge if walking on lower pedestrian path) to head to Victoria West. Pleasant water walkway to Esquimalt and West Bay Marina. Several options to go down onto the beach.
- h. **Harbour Ferries**. Ferries that for a fee transport you to various sites in inner harbour and Gorge Waterway. Closest sites from Laurel Point is either Fisherman's Wharf or Inner Harbour, close to tourism bureau/Milestones (across Empress, down by boats). See info on routes, schedules and fares.
- i. Bug Zoo- lots of bugs. Its a little zoo devoted to bugs where you can see ants at work or can hold a scorpion or tarantula. Cool place for kids. Fee
- j. Miniature World- Good for kids. Mini models and scenes depicting history, fairytale characters and a circus. Located on side of Empress Hotel. Fee
- k. Bay Center- downtown shopping mall. Located amongst other shops, tourist souvenir shops etc. Main bus stations located nearby- Douglas and Fort street.
- l. Butchart Gardens- Further from town (local buses do go there as well as can do tourist bus). Large gardens, many flowers, Japanese garden, rose garden, restaurant etc. Check

- website for hours and rates. About 35 minutes drive from Victoria. Public buses also go to Butchart gardens, or can take a tour bus for an additional fee. Check Website for hours and admission rates.
- m. Mount Douglas- nearby mini- mountain with great views of harbour, city of Victoria as well as Saanich. Can drive to base of park (or bus) and walk up the mountain or drive to top to experience the views. Several hiking trails which can take hours or just the 30 minute hike up the hill. About 20 min drive from Victoria. (Mount Tolmie not as far, but not as impressive but good for a nearby city view).
 - n. Goldstream park. Nature house. Scenic Trails, can go hike to old time Trestle. Good place for hiking, outdoor fire-pits for BBQs and picnics.
 - o. Craigdarroch Castle. 1050 Joan Crescent. Built by coal baron Robert Dunsmuir during the reign of Queen Victoria and now a National Historic Site, Craigdarroch Castle has been meticulously restored, giving visitors a glimpse of privileged life in the 1890s.
 - p. Government House- Government House is the office and official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. House located in heart of Rockland. 3 Government houses has been on this site. Cary Castle originally build in 1859 was purchased and in 1871 officially became Government house. Cary Castle burnt down in 1899, was rebuilt by Rattenbury and MaClure an re-opened in 1903. This house also burnt down in 1957. House was rebuilt to original plans and again opened in 1959. Today house opens for special events but the Gardens are open daily from dawn to dusk. Terraced gardens overlooking water, rose gardens, totems and structures. It's a much smaller but free option to Butchart gardens.
 - q. Dallas waterway. Starting from Fisherman's wharf and continuing past Ogden Point and Breakwater barge (cruise ship terminals), past Holland Park where you will come across Mile Zero Monument at the beginning of Beacon Hill Park (further along walkway the largest free standing totem can be seen) it continues past Cook Street (you can turn up here and go through Cook street Village) and Clover point.
 - r. Oak Bay Avenue- avenue of shops, boutiques an older upscale area. Close by is Estevan village and the popular Willows beach.
 - s. Hatley Castle- Located on the ground of Royal Roads University. Hatley Castle was completed in 1908. From 1941 until 1943 when Grant Block was completed, the Castle served as dormitory and mess hall for cadets and staff officers at Royal Roads Military College. It is now the administrative centre of Royal Roads University. It houses the President, Vice-President, the Managers of Finance and Facilities, and the administrative support staff for Royal Roads University. Used as a filming site for several movies and shows, most noticeably X-men as the academy.

