

Capital Bike Presents:

Hillside Quadra Discovery Ride

Go By Bike Week 



About this

May 31 - June 6 2021

Welcome Discovery Riders!

Planning on logging those kms during Go By Bike Week but not sure where to go? We've got you covered!

Without our usual Celebration Stations to visit, Capital Bike has restarted our popular Neighbourhood Rides program with a few special rides released during Go By Bike Week 2021. To complete this Ride, visit the points below, taking pictures at your favourite stops/points of interest, then share them on social media with the hashtag "#GoByBikeWeek2021" to be entered to win prizes. Otherwise, you can send in photo submissions to James@biketowork.ca.

Log This Ride!

Log rides at www.GoByBikeBC.ca ! It's easy! You can even link your Strava account to make tracking kms even easier.

How the rides work:

For each Discovery Ride and Scavenger Hunt we provide both an information sheet including clues and points of interest, as well as a custom Google Map to help make finding the route easier. Find this ride's google map here:

<http://ow.ly/L1Ah50ENvDz>

This Ride Sponsored By:

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Please follow the COVID-19 Provincial Health Officer guidelines and protocols, as well as any local municipal guidelines in your community, while participating in Go By Bike activities.

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Take a ride through the neighbourhood streets around Hillside/Quadra, stop by our office and say hi/pose in front of our office mural, then continue onto the Lochside Trail in this Discovery Ride!

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Background:

Our Discovery Ride begins at the Wark Street Gardens just outside of the heart of this community, Quadra Village. Community gardens such as this can be found across Greater Victoria and allow want-to-be-gardeners to pick up gardening skills while improving community space. A recent project at the commons is the pollinator habitat garden which includes native plant species that are not only beautiful but support a healthy and diverse pollinator population.



Action item

Can you spot any butterflies or bees during your stop at the commons?

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2. **Background:** Once a guitar lessons studio and, before that, a dentist's office, 1034 Hillside Ave is now the proud home of the merged Bike to Work Society and Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition: **Capital Bike**



Action item

Take a photo of the completed mural on the side of our building, which you can see in progress here. Also, if you're stopping by during GBBW you can pick up your "Capital Bike" themed sticker, one of ten sticker types available during GBBW.



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3. **Background:**
- Weave your way through residential streets until you come to the Haultain Street bike route. In July 2020, Haultain Street was approved by City Council to become a truly All Ages and Abilities bikeway in 2021: a shared street with extensive traffic calming measures. At Haultain St. and Belmont St., you'll find Haultain Corners, the neighbourhood centre of Oaklands with a decidedly old-timey feel. Haultain Corners offers a quiet, yet complete, array of services in this residential neighbourhood including a general store, barber, yoga studio, and art studio.



Action item

Read the historical sign in the southeast corner; what event occurred in 1935?

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4. Background:

Nearby, you'll find the oldest non-indigenous cemetery in continuous use in all of BC. This Jewish Cemetery was consecrated in 1859, 13-years before the expansive Ross Bay Cemetery. Notable internees include Samuel Davies Schultz, Canada's first Jewish judge, as well as an accomplished baseball player on record as pitching the first no-hitter in BC. Since 2015, the Uvic course "Heritage and Historical Archaeology" has included fieldwork to make the inscriptions on old, weathered tombstones legible once again.



The entrance gate of the Victoria Jewish Cemetery

Action item:

Ride to the cemetery. What memorial stands at the entrance?

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5. Background:

This Sikh Temple, standing in front of Jackalope meadows and near Summit Park, was originally built in 1912. Sikh's became part of the Victoria community following the arrival of the first Indian immigrants in 1904. The opening of this Sikh temple was accompanied by a massive parade of 1,200 Sikhs through downtown. 100th anniversary celebrations in 2012 included a visit by the BC premier and the federal immigration minister to recognize the pioneer Sikh families of early Victoria.



BC's third oldest Sikh temple, the Topaz St. Sikh Gurdwara. Take a photo of the temple.



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6. **Background:** The Galloping Goose trail features a lot of stunning artwork, though this mural on the underside of a road that cyclists and pedestrians pass under might be the most impressive. Designed by Frank Lewis in 1997, and restored in 2006, the mural depicts two people reaching out to each other with their hands nearly touching over the trail.



Action Item: Take a photo at this mural along the goose.

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Background:

This recycled bicycle shop seems to be at the perfect location at the intersection of the Lochside and Galloping Goose trails. The shop offers refurbished bike sales, bike repair and education, as well as a number of bike art pieces.



Action Item: Check out some of the paintings on the side of this shop as you pedal past. You can also stop in and collect your "bike shop" themed sticker during GBBW! That's already 2 out of 5 stickers you need to complete the Sticker Challenge!

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8. **Background:**

Did you think you would come across a giant metal dragon with a 12-foot wingspan on your bike ride? Artist and welder Dan Iocchelli spent seven years on this dragon that now stands at the end of his driveway on Douglas Street. Iocchelli says the idea for the dragon first came to him when he spotted a little dragon toy at Toys R Us.



Capital Bike's Executive Director poses nervously with the 10-foot-tall dragon.

Action item:

Take a picture of the dragon on your ride.

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Background:

The Lochside Trail passes over a beautiful marshland in the heart of Greater Victoria, home to a diverse set of native plants and animals. Over 40 years of habitat restoration have gone into this site following damage by farm and sewer runoff. Birds native to the park include Towhees, Swallows, Barred Owls, and, more occasionally, Hawks and Ospreys.



Action item:

How many different bird species can you see from the Lochside Trail overlook?

Congratulations! You have now come to the end of your Discovery Ride. We hope you enjoyed your ride through this great neighbourhood. Don't forget to log your bike ride on GoByBikeBC.ca and submit photos using either #GoByBikeWeek2021 on social media or emailing to james@bikektowork.ca

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