



CYCLING SQUAMISH SINGLE TRACK CYCLE

By Vancouver Biennale

13 KM
1 - 2 HOURS

ABOUT THE TOUR

Come explore some back trails of Squamish with us! For the latter half of the ride, we'll bring you back through the town centre, past a multitude of place to grab a bite, refreshment, or treat!

Note: Trails are at times unpaved, however, can all be deemed accessible at the 'green' (beginner) biking level. We recommend hybrid tires at minimum and to really enjoy, a hard-tail mountain bike would be perfect!

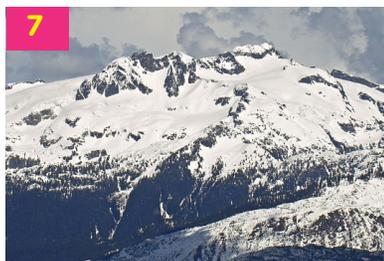
Road bikes with narrow, road specific, tires are not recommended.

Visit the following community partners while you're in Squamish:

- Howe Sound Brewing: \$1 off pints with BIKennale/WALKennale registration
- Flipside Burgers: Enjoy a FREE Side of Curly Fries with your BIKennale/WALKennale registration!

ROUTE STOPS

1	ROSE PARK	38550 Loggers Ln., Squamish
2	URBAN FURNITURE @ ROSE PARK - HUGO FRANCA	In Rose Park
3	ROLE OF LOGGING IN SQUAMISH	Loggers Lane
4	TRAIL ENTRY	Loggers Lane (Past Adventure Centre)
5	WATER WALL MURAL - STAN MATWYCHUK	Centennial Way Underpass
6	SKWELWIL'EM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TRAIL	Bailey St, Squamish
7	VIEW OF MAMQUAM MOUNTAIN	Estuary Trail.
8	FLIPSIDE BURGERS	37760 2 Ave, Squamish
9	HOWE SOUND BREWING	37801 Cleveland Ave, Squamish





#1 - ROSE PARK

Rose Park located in the Squamish Village is perched on the edge of the Mamquam River Channel and Tidal Slough. From the park a trail follows the river leading all explorers past an open grassy field, a wooden viewing platform and some picnic tables and stone benches.

The gravel pathway in the park is level and is an easy grade trek with many opportunities to view the river and the birds that visit the river. The best area in Rose Park to view the local bird life is from the large wooden viewing platform peering over the river's edge found along the trail. The trail eventually connects to the flower gardens in Lilly's Garden.

Many visit the park to relax and enjoy a picnic, read a book, take in some birdwatching, throw a frisbee or view the flower gardens. The park trail sometimes acts as a connector trail for people traveling north to south in the Squamish area leading to Loggers Lane Rd. Continue down the road and soon the entrances to Logger's Creek Trail and Smoke Bluffs will appear.



#2 - URBAN FURNITURE @ ROSE PARK - HUGO FRANÇA

Urban Furniture
Hugo França
Vancouver Biennale 2014-2016

Over the past twenty years, Hugo França has researched and developed materials and techniques to transform salvaged fallen trees into objects, sculptures and furniture. This creative reuse offers a groundbreaking proposal for sustainable design. In *Public Furniture | Urban Trees - Squamish*, Hugo França uses this experience to convert trunks and roots of condemned trees and trees that have washed ashore into sculptural artwork and furniture for the citizens to use.

The installation of these seven works was made possible by the overwhelming support of the local community in Squamish. All wood was sourced locally from the Squamish area.



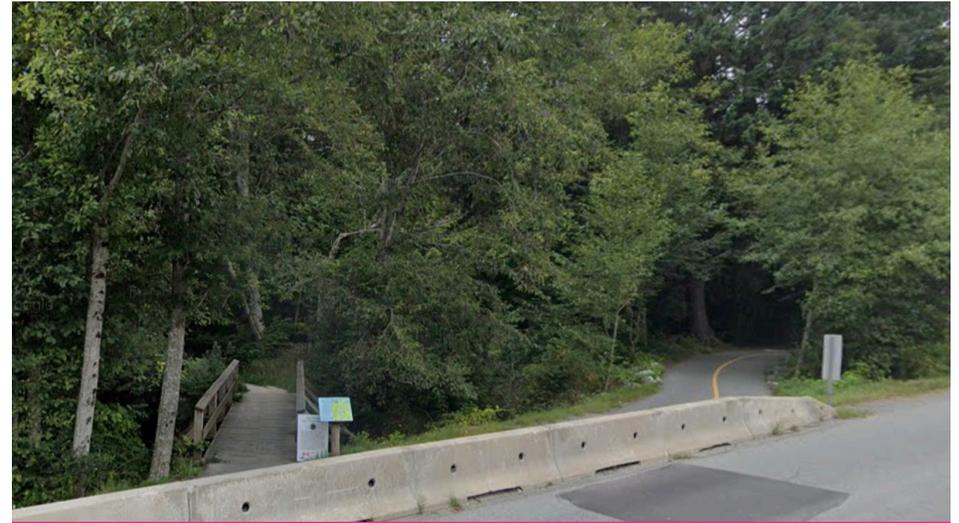
#3 - ROLE OF LOGGING IN SQUAMISH

Logging began at the head of Howe Sound in the late 1800's and in the upper Squamish Valley in the mid-1800's. Empire Mills established in the area in 1939 and later introduced truck logging, meaning inventory would increase by 50%. At this time Squamish was only accessible by water and rail, through until 1958.

During the Second World War, numerous small, independent companies began to flourish. This was followed by a sharp increase in the price of lumber following the war. These companies were doing quite well.

Although logging doesn't play such a large role today, you still have an annual event on the Logger Sport Grounds. The first Loggers Sport's Day was held in 1958.

Check out the photos above for a glimpse at logging then and now!



#4 - TRAIL ENTRY

Keep left at first fork to enter easy and accessible bike and footpath. Turn right to return to Loggers Lane bike path.

Alternatively, continue along Loggers Lane paved bike path.



#5 - WATER WALL - STAN MATWYCHUK

Water Wall Mural Stan Matwychuk 2015

Stan Matwychuk does not like bland, blank, monochrome walls and it shows. A Squamish resident, Stan's work can be found in several places around Squamish and Whistler where his war on taupe is being fought.

"When people travel through, they can see that there is life there - there is actually some energy directed towards a communication or dialogue."

The *Water Wall* Mural on the Centennial Way Underpass depicts a salmon swimming upstream, a homage to the fish that breathes life into so much of the wilderness that surrounds us.

Students from the Squamish Youth Resource Centre helped Stan complete the mural back in 2015 in time for the Squamish Wind Festival.

"Whether its Indigenous Peoples canoes, sailing ships, or tugboats, Squamish has a storied past and the ocean is a part of that story," says Matwychuk. "I hope to celebrate the nautical past to show that we as a community value the oceans and its marine life in order to become ambassadors and keepers of a healthy ecosystem."



#6 - SKWELWIL'EM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Keep following along trail, keeping right and do not cross train tracks.

Fish and Wildlife: Typical of an estuarine environment, the Squamish Estuary is a highly productive and valuable ecosystem. It provides wintering, migration, feeding and breeding habitats for waterfowl and shore birds, as well as for raptors, passerines and other species.

Physiography, Climate and Vegetation: This WMA is part of a fjord head estuary draining 3,650 square kilometres of coastal rainforest. Sedimentary environments of the delta front and intertidal zone include river mouth bars, tidal flats, and tidal marshes with sediments ranging from fines, silts and clays to well-washed, coarse-to-fine grained sands. Upland soils are predominantly podzolic. A variety of previous human uses and industrial activities have had significant impacts on the WMA and surrounding areas, and restoration work is in progress. The aquatic environment flourishes with a high concentration of phytoplankton, primarily large diatoms and dinoflagellates. Benthic or bottom dwelling algae are in high production at tidal flat sediments of mudflats, seagrass beds and saltmarshes. Highly productive salt marshes are the largest component of the estuarine environment, and are dominated by sedges, grasses, and rushes. The terrestrial environment includes shrub meadows and forests that are within the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zone.

Cultural Heritage: Traditional First Nations activities still take place within the WMA.



#7 - VIEW OF MAMQUAM MOUNTAIN

Looking off to your left, you will see some snowcapped mountains - the Mamquam Mountain.

Keep following trail, proceed straight over road, and keep right following along river's edge.



#8 - FLIPSIDE BURGERS

The new Food truck in Squamish! Come on down and enjoy the best burger in town and grab a cider at the cidery! PATIO AND INSIDE SEATING AVAILABLE!

Enjoy a FREE Side of Curly Fries with your BIKennale/WALKennale registration!



#9 - HOWE SOUND BREWING

In 1996, Howe Sound Brewing opened its doors in beautiful Squamish, BC, the heart of Sea to Sky Country. With the help of John Mitchell, the “grandfather of micro-brewing” Howe Sound Brewing Co. has set its place as one of BC’s favourite craft breweries, winning awards at the Canadian Brewing Awards, North American Brewer’s Awards & BC Beer Awards.

Today they continue to brew in the craft style, with a wide selection of ales, lagers & stouts in Squamish, B.C.

Enjoy \$1 off pints by showing your BIKennale/WALKennale registration.

To finish your walk, head back towards Rose Park

We hope you enjoyed exploring the back trails of Squamish and enjoyed passing through the town centre with us. If you like the ride, there’s plenty more mountain bike trails to explore further! Check out more trails on TRAILFORKS.

Share your favourite part of your adventure with us today and tag #VanBiennale