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# BIKING THE BRIDGES FONDO

By Vancouver Biennale

50 KM / 74 KM / 102 KM 25 - 6 HOURS

## **ABOUT THE ROUTE**

Welcome to BIKING THE BRIDGES! This ride is one of our fondos and has three different levels depending on your abilities, but no matter which ride you take, you'll enjoy a smooth ride to Coquitlam and see breath-taking views as you pedal across and over the bridges.

#### Which fondo is right for you?

A **Corto Fondo** is ideal for first timers, those starting to cycle some longer distances, young families, and groups.

A **Medio Fondo**, a shorter-distance ride, is aimed at riders who are participating in a road-cycling event for the first time.

A **Gran Fondo**, meaning "'Big Ride," usually refers to an endurance ride of more than 100 km.

#### **Cycling Tips and Safety**

- Use bike lights and wear a helmet.
- Use designated bike lanes and routes, whenever possible.
- Ride at a leisurely pace and yield to pedestrians.
- The Motor Vehicle Act and city bylaws apply to cyclists. Please follow the rules of the road
- Cycle predictably, and signal when turning or moving between lanes.
- Leave space when passing parked cars, and watch out for people opening their vehicle doors.
- Always carry spare tubes, pump, and puncture repair kit.
- When passing, ring your bell or yell "ON UR LEFT!"

### **ROUTE STOPS**

































GRAN FONDO (102 KM)



MEDIO (74KM)



PARTNER



**VORTEX - JESSICA ANGEL** 

Vortex Jessica Angel (b. 1980, Colombia) Spring 2021 - 2023

Placed in close proximity to its associated 19,000 square-foot immersive installation, *Vortex* is a physical and virtual gateway and complementary experience to the *Voxel Bridge* artwork.

Vortex is an introductory portal to the digital wonderland of *Voxel Bridge*, Jessica Angel's massive art installation located under the south end of the Cambie Bridge. Watch the *Voxel Bridge* concept video here using Augmented Reality (AR), which will give you a sneak peek into the groundbreaking interactive AR experience that will immerse you into the world of blockchain technology.

Congratulations on finding the secret entry! Now jump in and see what lies ahead...



CORTO RIDERS: Head to Burnaby Mountain MEDIO RIDERS: Head to Rocky Point Park GRAN FONDO: Head to Rocky Point Park

Voxel Bridge Jessica Angel Spring 2021 - 2023

Voxel Bridge is an 19,000-square-foot immersive installation by New York-based, Colombian artist Jessica Angel. The artwork explores how public space can be constructed and utilized in both digital and physical realities. Voxel Bridge is a groundbreaking event in Contemporary Art, fusing the real world under the Cambie Bridge with the most advanced Augmented Reality and blockchain technologies. At 19,000 square feet, Voxel Bridge isn't a quick pit stop! To fully experience this digital experience, we suggest you plan for a 45-minute visit with family and friends.



#### **CORTO RIDERS: Your next destination is the sculpture Wait For Me, Daddy**

Stop by and check out the breathtaking views of the city. It is a good spot to have some lunch and enjoy views of the mountains, inlet and the city from the Olympic Peninsula to Vancouver Island.

Water and washroom facilities are available here.



MEDIO RIDERS: Your next stop is JJ Bean GRAN FONDO: Your next stop is JJ Bean

Rocky Point Park is a large lawn park located at the far eastern tip of the Burrard Inlet, it features a large grassy park, outdoor swimming pool, giant kids play area, walking trails and multiple restaurants, it is potentially the most alluring park in the Lower Mainland.

A must stop is Rocky Point Ice Cream or Pajos

Water and Washroom facilities are available here.



#### **JJ BEAN COQUITLAM**

MEDIO RIDERS: Head to the Port Mann Bridge
GRAN FONDO RIDERS: Head to the Pitt River Bridge

An excellent spot to stop for a break and some coffee and treats

BIKEnnale/WALKennale participants get 10% off!



GRAN FONDO RIDERS: Let's go take a look at the BC Hydro Box Beautification Project

The first of three bridges on this cycle, note it is a sharp right turn before the bend up to the bridge. There is a dedicated bike lane on the left side of the bridge, once crossing you will be taken away by the stunning views. Daily traffic of up to 80,000 cars – aren't you glad you decide to ride it?



#### GRAN FONDO RIDERS: Feeling rich? Let's head to the Golden Ears Bridge

The BC hydro box beautification project was created to add beauty to the local area in Pitt meadows and to celebrate local artists.

In 2020, 30 boxes were completed in Phase 1 of the project. How many of these can you spot on your ride through Pitt Meadows?



# **GRAN FONDO RIDERS:** Another Bridge! This time, we're going to the Port Mann Bridge!

This six lane bridge connects people from Langley to Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Did you know it is the largest extradosed bridge in North America?



#### **PORT MANN BRIDGE**

MEDIO RIDERS: Our next stop is a sculpture: Wait For Me, Daddy GRAN FONDO RIDERS: Our next stop is a sculpture: Wait For Me, Daddy

This 10 lane cable stayed bridge is tied for the longest in North America. You have just cycled over two of the largest and longest bridges in North America – you will see far more than if you were driving!



#### WAIT FOR ME DADDY

**ALL RIDERS: Our next stop is River Quay Market!** 

Wait For Me Daddy Veronica de Nogales Leprevost, Edwin Timothy Dam 2014

Commissioned by the city of new Westminster, *Wait For Me Daddy* is a war-based memorial influenced by a photograph captured by Claude P. Dettloff. An iconic image for Canadians and others around the world. It highlights the difficulty families felt under the pressures of war and the unknown.



#### **ALL RIDERS: Our next stop is Trout Lake**

Stop by and check out the River Market on the Quay, take in the beautiful scenes and experience the boardwalk.



#### **TROUT LAKE & FINISH**

# ALL RIDERS: You did it! Head back to the start at Vortex in Hinge Park to finish!

It's not surprising that John Hendry Park is such a popular destination: tranquil Trout Lake and a wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities create an exceptional setting in the heart of East Vancouver. The beach area (south end) and wildlife habitat around the lake can almost make one forget that that the park is in the city, especially when hundreds of paper lanterns illuminate the vicinity during the annual lantern festival.

If you're here on a Saturday, check out the Trout Lake Farmers Market, happening between 9 am and 2 pm from May 1 to October 30 at 13th Avenue and Lakewood Drive!

Congratulations on completing the BIKING THE BRIDGES ride! We invite you to share your photos (using the #VanBiennale hashtag).