

BEST OF STEVESTON BIKING ITINERARY

Easy to explore with a little pedal power, Steveston Village combines celebrated National Historic sites, a charming boardwalk wharf and close proximity to selfie-inviting shoreline parks. And when refueling pit stops call, there's also a full menu of tasty places to eat, many with view-hugging waterfront patios.

1) Start your day at the historic Post Office building. It also houses the Tourism Richmond Visitor Centre and Steveston Museum, where in-depth exhibits illuminate the area's pioneer past and more.

The friendly folks at Village Bikes 2 will set you up with some wheels. Hill-free Steveston, like the rest of Richmond, is easy terrain for first-time riders but there are plenty of longer routes if you want to stretch your legs further.

Ride west on Moncton Street with its brightpainted cafés and shops—Steveston Coffee Company 3 java stop recommended! Arrive at the landmark Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site 4. Built in 1894, it was once BC's busiest salmon canning operation. Closed in 1979, it's been brought back to life as a fully immersive industrythemed museum. Peruse the machinery, some of it still working, and consider the tough-asnails jobs workers once had here.

From the Cannery go west on the paved path and follow signs to nearby Garry Point Park 5. Popular with local birds as well as kite flyers, this shoreline green space is striped with inviting bike routes, scenic stop-offs and grassy pockets where you can rest your cycling legs on the cool grass.









Return to the Cannery and go east on Bayview Street exploring the boutique shops and Fisherman's Wharf (3). Make note of some restaurant dinner options here, and then lock up your bike and descend the ramp to the fishing boats, where fresh-caught shrimp, salmon, crab and more are often sold. If you have three-to-five hours to spare, you could also catch a whale watching tour here.

Grab lunch at the Wharf—Pajo's Fish & Chips 7 recommended—before working off those fries with a bike ride.

Fully restored, hop back in the saddle, walk or ride east on Bayview Street to No.1 Rd and follow the waterfront path east to Steveston's other National Historic Site—Britannia Shipyards 3—a century-old riverfront village of wood-built lofts and worker bunkhouses. An evocative trip back in time, look out for the beautifully restored vintage boats here as well.

Optional South Dyke Trail: From Britannia Shipyards, stretch your legs along the Fraser River on the 7km South Dyke Trail. Visit London Heritage Farm and Finn Slough then return on the trail for a 14km out and back ride.

That's not the end of Moncton's yesteryear highlights. Just north of Britannia Shipyards, follow the trail from Westwater Drive north through T. Homma Park and school. Cross Moncton Street and continue north. At the old Railway signal (next to 11711 Railway Ave) go west on the historic rails-to-trail pathway to the Steveston Interurban Tram obuilding. Richmond was once lined with rattling trams until the 1950s and this pavilion houses the preserved Car 1220. Chat to the volunteers about its meticulous restoration.

Back on your bike, take your time meandering on Moncton Street back towards the village centre. You'll soon reach Village Bikes on Moncton again. Drop off your wheels then walk to your chosen restaurant for dinner—keeping in mind that all that pedaling means you've earned a very large dessert.