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DISCOVER NATURE IN THE CITY

Surrounded by waterfront trails and full of beautiful parks, you're never far from the great outdoors in Richmond. Follow our two-day itinerary for a scenic introduction to the city.



Drop into the friendly Tourism Richmond Visitor Centre and pick up a Budding Birder Backpack. Free to borrow (with a refundable credit card deposit), each backpack includes binoculars, birding reference books, and a birding map of Richmond. Next, walk along the street to Village Bikes and rent some wheels. Hop in the saddle and cycle five minutes west to nearby Garry Point Park where you can explore the perimeter beaches, snap photos of the glittering ocean, and look for shorebirds and wintering snow geese (1 hour).

Next, follow the park signage to the **West Dyke Trail** 2 and spend the rest of the morning exploring this easy 6km walking and cycling route. Alongside lush marshland studded with wildflowers, watch for great blue herons and bald eagles (2 - 3 hours).

Ride back to Steveston, return your bike, and grab lunch at one of the village's tasty cafes and restaurants (1 hour). You can also return your Budding Birder Backpack or keep it for the afternoon.



When you're ready, hop in a car and drive 25 minutes to **lona Beach Regional Park** 3. One of the area's most celebrated wildlifeviewing destinations, this waterfront park is a must-visit for nature lovers. Slow down, walk the grassy trails, and keep your camera ready for turtles, hummingbirds, redwinged blackbirds, and much more (2 hours).

When dinner finally calls, **The Deck Kitchen + Bar** (5) is just a 15-minute drive away: try to snag a patio table overlooking the Fraser River (1 hour).







DAY 2

Start your day with breakfast in Steveston (1 hour), then board a whale-watching boat—both Steveston Seabreeze Adventures (3) and Vancouver Whale Watch (2) offer tours from April to October (3 – 5 hours). Wave goodbye to the busy, boat-lined harbour as you head out to the breeze-licked open ocean. En route, your guide will point out seabirds, seals, and sea lions—but keep your camera primed for sightings of resident or transient orcas gliding through the water. Back on dry land, go through your images while you indulge in a sweet snack: consider mini-donuts or an ice cream cone (30 minutes).

In the afternoon, walk off those calories with an eastbound riverfront stroll from the village. Keep your eyes trained on the scenic shoreline to your right and you'll likely spot trumpeter swans and mallard ducks between the boats. Within 15 minutes, you'll find yourself stepping back in time on the creaking boardwalks of Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site 4. This richly evocative, wood-built site tells the immersive story of Steveston's fishing industry (2 - 3 hours).

Once you've explored all the historic buildings, it will be time to eat. Hop in the car and head to Richmond's city centre for a sumptuous hot pot dinner at **Dolar Shop** (3), a Chinese restaurant that's a local favourite (1 hour).