

QUALICUM BEACH

AGE-FRIENDLY WALKING AND CYCLING LOOPS



get active!

The following maps provide information about a series of walk and cycle loops throughout Qualicum Beach.

There are 4 key maps that show connected walking loops from a single trailhead, each with their own unique characteristics. Following the key maps are a series of 12 individual walking loop maps and descriptions, which provide information about length, elevation, accessibility, trail surfaces, and more.

Are you a cyclist? The final page lays out 4 unique cycle loops, each with a brief description and information about the level of difficulty, length and elevation.

ALL WALKING LOOPS



LEGEND

WALK LOOPS

- | | | | |
|----|--------|-----|---------|
| W1 | Walk 1 | W7 | Walk 7 |
| W2 | Walk 2 | W8 | Walk 8 |
| W3 | Walk 3 | W9 | Walk 9 |
| W4 | Walk 4 | W10 | Walk 10 |
| W5 | Walk 5 | W11 | Walk 11 |
| W6 | Walk 6 | W12 | Walk 12 |

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Soft-Surface Nature

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Dog Off Leash Trail
- Railway Corridor
- Stairs
- Slope >5%
- Museum
- Civic Centre
- Creeks



COMMUNITY PARK KEY TRAIL MAP



LEGEND

WALK LOOPS

- Walk 1 (for most levels of mobility)
- Walk 2 (for most levels of mobility)
- Walk 3
- Walk 4

PATH TYPES

- Shared Use
- Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Civic Centre
- Dog Off Leash Trail
- Creeks
- Railway Corridor
- Town Hall Square



CENTRAL WATERFRONT KEY TRAIL MAP



LEGEND

WALK LOOPS

- Walk 5
- Walk 6
- Walk 9

PATH TYPES

- Shared Use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Soft Surface Nature

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Museum
- Creeks
- Railway Corridor
- Stairs
- Slope >5%



NORTH-WEST QUALICUM BEACH KEY TRAIL MAP



LEGEND

WALK LOOPS

- Walk 5
- Walk 7
- Walk 8

PATH TYPES

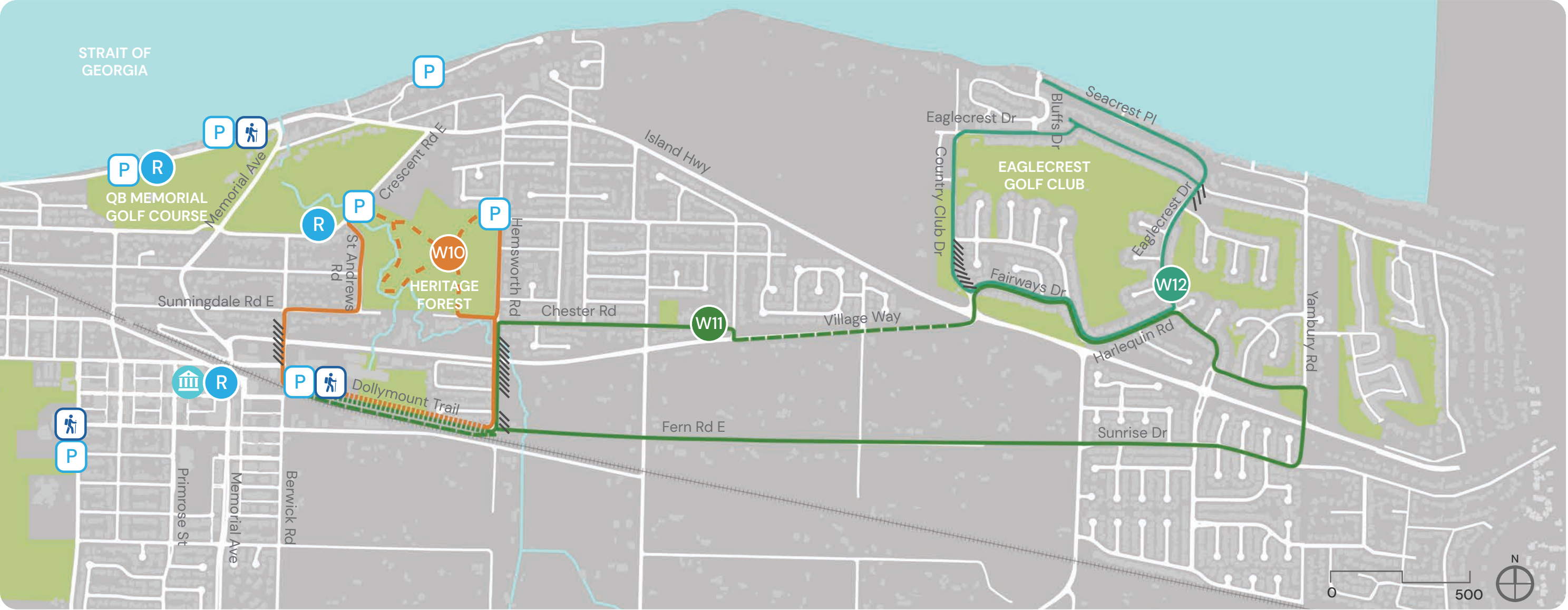
- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Soft Surface Nature

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Museum
- Creeks
- Railway Corridor
- Stairs
- Slope >5%



NORTH-EAST QUALICUM BEACH KEY TRAIL MAP



LEGEND

WALK LOOPS

- Walk 10
- Walk 11
- Walk 12

PATH TYPES

- Shared Use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Soft Surface Trail

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Town Hall Square
- Creeks
- Railway Corridor
- Slope > 5%



WALK LOOP W1



This easily accessed trail includes paved sidewalks in the uptown area as well as in the lovely wooded trails of the Town’s Community Park. While most will find this an easy and accessible trail, those with mobility aids might find the tree roots a little challenging.

Restrooms are accessible at the Civic Centre during the day.

WALK LOOP W1 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 1.6 Kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 14 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** High

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Gravel

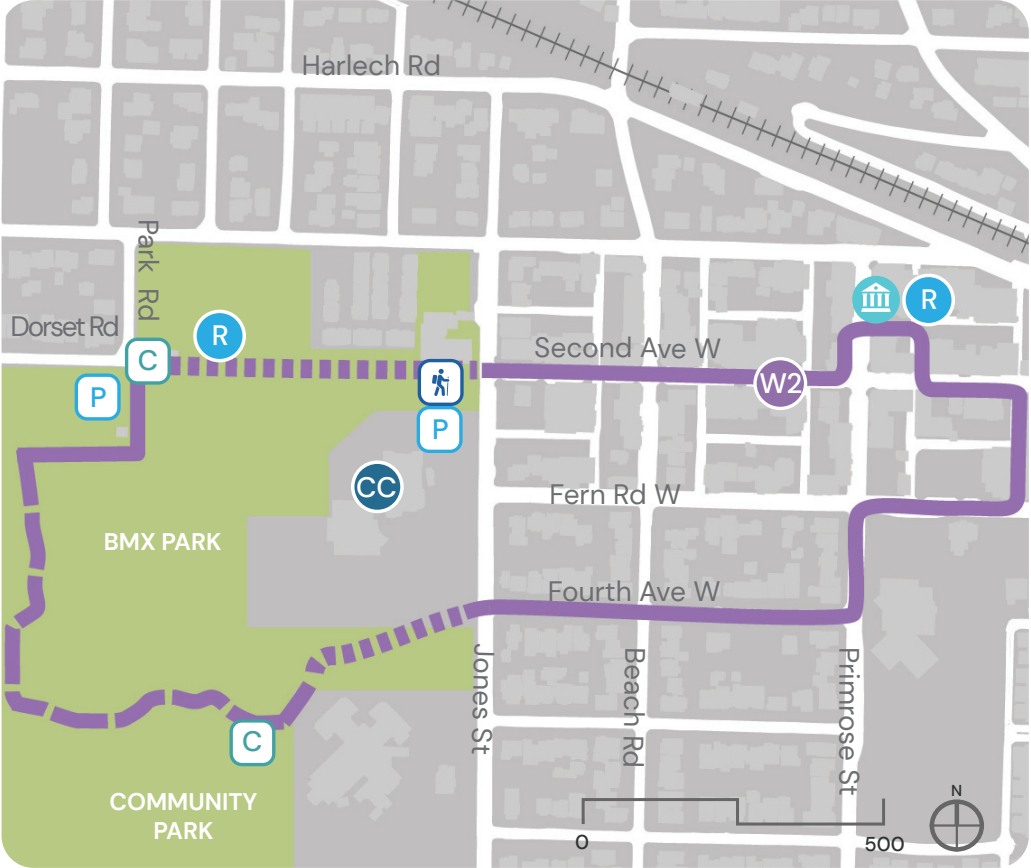
FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Civic Centre



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W2



Similar to W1, this trail is easily accessed from the uptown core, showcasing some of our commercial area, but mostly allows you to enjoy the wooded trails of our Community Park. These are soft surface trails that are easy on the joints and good for the soul. Those with mobility aids may find tree roots challenging, and it is not recommended for wheel chairs. At one point you may interact with the off leash dog trail to pat a dog.

Directional tips – enter soft surface trails in the BMX Parking lot at Park Road and take the first trail you see on your left. Once you pass the playing fields take the first trail on the left. Restrooms are accessible at the Civic Centre during the day.

WALK LOOP W2 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 2.7 Kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 25 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Medium

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Connections to W3/W4
- Civic Centre



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W3



Starting from the Park Road parking lot via W2, this trail allows you to experience some of the Town’s favourite trails, especially for dog owners. This is mostly an off-leash dog area, and you are likely to meet lots of friendly dogs and owners along the way.

These are soft surface trails that you would expect in a forest, so those with mobility aids may find tree roots challenging and it is not recommended for wheel chairs.

WALK LOOP W3 DATA

- » Route Length: 1.9 Km
- » Elevation Change: 15m
- » Route Accessibility Rating: Medium

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Gravel

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Off Leash Trail
- Connection to W2 & W4
- Parking



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W4



This is a lovely walk to stretch your legs through a mixture of paved roads and wooded trails. A small portion of the trail will take you along Arbutus Street and Rupert Road, but follow the gravel road past the houses and you will soon be back into a lovely treed area again.

This route contains soft surface trails where those with mobility aids may find tree roots challenging. A few benches offer some nice respite along the way.

WALK LOOP W4 DATA

- » Route Length: 1.7 Km
- » Elevation Change: 12m
- » Route Accessibility Rating: Medium

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Gravel

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Connection to W2 & W3
- Parking



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W5



This is a trail with variety! Starting at the waterfront and heading west, you will experience the lovely seawall views all the way to Crescent Road West. Turn up Crescent Road West and look right to the beautiful Grandon Creek Trail trailhead. The Grandon Creek Trail takes you up a picturesque ravine covered with large trees and a salmon-bearing creek.

The Grandon Creek trail comes out on to Hoylake Road. Crossing Arbutus Street leads you to the Museum Trail, a wonderful soft surface trail that parallels the old railway track. If you prefer a paved walkway, you can also travel west on Harlech Road. Keep traveling west until you hit Memorial Avenue Trail, which boasts a lovely downhill slope along a multi-use paved trail back to the waterfront.

This is one of the most challenging trails due to its length and areas of steep slope.

WALK LOOP W5 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 6.1 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 53 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Low

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-Use Paved
- Soft Surface Nature
- Stairs
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

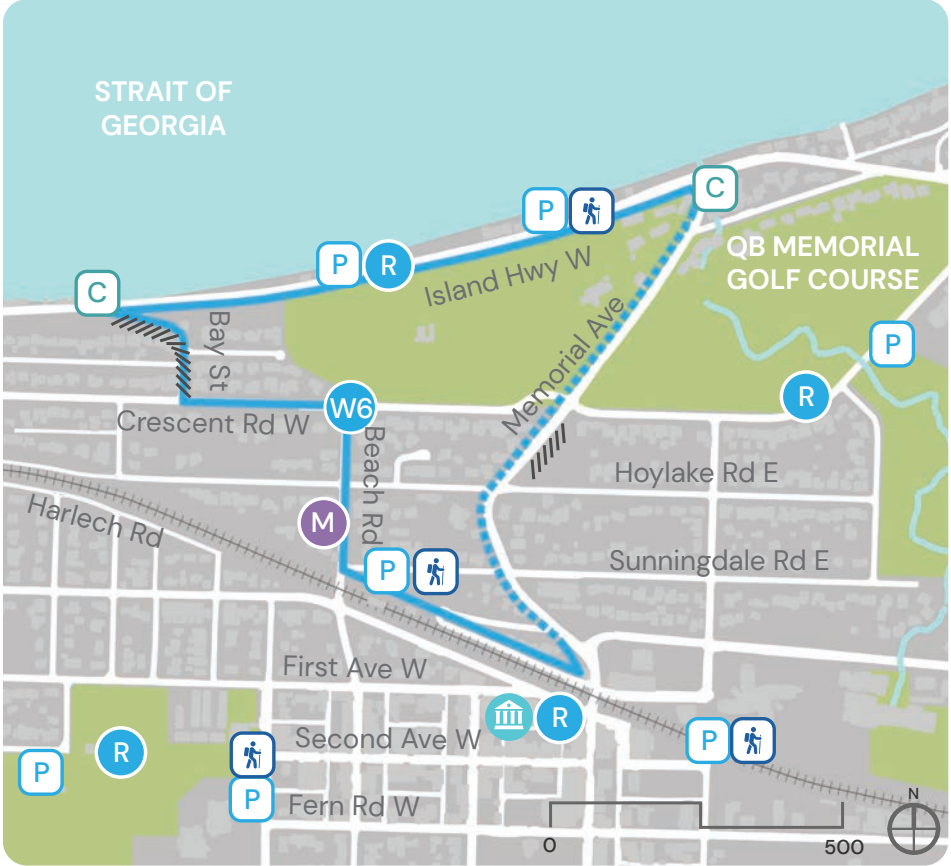
- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Connection to W6

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Note: Trail Conditions Vary



WALK LOOP W6



This completely paved trail is a great trail to enjoy a variety of views. Starting either at the waterfront or near the museum, you will experience some good slopes that will give you a good workout. Take your time and enjoy the view, there's no hurry when the views are this good!

You will enjoy the waterfront, the Memorial Avenue trail and some residential trails to get a feel for the Town's variety, and you can end up at the water or the uptown for refreshments!

Washrooms are available at Town Hall during the weekdays, and at the waterfront each day until late. There are also lots of benches to enjoy along the way.

WALK LOOP W6 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 3.4 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 49 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Low

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Connections to W5/W9
- Museum



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W7



One of the Town's most popular trails, this allows you to walk along the paved road on one side of the railroad tracks, and the soft surface trails on the other. This is a predominately even trail with little elevation that most levels of ability can access and enjoy. Those with mobility aids might find some tree roots a little challenging.

At the Beach Road end of the trail, feel free to drop into the Qualicum Beach Museum to enjoy the ever changing displays, or just go a little further uptown to enjoy a coffee and a snack.

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Soft Surface Nature
- Stairs
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Connection to W5
- Museum

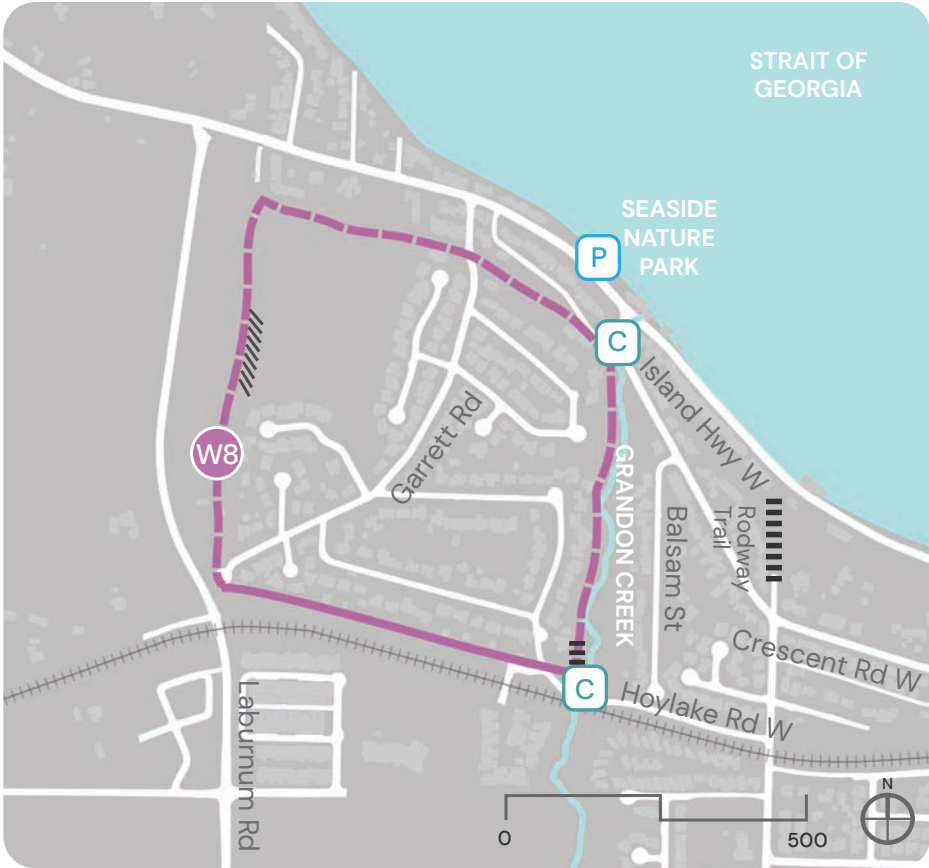
WALK LOOP W7 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 2.6 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 12
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** High



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W8



This trail can be accessed from the Town’s Seaside Nature Park. Travel up Island Hwy 19A to Crescent Road W, and into the Grandon Creek Trail (via trail 5). At the top of the Grandon Creek Trail, go west (right), then cross the Hoylake Road trail to the paved multi-use trail. Continue west along the paved trail to Garrett Road, then go right toward the water. Continue straight past the gate onto the old road that leads down the bluff and past beautiful wetlands. Follow the gravel trail to the right before you get to the highway, which will take you through the beautiful forest, up a short bluff and down to Garrett Road. Across Garrett Road there is a pedestrian shortcut through to Beach Terrace. Follow Beach Terrace back to Crescent Road W, or go down the hill straight to the waterfront. When at the bottom of the trail, enjoy one of the pubs or eateries on offer! This challenging route contains steep grades and mixed surfaces.

WALK LOOP W8 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 2.6 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 45 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Low

LEGEND PATH TYPES

- Shared-use
Street Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Stairs
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

- Parking
- Connections to W5

TRAIL CONDITIONS



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W9



This urban walking loop has a few options that will take you around the Memorial Golf Course to the Judges Row waterfront and back to the uptown. There is a lot of elevation on this trail that will get your heart rate up at the stairs at the end or midway down Judges Row.

Starting at the parking area at Judges Row, travel east until you reach a cul de sac. Follow the trail running alongside the house and up the stairs. Travel up until you come to Hall Road. To get back uptown, you can walk along Crescent Road E or through the Heritage Forest. Heritage Forest trails are soft surface, but if you choose Crescent Road E, it will be gravel or asphalt.

WALK LOOP W9 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 3.7 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 39 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Low

LEGEND PATH TYPES

- Shared-use
Street Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Stairs
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

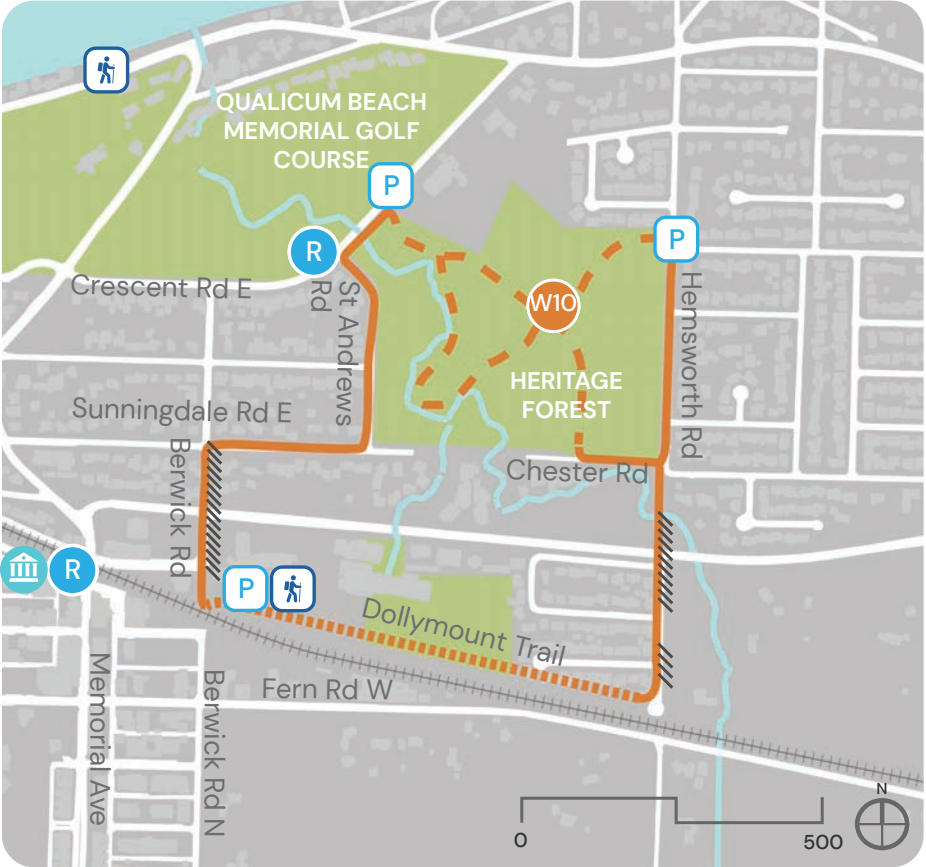
- Trailhead
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Connection to W5/W6

TRAIL CONDITIONS



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W10



This trail includes some picturesque residential areas, slight climbs, and of course the beautiful Heritage Forest loop. Accessing the trail from Crescent Road, you will find yourself immersed in the old growth forest, with Douglas Fir trees up to 800 years old. Understandably there are lots of tree roots here that those with mobility issues may find challenging.

This trail will then take you up to the uptown commercial area. Brace yourself for a short but steep incline up Berwick Rd and enjoy a treat in one of the many cafes and restaurants. You can start this loop at the parking areas on Hemsworth Road, Crescent Road or at Berwick Road.

WALK LOOP W10 DATA

- » Route Length: 4.1 kilometers
- » Elevation Change: 33 meters
- » Route Accessibility Rating: Low

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Soft Surface Nature
- Slope >5%

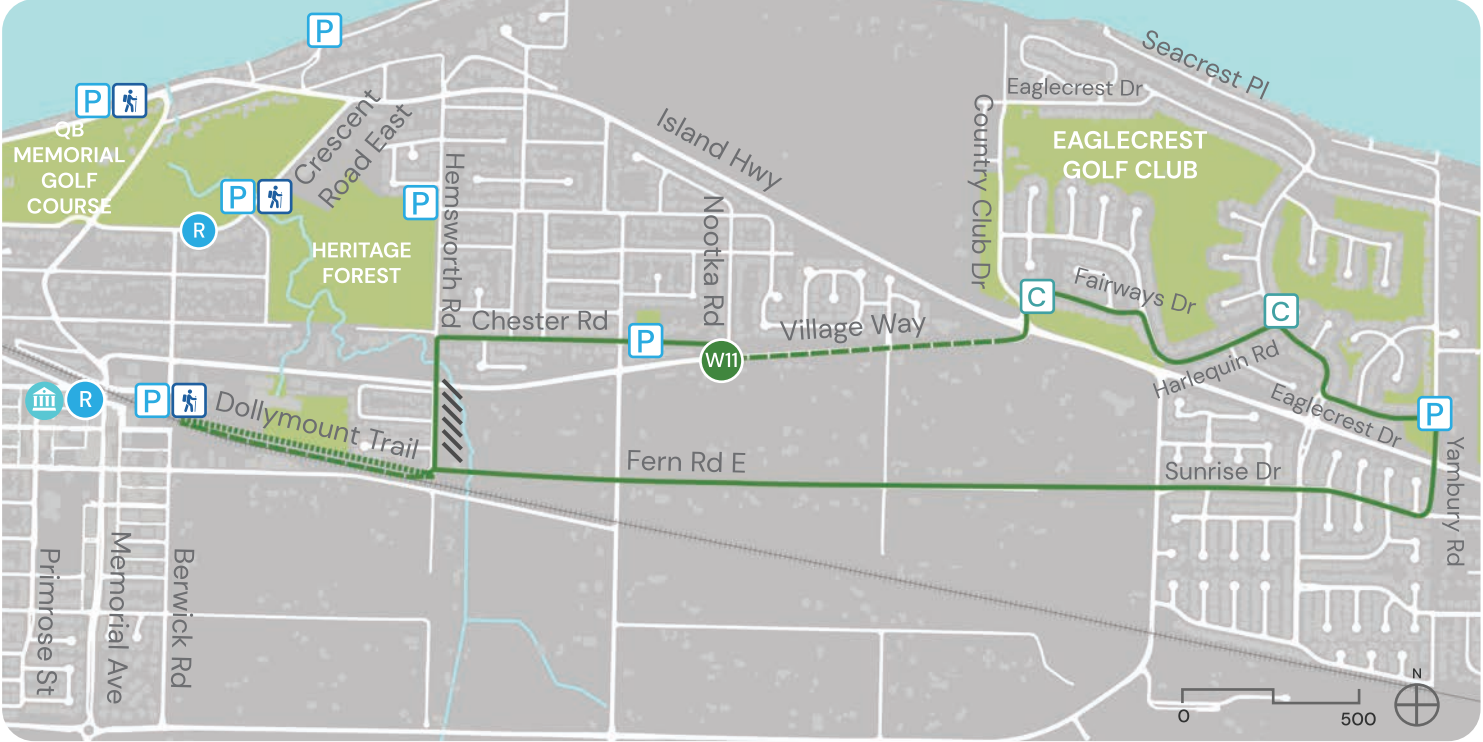
FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks and Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor



Note: Trail Conditions Vary

WALK LOOP W11



This trail follows an even grade along paved walkways, streets and roads. Starting at the parking area on Berwick Road, travel east along the scenic multi-use pathway. Continue east on Fern Road, and then further on to Sunrise Drive. Go left on the pathway at Yambury Road, then extend north across the highway into Eaglecrest.

The route will wind through quiet residential streets, then lead you back to the intersection of Village Way and Highway 19A. There is a trail along the side of Village Way until you reach Nootka Road. Turn down Nootka Road and left on Chester Road. Continue straight all the way to Hemsworth Road, which will lead you back up to the multi-use paved trail. This trail is paved, with some gravel sections. Most of the trail is accessible to all users.

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use Street Paved
- Multi-use Paved
- Multi-use Gravel
- Slope >5%

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Parks & Open Space
- Town Hall Square
- Railway Corridor
- Connection to W12

WALK LOOP W11 DATA

- » Route Length: 8.2 kilometers
- » Elevation Change: 36 meters
- » Route Accessibility Rating: High



Note: Trail Conditions Vary



WALK LOOP W12



A great paved road around the Eaglecrest Golf Course and local streets makes this an enjoyable and achievable walk. Take the optional extension down a steep hill to Seacrest Place where there are two beach access points.

The steep sections will be challenging for some users, but most of the trail is fairly flat and accessible. Wheelchairs and walkers can avoid the steep sections by staying on Eaglecrest Drive, rather than going down the hill on Seacrest Place.

WALK LOOP W12 DATA

- » **Route Length:** 2.4 kilometers
- » **Elevation Change:** 44 meters
- » **Route Accessibility Rating:** Low

LEGEND

PATH TYPES

- Shared-use
Street Paved
- //// Slope >5%

FEATURES

- Parks and Open Space
- C Connection To W11

TRAIL CONDITIONS



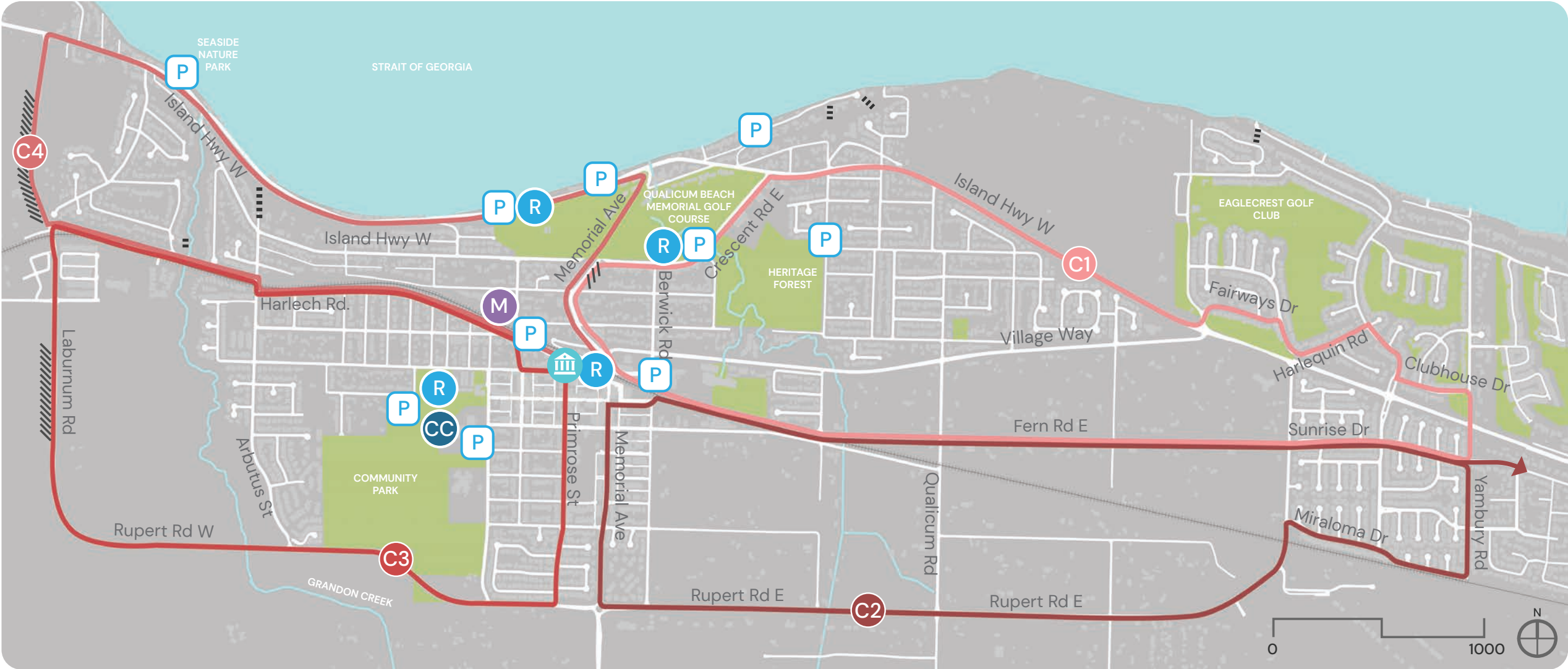
Note: Trail Conditions Vary



A walk amongst the old growth trees in the Heritage Forest (W10) is inviting at any time of year.



CYCLE KEY MAP - OVERALL



LEGEND

CONNECTORS

Route To French Creek/Parksville

FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking
- Public Restroom
- Town Hall Square
- Civic Centre
- Museum
- Parks & Open Space
- Creeks
- Railway Corridor
- Stairs
- Slope >5%

C1 Difficulty Rating: Moderate

This favorite cycling route starts at Berwick Road and runs along multi-use trails and back roads. Turning left (east) at Yambury Road and crossing Hwy 19A accesses quiet streets through Eaglecrest. A paved shoulder along Hwy 19A connects to Crescent Road East and the Memorial Ave pathway up the hill and a return by the Legion. Some moderate grades.

Length	Elevation Change
9.5 km	37 m

C2 Difficulty Rating: Easy

Cycling through the treed urban corridor south on Memorial Ave and through the roundabout allows access to paved shoulders and some separated trails along Rupert Road East. After the airport, turn right at Miraloma Drive and enjoy the Chartwell area, returning by Sunrise Drive and the level trail system along Fern Road. Some road shoulders but easy grades.

Length	Elevation Change
9.5 km	44 m

C3 Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Cycle along the lane at Harlech Road and turn at Arbutus Street to off-road trails. Turn left at Laburnum Road and enjoy a combination of shoulder and off-road trails along Rupert Road West. Return to the Village from Rupert Road using the connection to Primrose Street. Some road shoulders and moderate grades.

Length	Elevation Change
7.2 km	48 m

C4 Difficulty Rating: Difficult

Enjoy trail improvements down Memorial Ave to the waterfront. Through the roundabout, follow the main waterfront and Hwy 19A to the west (watch for traffic). Stop at Seaside Nature Park and the new St Andrews Waterfront Park. Cycle up the steep hill at Laburnum Road and return to the Village along gentle trails parallel to the railway. Beach and scenic views, some road shoulders, traffic, and very steep grades.

Length	Elevation Change
7.6 km	53 m





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