

Pics 1 and Trip Report for Confed, McGill, New Brighton parks hike June 8

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Finally, a sunny and warm day for a BOC hike! Five members (one new!) met at the Kensington Park Baseball Diamond in North Burnaby, which is near the Confederation Park Trail head. This route follows the course of the TransCanada Trail. It is a shared, mostly shady path above the Parkland Tank Farms and Refinery with fine views of Burrard Inlet. We enjoyed this rolling trail bordered with flowers. Passing Confederation Park with its athletic facilities, we entered Burnaby Heights in a pleasant, grassy area that merges with McGill Park as Boundary Road gets closer. Crossing the municipal boundary into Vancouver, we were disappointed that the section that goes underneath the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge was closed. A drinking water service and upgrades to the natural gas system are under construction there. We were forced to take a detour along a sunlit street in order to reach the by-pass under Highway 1 and follow the grain silos. Once we got to New Brighton Park, we were thrilled by the glorious scenery: mountains, lawns and ocean framing the outdoor pool. Even the industrial monuments looked magnificent in that location. Two of us took to the water sporting new swimsuits while the others lingered, relaxing in the beauty of the place. Soon, it was time to return by the same way, dreaming of cold beer. We had hiked around 15 km and two of us had swum for about 30 min. as well.