## Elgin Heritage Park and SunnySide Acres Urban Forest - October 11, 2021

Happy Thanksgiving Day!!! What a beautiful, sunny day we had. We met at 9:30am in the South Surrey Recreation Center Parking Lot. There were 11 hikers (6 BOC members and 5 guests) on this trip. Two guests joined us at the end of the trip. Welcome, Shelly and Ellen.

This walk is a combination of three walks: SunnySide Acres Urban Forest + Semiahmoo Trail + Elgin Heritage Park and Nicomekl River area.

We start our morning walk around SunnySide Acres Urban Forest. This is a 130-hectare park with a natural second growth forest. Birds, coyotes, and black-tailed deer still live in Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest. We then follow historic Semiahmoo Trail which leads us down to Nicomekl River area. We stopped by Elgin Heritage Park for our lunch break and enjoyed waterfront views. At 3pm, we were back to our parking lot and happy to have this beautiful Fall hike before our Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanks to Connie for co-leading this hike with me. Photos by Janice, Ellen, Shirley and SJ Trip report by Su-Jane