

trip report for Richmond dykes bike ride on September 1 with one set of photos

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It was a perfect day for this spectacular ride! Three of us four rode to the meeting place, Aberdeen Station on the Canada Line. We established the BOC colour code by wearing colour-coordinated light and dark tones of blue. It was a quick hop to the riverside path, where we were intrigued by the public art piece, "Water." We followed the middle arm of the Fraser River across from YVR and the Harbour Airport, passing the UBC Boathouse and the Olympic Oval (Hollybridge Canal area).

The river joins the sea at Terra Nova Conservation Park; bikes prohibited there, we turned onto the West Dike Trail with its beautiful marches full of bull rushes along the tranquil shoreline. Not as many birds and turtles were about as we have seen thereabouts in the springtime.

It wasn't long before we arrived at Garry Points Park and Steveston Village at the tip of the south arm of the Fraser. We rested sitting upon logs and eating at the beach. We were delighted to come upon four former members of BOC who were returning ashore after some paddle boarding. It was an enjoyable chat catching up with them. Then we checked out the village; two of us soaked in the wonderful atmosphere at the fishing wharf while the others poked around the thrift stores.

Finally, we decided to return via the same route. It was getting hot but scattered light clouds shielded us. We cycled without breaking all the way back to Aberdeen Station, except once when we encountered two friends of a member. The two women were training for the Nova Scotia Walk for Peace in which they planned to walk 20 km a day over 10 days from Halifax to the famous anti-nukes meeting place in Pugwash starting on Sept. 8.

Not long after that, we boarded the train heading back to Vancouver together. Finally, each disembarked to cycle back to our residences along his/her respective route: one took Marine Drive into Burnaby, two others 49th Avenue to Metrotown and the last Seaside and Central Valley Greenway to Commercial Station.