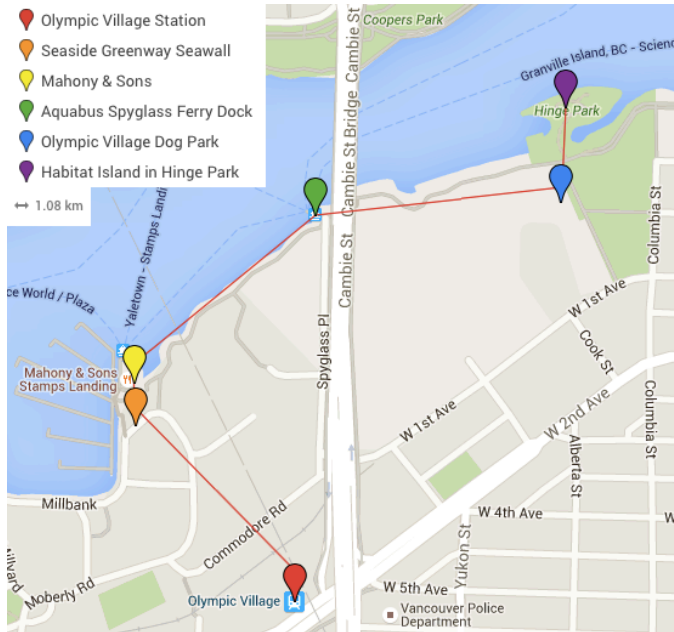


The Historic Olympic Village



The historic Olympic Village, located in Southeast False Creek, was developed as an area of housing for athletes and officials from all over the world for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Subsequently following the Olympics, this area opened up for residential housing, with around 1,100 residential units, and mixed community use. The village proudly aligns with Vancouver's Greenest City targets, through the use of innovative efficient energy, green roofs, solar heating, and also provides several healthy attractions located just minutes from the Olympic Village skytrain station.

To showcase these attractions, we have developed a short, easy-to-follow guide that begins at Olympic Village station, and ends at Habitat Island. As you make your way through our guide, you can expect to encounter the following:

Seaside Greenway Seawall: As you head out of the skytrain station and walk down the path towards the stunning ocean you will see Vancouver in all of its glory. This seawall boasts beautiful views of multiple Vancouver beaches and continues for about 28km, making it the world's longest uninterrupted waterfront path! With newly expanded pathways, the seawall has clearly marked sections that allow for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists, keeping the two separate enough for safety, but close enough to enjoy identical views. Several benches are placed seamlessly along the path that allow for rest, relaxation and admiration of the views.



Maps: Along the seawall, you can locate several simple-to-understand maps that allow for route guidance and visual display of main attractions, transit stops, streets and bike paths, reducing the need to carry an actual map or use your cellphone on your trip. These maps allow you to be aware of your location at all times, making it easy for you to meet up with friends at a specific destination visible on the map or simply find your way back to the nearest transit stop. This ensures the safety and well-being of those deciding to walk down this route at all hours of the day, and adds an aspect to the built environment that will help users to navigate through the surrounding areas.

Restaurants: The route we have provided has several stops where one can take a break, use the restroom and grab a bite to eat. One restaurant in particular, called Mahony and Sons, is located directly on the waters edge and serves fresh seafood and craft beers to nourish and “rehydrate” after a trip along the seawall. With a large patio deck, it is the perfect spot for some healthful socialization and enjoyment of Vancouver’s sunny days, while still being in fairly close contact with natural surroundings.



The Aquabus: If on your trip you wish to cross the body of water in a short period of time, the Aquabus is there to serve you. The Aquabus boasts particularly low rates of use with multiple end locations available, such as Granville Island, David Lam Park and even Yaletown. This service allows for quick, yet unique, transport and accepts those on foot, with strollers, on bikes and in wheelchairs making it a form of active transportation available for all!

Off-Leash Dog Park: About ten minutes from Olympic Village station you can find a fenced off-leash dog area. This dog park further has separate fenced off areas for small dogs and large dogs giving your furry friend an opportunity to safely and freely play, exercise and socialize. This separating fence can be opened and closed at the owner’s discretion. This space also benefits humans by being an area they can exercise and socialize their dogs without much effort and bond with other dog owners.



Habitat Island: After booming urban developments, wildlife suffered severe consequences. To compensate, the city of Vancouver built a completely man-made island to attract wildlife to the area. Habitat Island is now successfully home to over 200 native trees, shrubs and flowers, as well as sea life, such as starfish, crab and barnacles. The island, which is technically a peninsula to ensure safety, is fully accessible to people allowing them to keep in consistent contact with nature and greenspace.