



# A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO WALK (SQUAMISH)

By Vancouver Biennale

6 KM / 7,500 - 9,000 STEPS / 1.5 - 2.5 HOURS

## ABOUT THE TOUR

On this walk we will take you through Little Smoke Bluffs Park, down to the centre of the city of Squamish, and back through Rose Park. We'll see some public art, touch on some history, and make sure to bring you past a few places to grab a bite/refreshment. Enjoy!

Visit the following community partners while you're in Squamish:

- Howe Sound Brewing: \$1 off pints with BIKennale/WALKennale registration
- Flipside Burgers: Enjoy a FREE Side of Curly Fries with your BIKennale/WALKennale registration!

## ROUTE STOPS

1	URBAN FURNITURE @ LITTLE SMOKE BLUFFS PARK HUGO FRANCA	Little Smoke Bluffs Park, Squamish
2	THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY (SEAandSKY) - KRISTIN MCIVER	38011 Laurelwood Rd, Squamish
3	TRAIN BRIDGE	Between Mill Rd. and Coho Rock Way
4	HOWE SOUND INN & BREWING	37801 Cleveland Ave, Squamish
5	URBAN FURNITURE @ ROSE PARK - HUGO FRANCA	Rose Park, Squamish
6	ROLE OF LOGGING IN SQUAMISH	Rose Park, Squamish
7	SQUAMISH RIVER ESTUARY	Mamquam Channel @ Loggers Ln
8	SQUAMISH ADVENTURE CENTRE	38551 Loggers Ln, Squamish





**#1 - URBAN FURNITURE @ LITTLE SMOKE BLUFFS PARK**

***Urban Furniture***  
**Hugo Franca**  
**Vancouver Biennale 2014-2016**

Over the past twenty years, Hugo Franca has researched and developed materials and techniques to transform salvaged fallen trees into objects, sculptures and furniture. This creative reuse offers a groundbreaking proposal for sustainable design. In *Public Furniture | Urban Trees - Squamish*, Hugo Franca uses this experience to convert trunks and roots of condemned trees and trees that have washed ashore into sculptural artwork and furniture for the citizens to use.

The installation of these seven works was made possible by the overwhelming support of the local community in Squamish. All wood was sourced locally from the Squamish area.



**#2 - THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY (SEAandSKY) - KRISTIN MCIVER**

***This Beautiful Day***  
**Kristin McIver**  
**2020**

When Tsawaysia Spukwus, a Squamish Nation artist and drum maker, offers protocol welcomes at ceremonies and events, the first words she always says are, "Halh skwile te-staas (It's a beautiful day, today)".

When an Australian-born text-based artist, Kristin McIver, visited Squamish as an artist in residence at Quest University during the 2015 Vancouver Biennale and heard those words, she was inspired to create a light sculpture.

It was featured during a virtual exhibition in Times Square in New York, where it served as a beacon of hope during the pandemic lockdown and recent Black Lives Matter protests. Now the work has found a permanent home in Squamish thanks to BlueSky Properties, a Bosa Family Company.



### #3 - TRAIN BRIDGE

From here, you can continue over the train bridge. It is an often used local route. If you decide to follow along the train tracks, you do so at your own risk. **The Vancouver Biennale assumes no liability or responsibility for your decision and actions.**

The recommended route is to proceed along the highway towards the hostel (Squamish Adventure Inn) at the Redbridge Discovery Centre sign.



### #4 - HOWE SOUND INN AND BREWING

In 1996, Howe Sound Brewing opened its doors in beautiful Squamish, BC, the heart of Sea to Sky Country. With the help of John Mitchell, the “grandfather of micro-brewing” Howe Sound Brewing Co. has set its place as one of BC’s favourite craft breweries, winning awards at the Canadian Brewing Awards, North American Brewer’s Awards & BC Beer Awards.

Today they continue to brew in the craft style, with a wide selection of ales, lagers & stouts in Squamish.

**Enjoy \$1 off pints by showing your BIKennale/WALKennale registration.**



**#5 - URBAN FURNITURE @ ROSE PARK - HUGO FRANÇA**

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**#6 - ROLE OF LOGGING IN SQUAMISH**

Logging began at the head of Howe Sound in the late 1800's and in the upper Squamish Valley in the mid-1800's. Empire Mills established in the area in 1939 and later introduced truck logging, meaning inventory would increase by 50%. At this time Squamish was only accessible by water and rail, through until 1958.

During the Second World War, numerous small, independent companies began to flourish. This was followed by a sharp increase in the price of lumber following the war. These companies were doing quite well.

Although logging doesn't play such a large role today, you still have an annual event on the Logger Sport Grounds. The first Loggers Sport's Day was held in 1958.

Check out the photos above for a glimpse at logging then and now!



## #7 - SQUAMISH RIVER ESTUARY

This space, known as an estuary, has enormous ecological, environmental, and societal significance.

Estuaries are areas where rivers meet the ocean, creating what is known as brackish water (sweet and salty). Generally, partially enclosed, they create unique ecosystems for plants and animals, particularly salmon.



## #8 - SQUAMISH ADVENTURE CENTRE

The Squamish Adventure Centre is your local headquarters for visitor information, bookings, brochures and expert advice on top experiences, attractions, accommodations, transportation, dining, events and everything else you need to get the most out of your visit.

Located along the Sea to Sky highway at 38551 Loggers Lane, this 5,773 square foot architectural landmark was made using locally-sourced and manufactured Douglas fir timber. Its signature curved-roof design represents the eagles that migrate annually to the Squamish Valley.

Head back along Loggers Lane to Little Smoke Bluffs Park to complete your walk.

We hope you enjoyed the Beautiful Day to Walk!

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Hope to see you next week!