

Vancouver – Coal Harbour Seawall Course

Course Description

This course is completely contained on the Coal Harbour Seawall walking and cycling paths between the Bayshore Hotel on the west and the Plaza with public washrooms on the east.

The course is accessed most conveniently from Broughton St. Vehicles may be parked in the lot between Broughton and the Coal Harbour Community Centre building.

The Start/Finish is located immediately to the north of the Coal Harbour Community Centre adjacent to the small alcove beside the stairway to the top level of the Community Centre. The line for the Start/Finish can be located by identifying the grey/black/grey brick line pattern that crosses the seawall walkway immediately beside the Light standard in front of the alcove.

The course heads north from the Start/Finish and after about 50 metres veers slightly to the right on to the biking path where the walking and biking paths separate. The course continues along the biking path heading east until it comes to the Plaza. At the entrance to the Plaza the course veers to the left (see map inset) back on to the walking path for a short section of two way traffic. The eastern turnaround for the course is to be set 5 cm west of the west side of the concrete base for the 4th Light standard from where the course rejoins the walking path.

The course then follows the walking path west, curving south and then curving west again until it makes a 90 degree turn to head north to the first 90 degree turn west and then takes the first 90 degree turn south to head immediately in front of the Bayshore Hotel. The route then continues south until the circular fountain where it follows the circle 90 degrees around the fountain to head back east on the cycling side of the seawall path. The route continues up a small ramp to street grade level passing the end of Broughton Street and then heads down a small ramp curving north and back to the Start/Finish line.

All sections of the course where the cycling and walking paths are joined must be coned to separate the directional traffic. This is a simple matter as in all cases the centre line is delineated with a black paving stone line on an otherwise grey paving stone field.

Marshalling is only required to manage pedestrian traffic. However having at least 12 course marshals is essential. While most pedestrians are cooperative this is a heavily used tourist area where many languages are spoken and local customs are not universally known. The marshals must be instructed to give very specific directions on when and where it is acceptable for pedestrians to walk during the event.

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Course Type – Out and Back loop
Surface – Combination concrete pavers/asphalt
Loop length – 1.667 km
Elevation – 3m above Sea Level
Measurement date – April 9, 2005

