

About the Maritime Museum of BC

Since 1955, the Maritime Museum of BC has built an extensive collection of objects, archives, photos, books, and even boats. These items reflect BC’s maritime history and are preserved for research, education, and future generations.

Our collection and archives are stored offsite, but you can still explore them online and in-person! Join one of our guided Collection Tours offered throughout the year. Check our Events Calendar for upcoming dates when they become available.

35,000
Artifacts

15,000
Photos

8,500
Books

554 Linear Feet of Archives



Photo by Charlie Tango Aerial Imagery.



Photo by James Holkko.

The Maritime Museum of BC is located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən-speaking peoples, represented by the Songhees and X̱wsep̱səm (Esquimalt) Nations, and the ƳSÁNEĆ Nations.

Although based here, our work spans all of BC and reflects the diverse maritime histories and living cultures of Indigenous Nations across the province. We are committed to learning from and working with Indigenous peoples to respectfully share these stories and move forward together.

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Check out our calendar to see what’s happening at the museum!



About Dallas Road

Dallas Road is the southern limit of the City of Victoria, near the south end of Vancouver Island. It is on the territories of the ləkʷəŋən-speaking people, specifically the Songhees and X̱wsep̱səm (Esquimalt) Nations, who have been on these lands and waters for thousands of years.

Dallas Road was named for Alexander Grant Dallas (1816-1882), head of the Hudson’s Bay Company’s Western Region from 1857-1862.

Historical information for this guide was gleaned from the signage and monuments along the walkway and from the comprehensive Beacon Hill Park History, by Janice Ringnette and the Friends of Beacon Hill Park. It was compiled in 2025 by MMBC staff and volunteer Doug Vandine.



About This Walking Tour

This self-guided walking tour focuses on maritime history along the Dallas Road Walkway, but there are lots of other things to see, including artwork and local flora and fauna including Nootka roses, bald eagles, sea birds, rufous and Anna’s hummingbirds, blacktail deer, Pacific harbour seals, and occasionally whales such as orcas and humpbacks.

The walkway is approximately 3 kilometres (1.8 miles) in length and should take around one to two hours to complete from end to end. The path is paved and typically ranges from 1 - 2 metres wide. The estimated grade is mostly gentle (5% or less) except for a moderately steep section near Clover Point [Stop 12]. There are two public washrooms along the walkway, as well as many benches and rest areas with views over the water.

The guide starts at the foot of the Ogden Point Breakwater [Stop 1] heading towards Clover Point [Stop 12], but the walk can start anywhere. Looking out to sea is generally looking southward.



