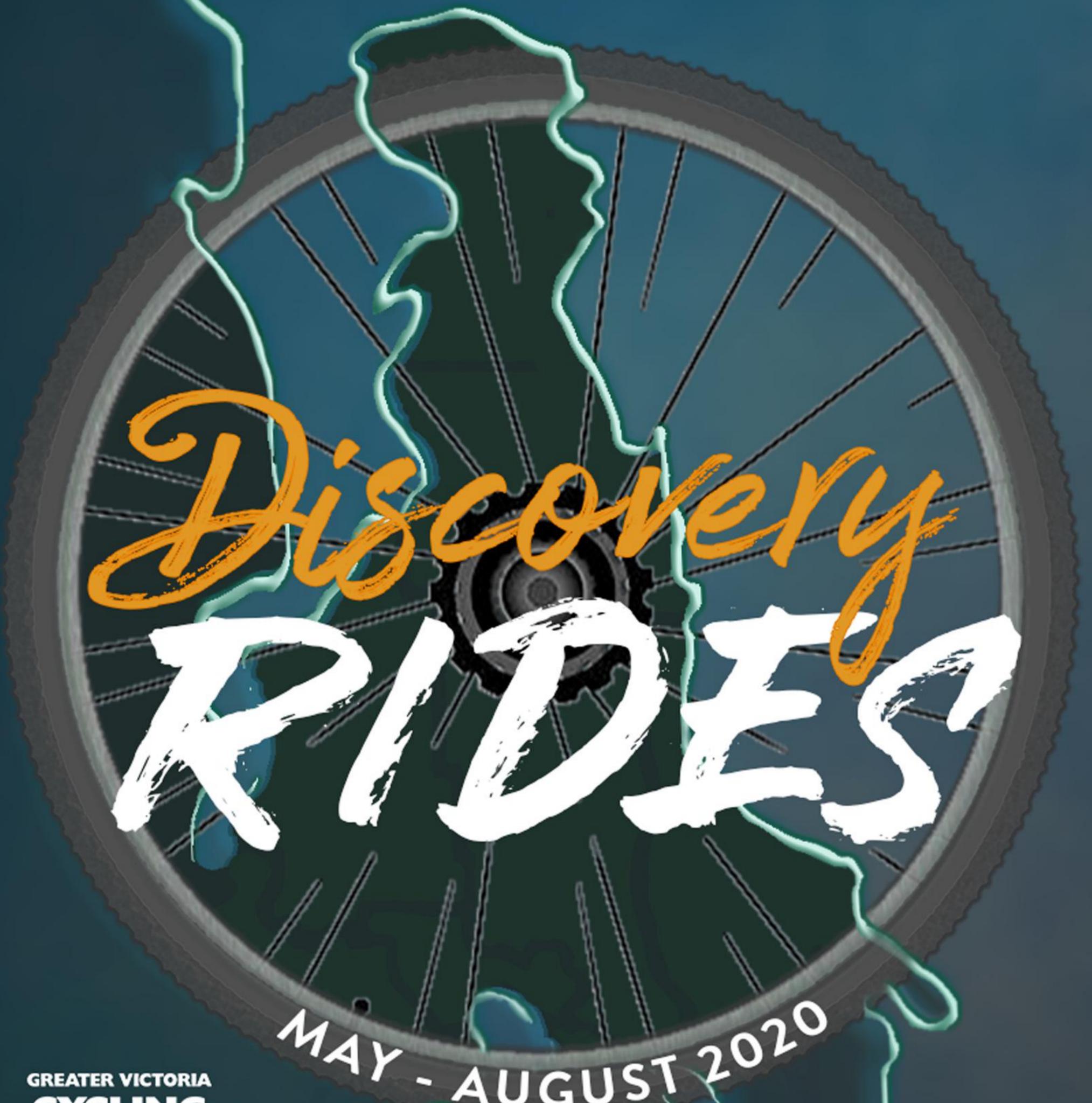


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Welcome Discovery Riders!

Welcome to the James Bay Discovery Ride! This ride will take you by the seaside and through the quiet streets of James Bay.

How do I win a prize?

Along your ride, take photos of the "points of interest" that you stop at. Submissions can be sent to us by filling out the short activity form on the GVCC website under 'themed rides' or via Facebook and Instagram by tagging us at @biketoworkvic or #yyjbike! With every submission, you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a gift card for take-out food from a local restaurant or bike shop near you. Prize winners for this challenge will be drawn on August 20th.

What to bring:

You will need a bicycle, helmet, water bottle, snack, sunglasses, a camera of some kind, and Google maps downloaded on your cellphone. These Discovery Rides are organized like self-guided tours: the routes are downloaded on your phone that highlight points of interest along a route. Each ride is designed to get you exploring new places while physical-distancing; taking between 1-6 hours to complete. Enjoy the adventure! *Remember to allow space for others to pass on trails and roads when necessary to maintain 2m physical-distancing.



Activities are designed with adult supervision in mind. Before undertaking any outdoor activities, please be sure to follow the latest COVID-19 Provincial Support and Information.



Points of Interest

Explore the 'points of interest' outlined in each ride package and send us a photo, story, or video telling us about your experience or something you discovered on your Discovery Ride.

Photos, videos, drawings, and other media can be sent to us by filling out the short 'experience reflection form' on the GVCC website under 'themed rides', or via Facebook and Instagram by tagging us at @biketoworkvic or #yyjbike!

1. Background:

- Designed by artist, Dale Doebert and constructed by City of Victoria staff in 2015, The Moss Lady is a 35-foot-long sculpture that lies on the edge of Beacon Hill Park. This sculpture is made with clay-based acidic soil, which attracts moss to cloak this colossal creation.



Image of the Moss Lady Photographed by Bruce Stotesbury, Times Colonist

Action Item: Visit this sculpture, what sounds can you hear surrounding it?

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- 2. Background:** Long before European settlers arrived on Lekwungen Territory, the hill along Dallas Road in Beacon Hill Park has been known as “Meeacan,” which according to Lekwungen Songhees Elder, Jimmy Fraser, means “warmed by the sun.”



Image of Burial site in Beacon Hill Park, or Meegan in Lekwungen. (Stephanie Cram/CBC) from CBC article: 'Colonial Reality Tour brings Indigenous land and history into focus.'

Action item: Ride up to the flagpole and find the Lekwungen place name marker there.

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- 3. Background:** This Mile Zero monument is the starting marker for an 8,000km Trans-Canada Highway that spans the entire length of the country. This place is also home to a statue of Terry Fox. Terry was a national hero who lost his right leg to cancer and began a run across Canada to raise money for cancer research when he was 18 years old.



Image of Mile Zero Sign from
Wikimedia Commons.

Action item: Ride over to this statue of Terry Fox.

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4. **Background:** To honour the traditions and history of the Salish Nations, The Land and Sea Mural was installed along the Breakwater in 2009. Artists Butch Dick, Songhees carver and Darlene Gait, Esquimalt artist, designed the mural, and served as mentors to a group of young artists who carried out the work or painting the mural. This mural now covers both sides of the Breakwater and features a mosaic of local indigenous terrestrial and marine animals.



Image of The Land and Sea Mural by Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

Action item: Ride over to the breakwater and see how many different animals you can identify on this mural wall.

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5. **Background:** "This hall opened in 1910, constructed by Polish immigrants and craftsmen. Until 1945, there were only a few Polish families living in Victoria. However, following WWII, a wave of Polish immigrants arrived from Europe. After the war, these immigrants were unable to return to Poland and so felt the need to unite the community, as they were each other's only connection to their homeland." This building is a remnant of that community's history here.



Action item: Take a ride over to this building, check it out, and just for fun see how many doors you can find on this building.

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6. **Background:** Just around the corner from the Hall mentioned in the previous clue is the Victoria Edelweiss Club. This clubhouse was founded in 1970 to preserve the cultural practices of the German speaking immigrants of the Victoria area and to help integrate them into the community.



Action item: What German-style façade does this building display?
Hint: The style is from a particular famous region of Germany.

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7. **Background:** Located in Irving Park is a plaque commemorating Mifflin Wistar Gibbs, the first Black person to be elected and serve on Victoria's City Council in 1866 to 1869.

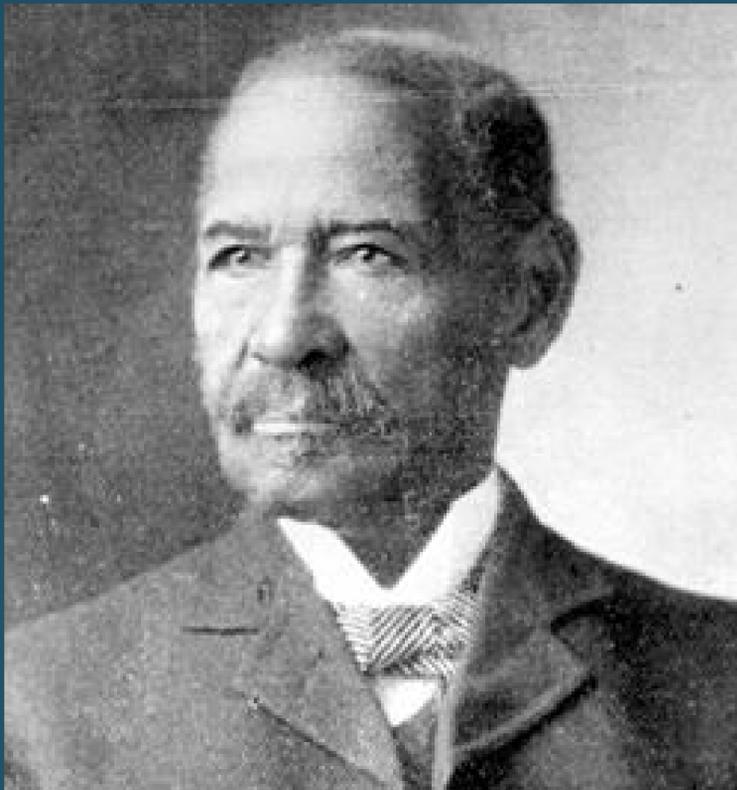


Image of Mifflin Wistar Gibbs (left), and his great-great-grandniece, Dr. Verna Gibbs, in James Bay (right).

Action Item: Visit Irving Park and read the plaque.

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8. **Background:** The history of which Wharf is not unlike many of the floating camps of loggers that emerged along the BC's coast in 1800s? Historically, these float homes emerged in response to the need for affordable housing among waterfront labourers. However, since the 1970s, the living-on-the-water lifestyle has re-emerged but it is no longer the cheap or affordable lifestyle that it once was.



Action Item: Ride over to the Fisherman's Wharf on Wharf Street and see how many float homes you can count.

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Background: Located on 642 Simcoe Street is Emily Carr's Hill House, also now known as House of All Sorts. Emily Carr lived in James Bay almost all her life and became a world-renowned artist, author, and teacher. There are many more stories associated with this house and Emily's life, which you can read more about online on the Victoria Heritage Foundation website.



Emily Carr's House of All Sorts at 642-646 Simcoe Street.

Action item: Take a ride over to this heritage house and try and imagine what it might have looked when Emily lived in it nearly 100 years ago.

