



Vancouver

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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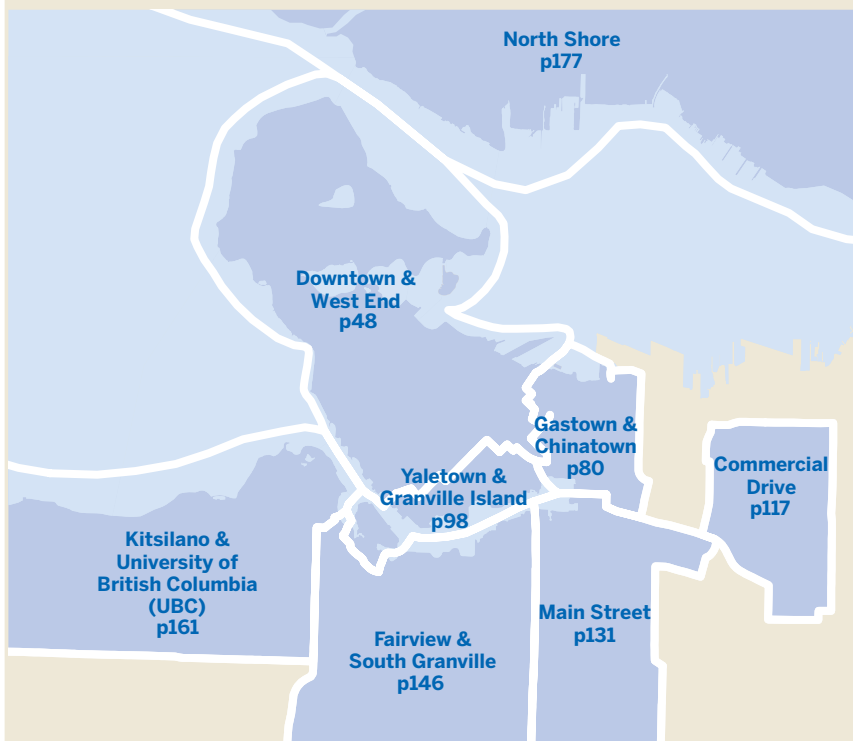
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- Zoo
- Other Sight

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Sports & Activities

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- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
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- Cycling
- Ferry
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- Parking
- S-Bahn
- Taxi
- Train/Railway
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- Tube Station
- U-Bahn
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Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
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- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour Detour
- Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Geographic

- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Hydrography

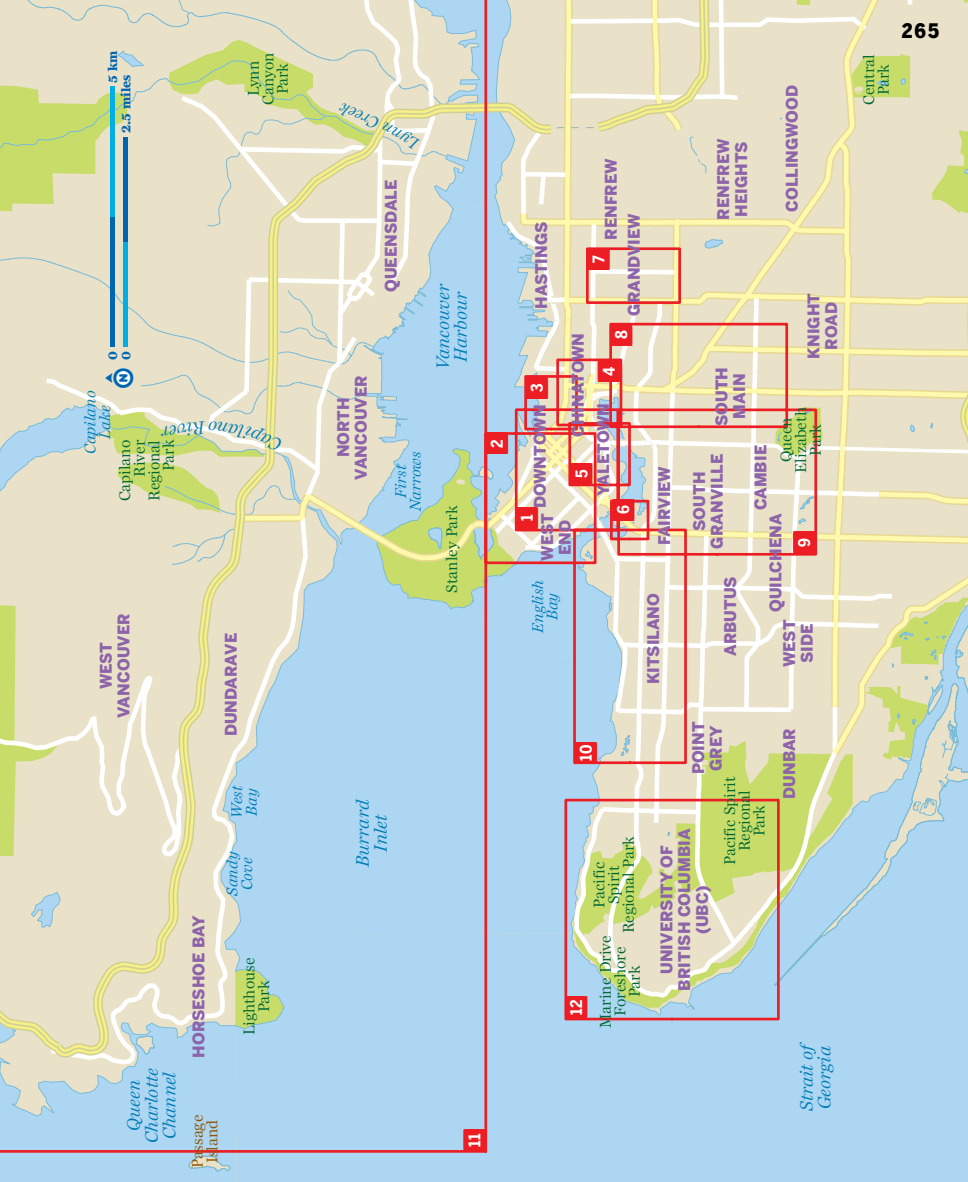
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- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
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- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Park/Forest
- Sportsground
- Sight (Building)
- Top Sight (Building)

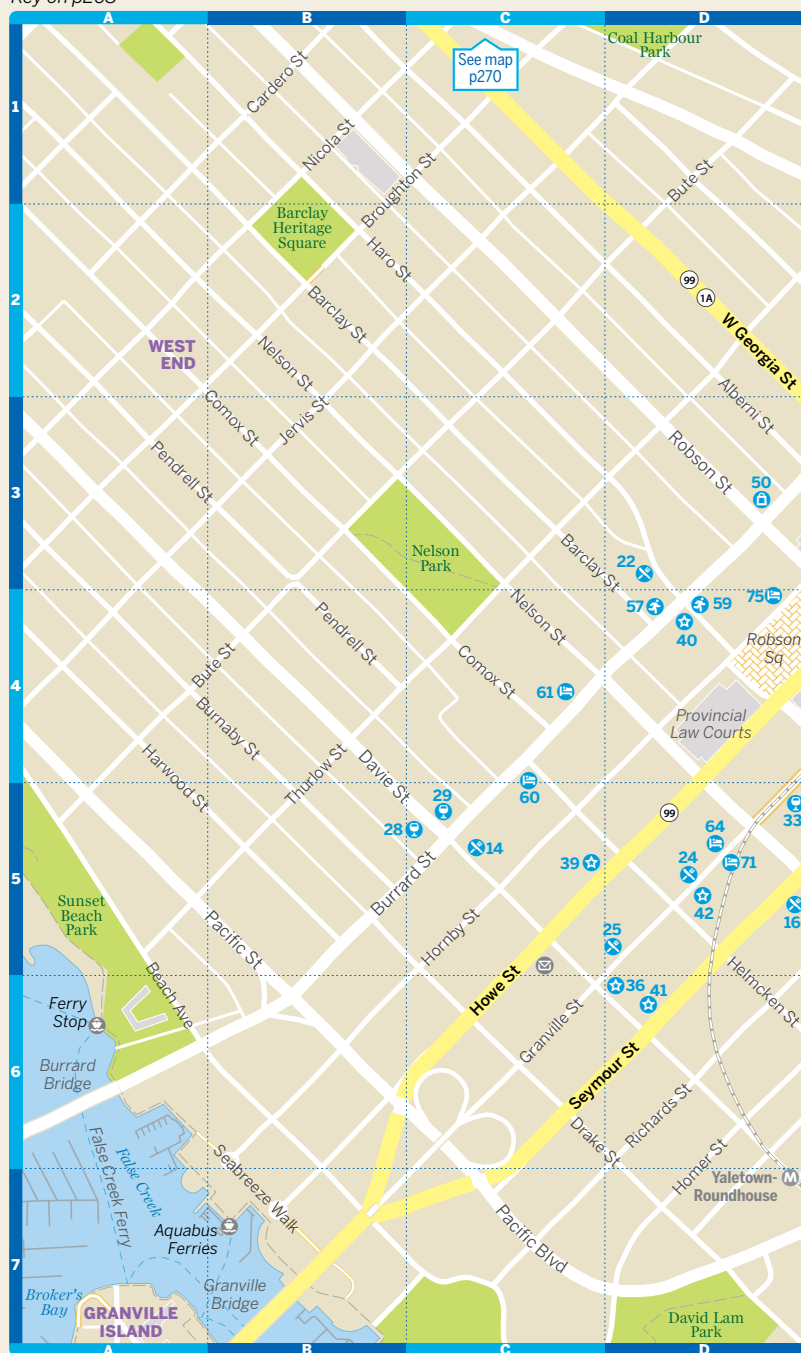
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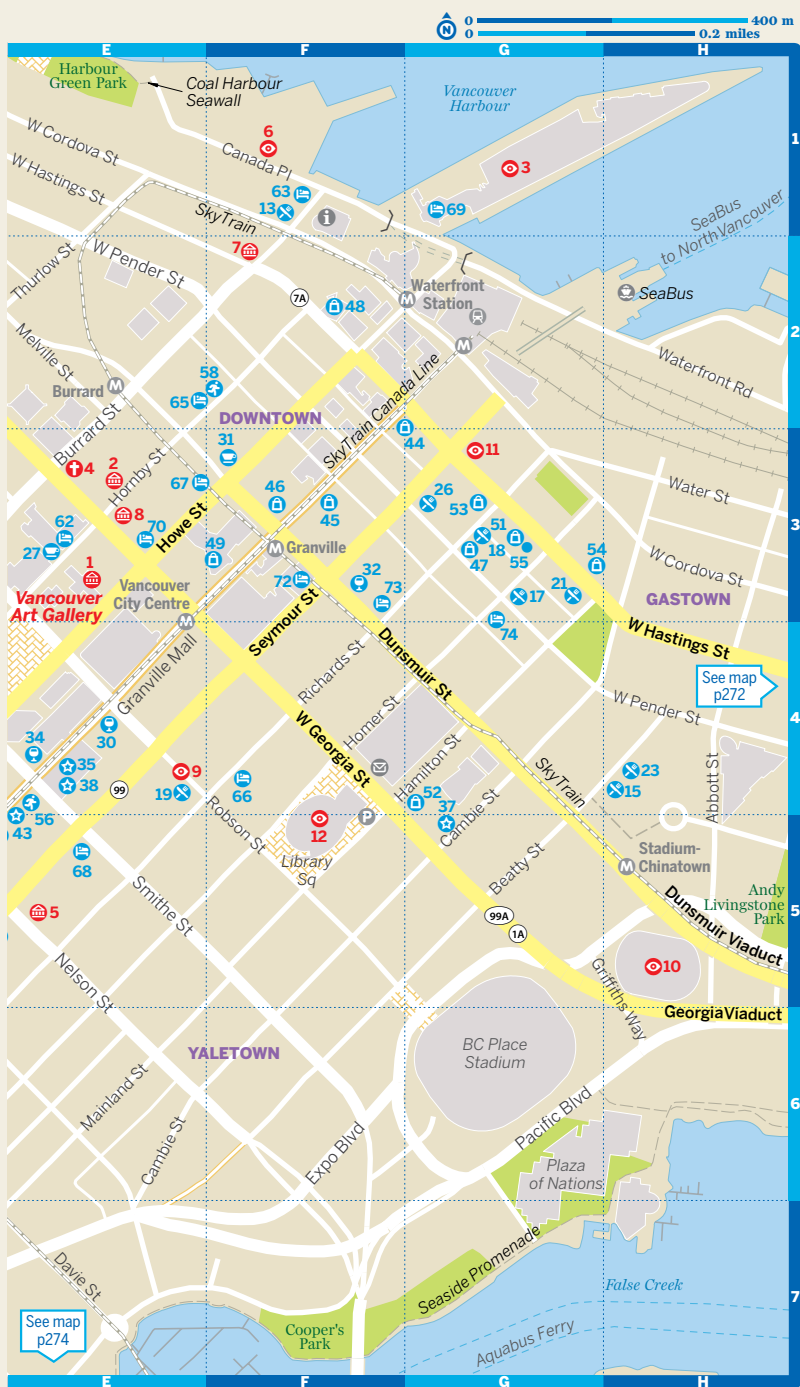
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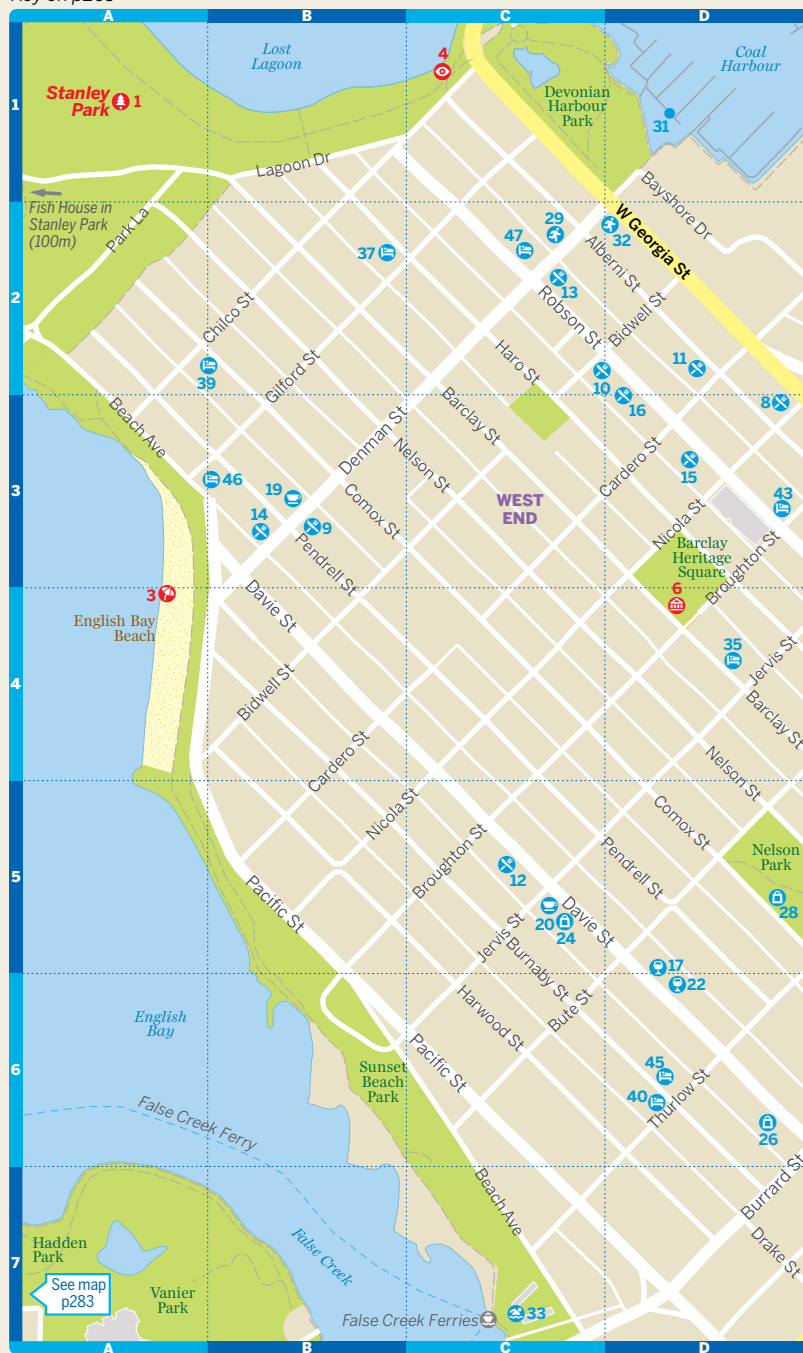
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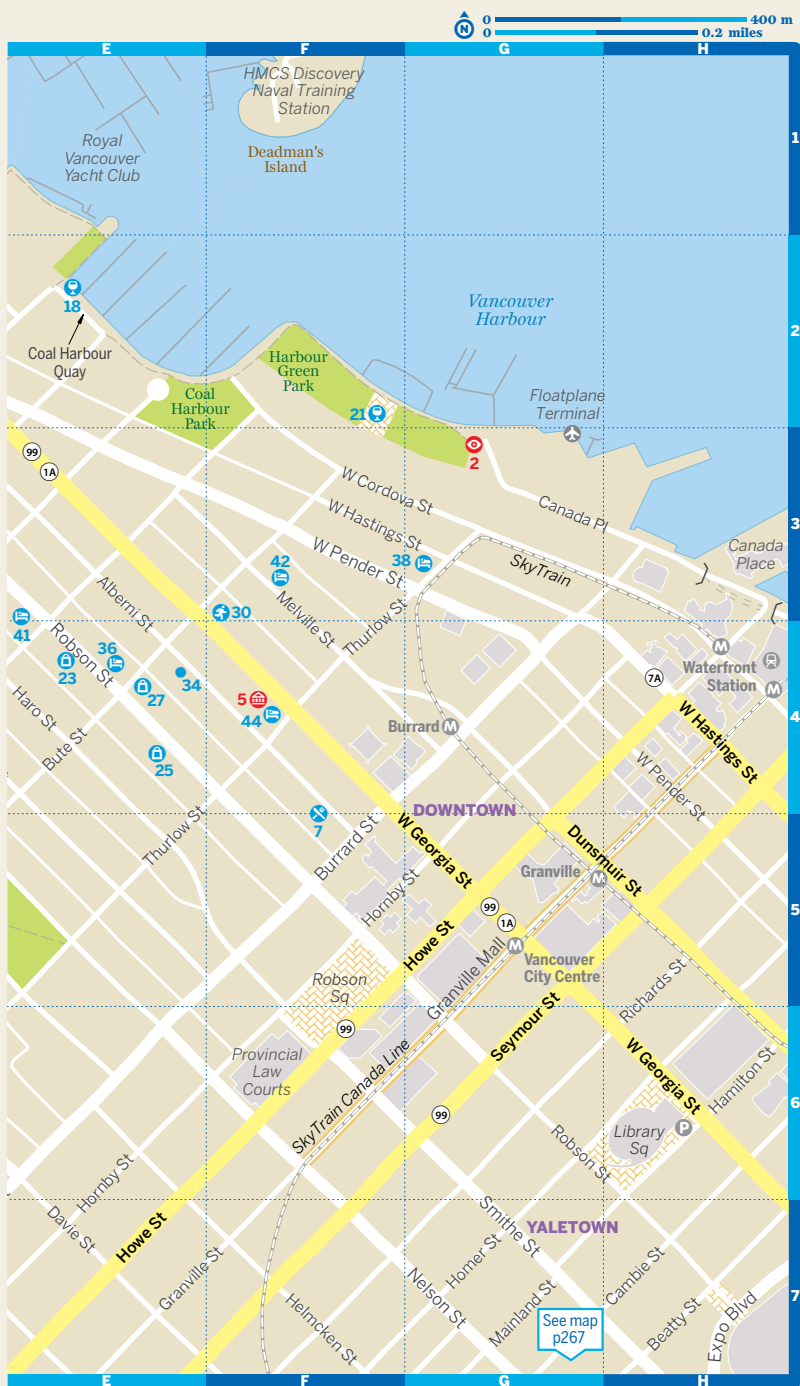
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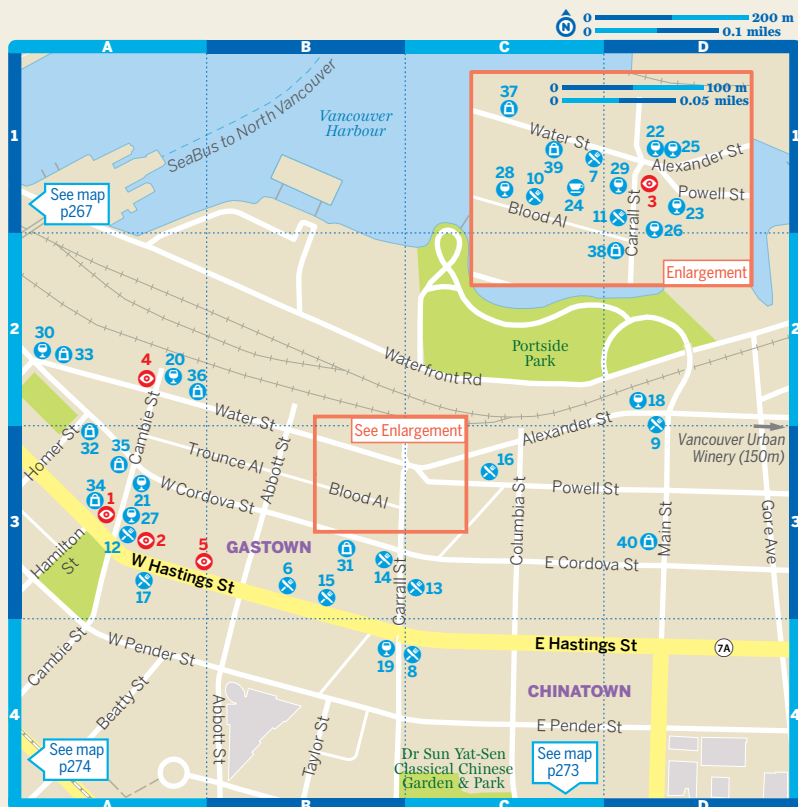
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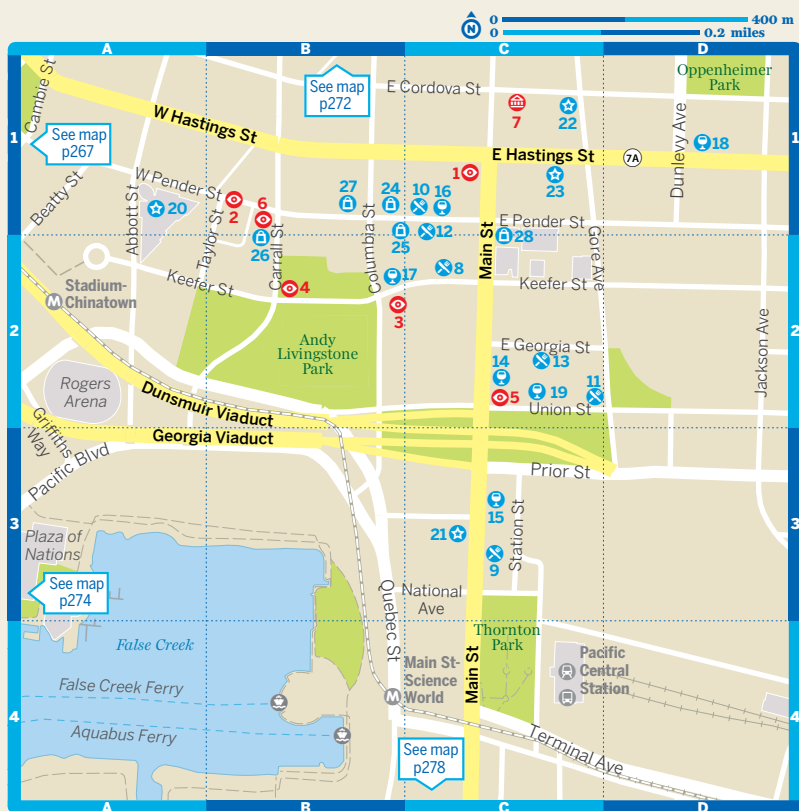
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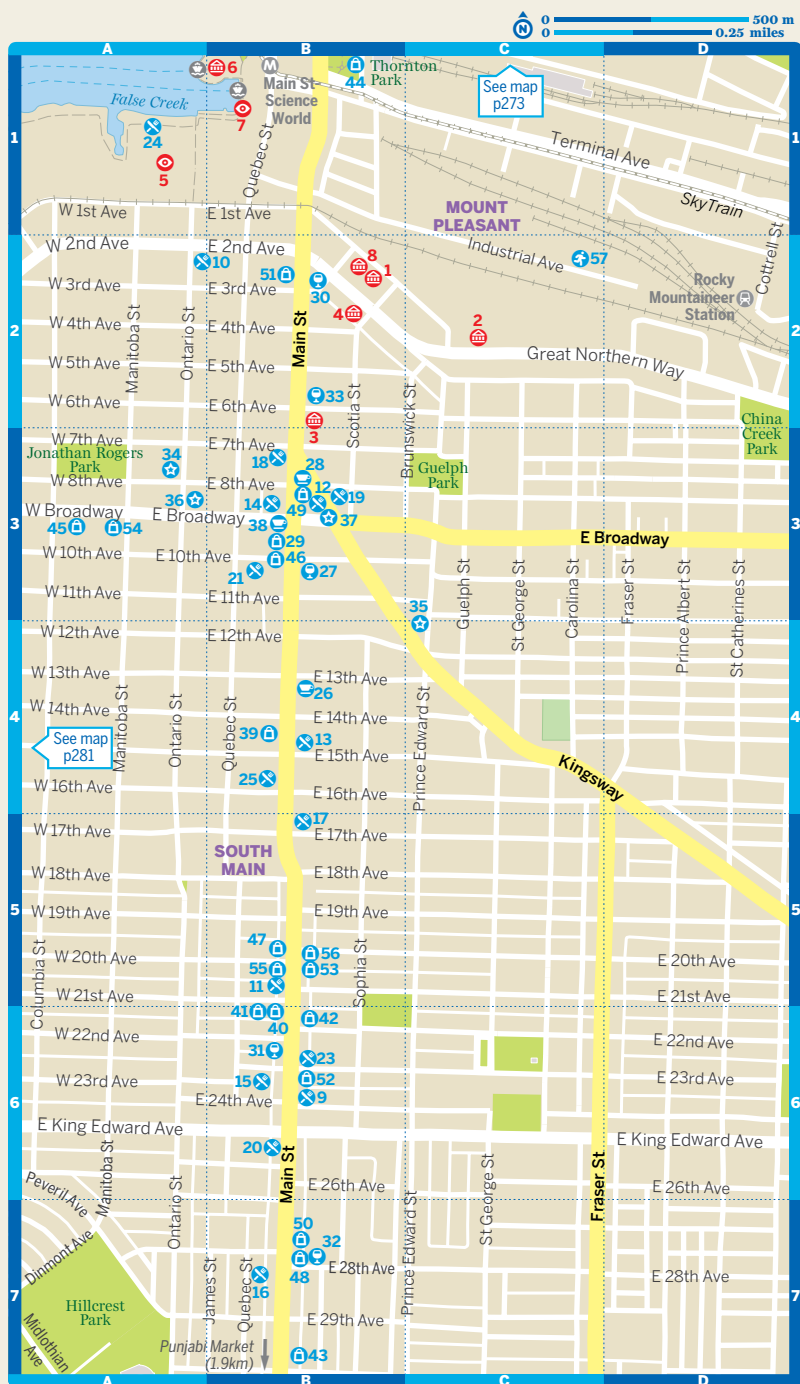
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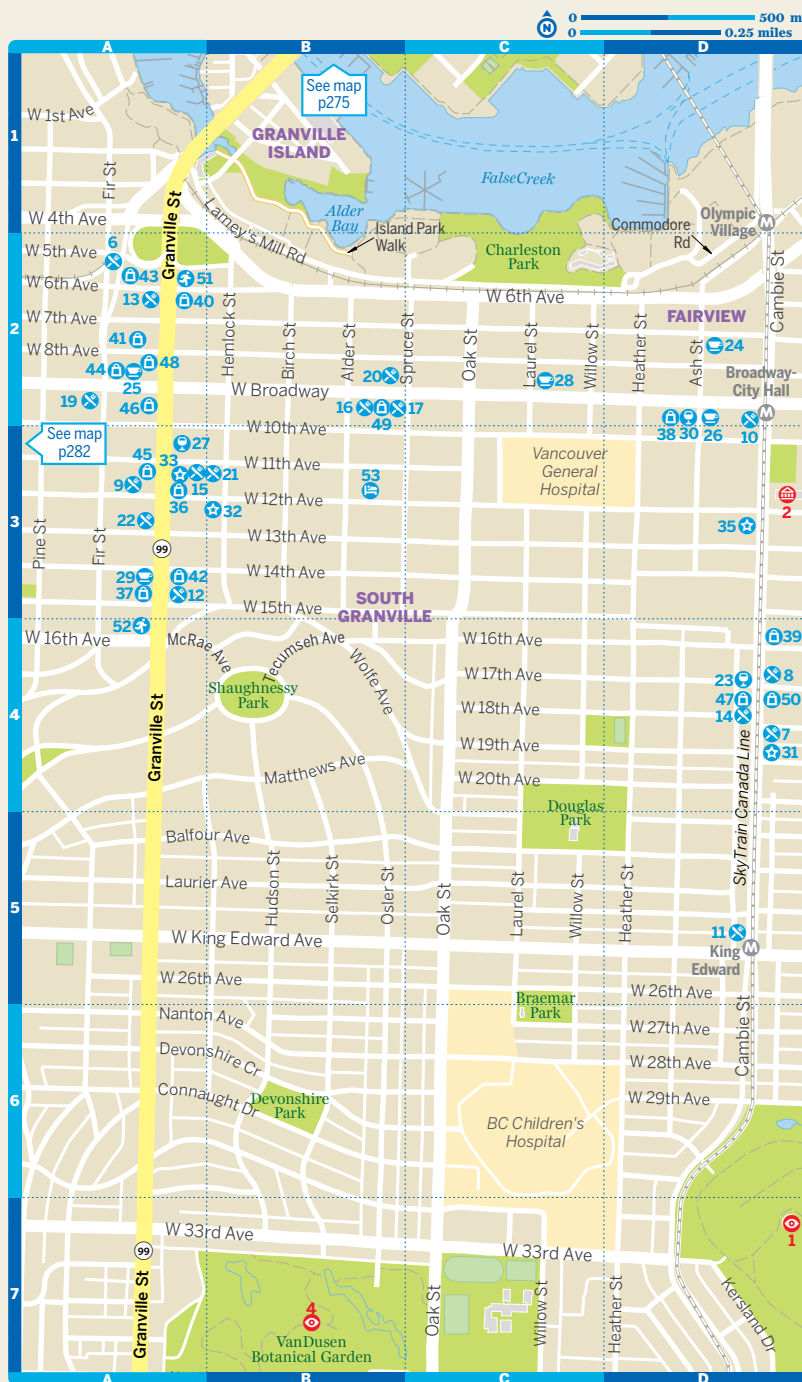
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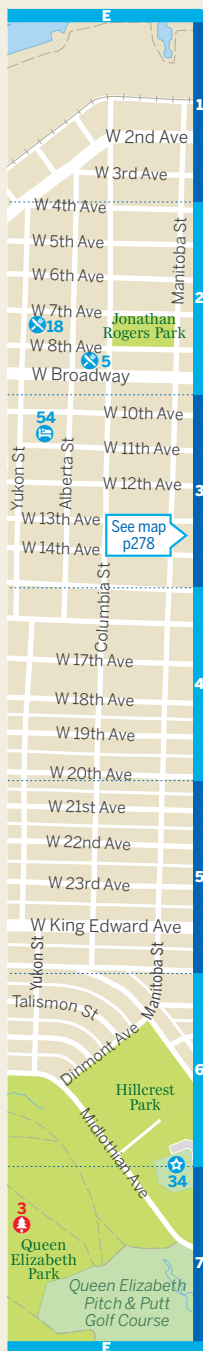
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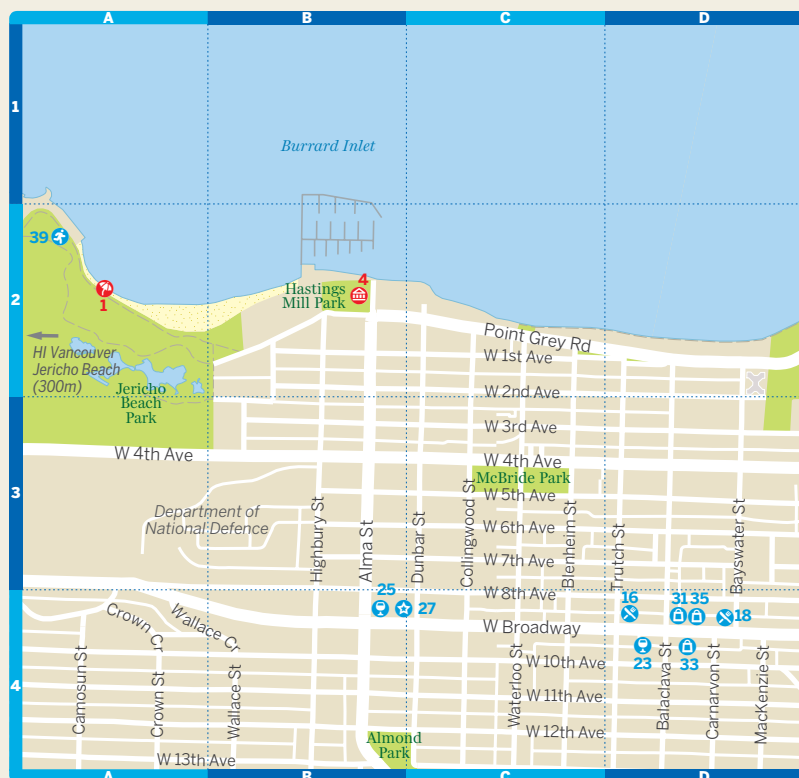
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Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London, Oakland and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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Top Itineraries

Day One

Gastown (p80)

 Start your wander around old town Gastown in **Maple Tree Sq.** Commune with the jaunty **'Gassy' Jack Deighton statue** and reflect on the fact that Vancouver might not be here today if it wasn't for the pub he built. Since it's a little too early for a drink, peruse the cool shops along Water St, including **Orling & Wu** and **John Fluevog Shoes**.



Lunch Rainier Provisions (p84) is perfect for great-value, hipster dining.

Chinatown (p80)

 Your lunch spot is on the way to Chinatown, another top historic 'hood. Spend some time winding around the kaleidoscopically hued streets here. Don't miss the **Chinatown Millennium Gate** on Pender and the aromatic grocery and apothecary stores on Keefer St. Then go on the hunt for the **Jimi Hendrix Shrine**, before ending your afternoon at the delightful **Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden**.



Dinner Head east on Hastings for a carnivorous feast at Wildebeest (p88).

Downtown (p48)

 Continue on foot to downtown and nip upstairs to the **Railway Club**, a great locals' hangout with craft beer and eclectic live music.

Day Two

Main Street (p131)

 Have a lazy late start then get moving with coffee (plus a side order of hipsters) at **Gene Cafe**. Then head downhill on Main to explore the city's new gallery district, **the Flats**, colonizing a host of old industrial units. Next, hop on and off the number 3 bus southwards as you explore Main.



Lunch Join locals for a grilled cheese sandwich at Rumpus Room (p136).

Main Street (p131)

 Bus to the 18th Ave intersection and hop off at the **Main Street Poodle** statue for some on-foot wandering. Check out Vancouver's best indie stores, from vinyl-loving **Neptoon Records** to the delightfully quirky **Regional Assembly of Text** stationery store. Back on the bus, head north to the intersection with Broadway and transfer to the 99B-Line express; you'll be at Commercial Dr in 10 minutes.



Dinner Head to Cannibal Café (p120) for perhaps the city's best burger.

Commercial Drive (p117)

 Spend the evening bar (or coffee-house) hopping around the area. Whatever you do, don't miss **Storm Crow Tavern**, Vancouver's only nerd pub.

Day Three

Stanley Park (p52)

 Get here before the crowds to stroll the **seawall**, photograph the **totem poles** and nip into the **Vancouver Aquarium** to commune with the aquatic critters. Consider exploring the park by bike if you have time. You'll find some beady-eyed blue herons hanging out at **Lost Lagoon** – duck into the **Nature House** to find out more about them.



Lunch Exit the park for noodles nearby at Motomachi Shokudo (p64).

West End (p48)

 Fully explore the tree-lined West End neighborhood, including Davie and Denman Sts. Save time for **English Bay Beach** and **Roedde House Museum**. There are also plenty of coffeehouses and shopping spots to lure your attention.



Dinner Consider some smashing Spanish tapas at Espana (p64).

West End (p48)

 Davie St is the center of Vancouver's gay nightlife scene, and the area has plenty of cool options for folks of all persuasion to hang with the locals. Consider a sunset-viewing cocktail at **Sylvia's Lounge** in the neighborhood's ivy-covered heritage hotel. Or dive into **Lolita's** and drink yourself merry on cocktails.

Day Four

University of British Columbia (p161)

 Start your day at the biggest university in British Columbia, exploring a surprising wealth of attractions. The **Museum of Anthropology** and **Beaty Biodiversity Museum** are must-sees, while the green-thumbbed should also check out the **UBC Botanical Garden** and the **Nitobe Memorial Garden**. Stick around and explore the waterfront campus: it's dotted with intriguing public artworks.



Lunch Head for lunch at Kitsilano's Sophie's Cosmic Café (p170).

Kitsilano (p161)

 It's all about shopping on West 4th Ave this afternoon. You'll find plenty of cool independent stores and boutiques here. Don't miss **Zulu Records** and travel-themed store **Wanderlust**, and pop into **49th Parallel Coffee** when you need a pit stop.



Dinner Tuck into a farm-to-table feast at Fable (p168).

Granville Island (p98)

 Continue on to Granville Island for drinks at **Granville Island Brewing Taproom** before catching something theatrical at **Granville Island Stage** or a raucous improv show at **Vancouver TheatreSports League** (just remember: if you sit in the front, they'll likely pick on you).

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