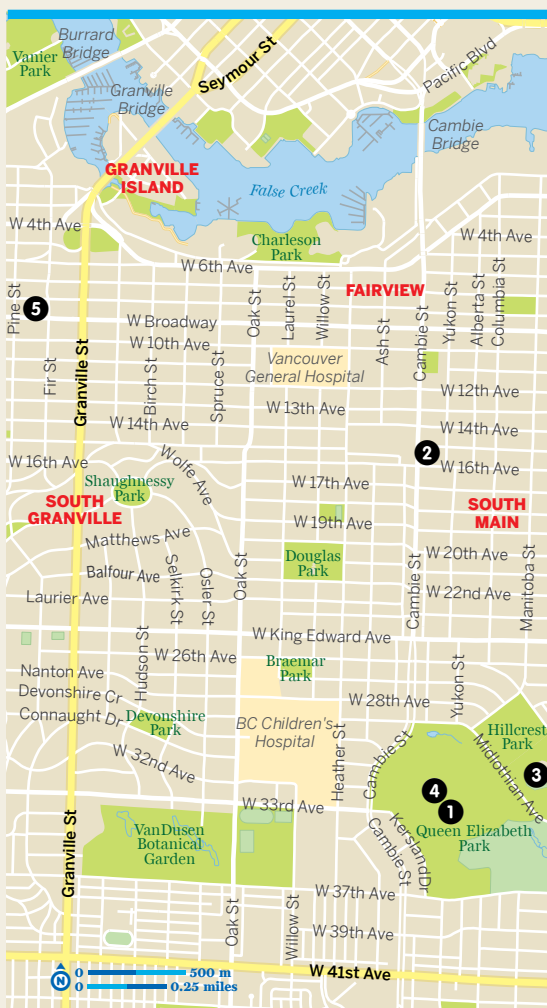



# Fairview & South Granville



## Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Queen Elizabeth Park** (p147) Weaving uphill to snap some signature panoramic photos of Vancouver's dramatic, mountain-framed cityscape.
- 2 Vij's** (p152) Lining up with the locals and then faceplanting into Vancouver's (and maybe Canada's) finest Indian food; lamb popsicles included.
- 3 Vancouver Canadians** (p156) Basking in the sun with a beer and a hot dog while catching an afternoon baseball game at Nat Bailey Stadium.
- 4 Bloedel Conservatory** (p147) Feeding the twittering hordes of rainbow-hued tropical birds from a bowl as the parrots call loudly to each other around you.
- 5 Storm Crow Alehouse** (p155) Practicing your Vulcan hand gestures while sipping a Romanul Ale or three, then beating everyone at a role-playing card game.

For more detail of this area see Map p280 

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If your Vancouver visit is cursed with an overly generous serving of liquid sunshine and you're looking to escape it, head to Queen Elizabeth Park's **Bloedel Conservatory**. This glass-roofed, climate-controlled garden is a guaranteed warm-up spot on the wettest of Wet Coast days. Step inside and you'll find tropical flowers, a balmy climate and hundreds of bright-plumed birds flying and strutting about as if they own the place.

### Best Places to Eat

- Vij's (p152)
- Pronto (p150)
- Salmon n' Bannock (p149)
- La Taqueria Pinche Taco Shop (p149)
- Beaucoup Bakery & Cafe (p152)

### Best Places to Drink

- Storm Crow Alehouse (p155)
- Kino (p156)
- Marquis (p155)
- Biercraft Bistro (p155)
- Bump n Grind (p155)

### Best Places to Shop

- Walrus (p157)
- Bacci's (p158)
- Meinhardt Fine Foods (p158)
- Shop Cocoon (p158)
- Oliver + Lilly's (p158)

## Explore Fairview & South Granville

Start in Queen Elizabeth Park – the entrance is at 33rd Ave and Cambie St – and stroll north down Cambie St into the shop-and-restaurant-lined Cambie Village area. This is not a touristy district, so you'll get a good glimpse of local life. Check out the heritage houses on the side streets but catch bus 15 if you're in a hurry. Either way, you'll soon reach the super-busy intersection of Cambie and Broadway.

It's a 30-minute walk west along very busy Broadway to South Granville from here, the heart of Fairview. Alternatively, backtrack one block and walk in the same direction on more tranquil, tree-lined W 10th Ave. Or take the 99B-Line express bus service that whisks passengers from here to South Granville in less than 10 minutes. The slower bus 9 covers the same route and is often less crowded.

At the intersection of Broadway and Granville St, turn right for an intriguing array of private galleries and an easy 10-minute stroll to Granville Island. Or turn left and explore South Granville's plethora of upmarket boutiques and enticing dining options. It's full of browseable fashion boutiques and homewares stores and has the feel of a shop-lined English high street.

From here, you can hop on bus 10 and you'll be back downtown in just a few minutes, via the Granville Bridge (scenic views included).

## Local Life

➤ **Shopping** South Granville is busy with well-to-do locals buzzing around its designer boutiques, shopping bags in hand.

➤ **Night Out** Cambie Village is popular for dinner at a local restaurant followed by an artsy flick at the one-screen Cineplex Park Theatre (p156).

➤ **Parklife** Summertime cooling-down means Queen Elizabeth Park (p147), where you can picnic on the grass and feel as if you're far from the city.

## Getting There & Away

➤ **Train** Cambie Village's shopping and dining area is sandwiched between the Canada Line SkyTrain stations at Broadway-City Hall and King Edward.

➤ **Bus** Service 15 runs along Cambie St; bus 10 runs along South Granville. The two streets are linked along Broadway by the 99B-Line express service and the slower bus 9.

➤ **Car** There is metered parking on Cambie and South Granville, with some limited street parking available throughout both areas.