

December 3, 2025

Galloping Goose Trail closure and detour extended for BC Hydro work

VICTORIA: A section of the Galloping Goose Trail through Viaduct Park has been closed on weekdays with a detour in place since November 17. Originally scheduled to run until December 19, the closure which supports infrastructure upgrades, has now been extended to December 23.

The additional dates include Saturday, December 6 and 20, and Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23. The extra dates are required due to challenging ground conditions crews are encountering while installing steel shoring for underground transmission cables in Viaduct Park.

The one-kilometre detour includes Waterfront Crescent, Jutland Road, Cecelia Road, Napier Lane and the pathway along Cecilia Ravine Bike Park. Detour maps and wayfinding signage are posted along the route. Users should plan ahead and use caution. The detour includes an option for pedestrians and a slightly different route for cyclists and wheelchair users to ensure accessibility and safety.

This detour supports the Victoria to Esquimalt Cable Replacement Project, which replaces a corroded underground transmission cable installed in 1980. The new 230-kilovolt oil-free insulated cable will span 2.3 kilometres beneath city streets in Victoria and Esquimalt, with a portion crossing under the Gorge Waterway, improving reliability, addressing seismic risks and meeting growing energy needs.

Construction in Viaduct Park will continue through May 2026, with further work in summer and early fall 2026, and additional trail detours anticipated in 2026. Related marine work in the Gorge Waterway will take place in the summer of 2026 during the fisheries work window. More information about those will be provided when the timing is confirmed.

BC Hydro continues to collaborate with First Nations, the City of Victoria, the Township of Esquimalt, the Capital Regional District, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, and other interested and affected parties to ensure the project is completed safely and responsibly and we thank the community for their patience and understanding as we undertake this critical work.

For more information and project updates, visit www.bchydro.com/victoriatoesquimalt.

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