Queen's Park and Beyond

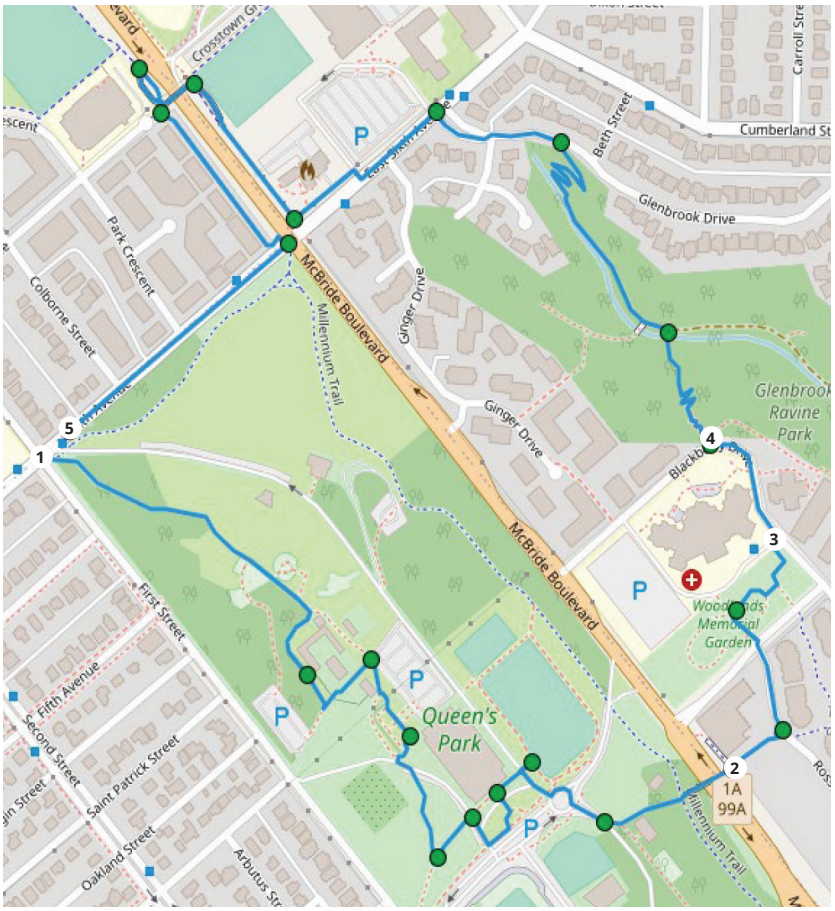
Distance: 3.5 km

Duration: 40 - 50 minutes

Level: Medium (Some hills and stairs.)

Route provided by Ginny Ayers

Access: Buses #105 Uptown, #115 to Sixth Avenue at First Street, or park in the lot at Fourth Avenue and First Street.



a) Queen's Park (#1)

- Walk into the urban forest and see the remains of a huge first growth tree lying near the children's playground.
- Pass Treats Concession and the Universal Washroom and find the brick path through the rose garden.
- Continue on the brick path to Mason Bee display.
- Admire the rain gardens in front of Queen's Park Arena.
- East of the Skateboard Park, see the biodiversity garden filled with pollinator plants.
- Look eastward to view the Fraser River
- Find the path next to the Bernie Legge Theatre and cross the foot bridge over McBride Avenue.

b) Keep going on the bridge, and down the stairs to Ross Drive (with clear skies, see Mt. Baker, an active volcano, to the south) then walk left on Ross Drive and find the path into Woodlands Memorial Garden **(#2)**

c) From Memorial Garden walk by the west side of Queen's Park Hospital **(#3)**, and keep going through the Ginger Drive co-op housing until you reach Sixth Avenue. Turn left back to Queen's Park.

d) From Memorial Garden pass Queen's Park Hospital on the east side, north on Blackberry Drive, and take stairs down to Glenbrook Ravine **(#4)**. In the ravine, walk left uphill to Glenbrook Drive, then to Sixth Avenue, and take a left on Sixth Avenue. Note the rain garden at the fire hall (part of natural watershed). Cross McBride Avenue to Queen's Park, and follow the Millennium Trail back to First Street **(#5)**.

Optional return routes after a) Queen's Park (#1):

b) Back over the bridge and re-trace your route.

c) Back down the ramp to McBride Avenue, then to Memorial Drive, cross the street to Woodlands Memorial Garden entrance **(#2)**