

Student Guide to Living in Vancouver

Vancouver Aquarium website: www.vanaqua.org

Mission

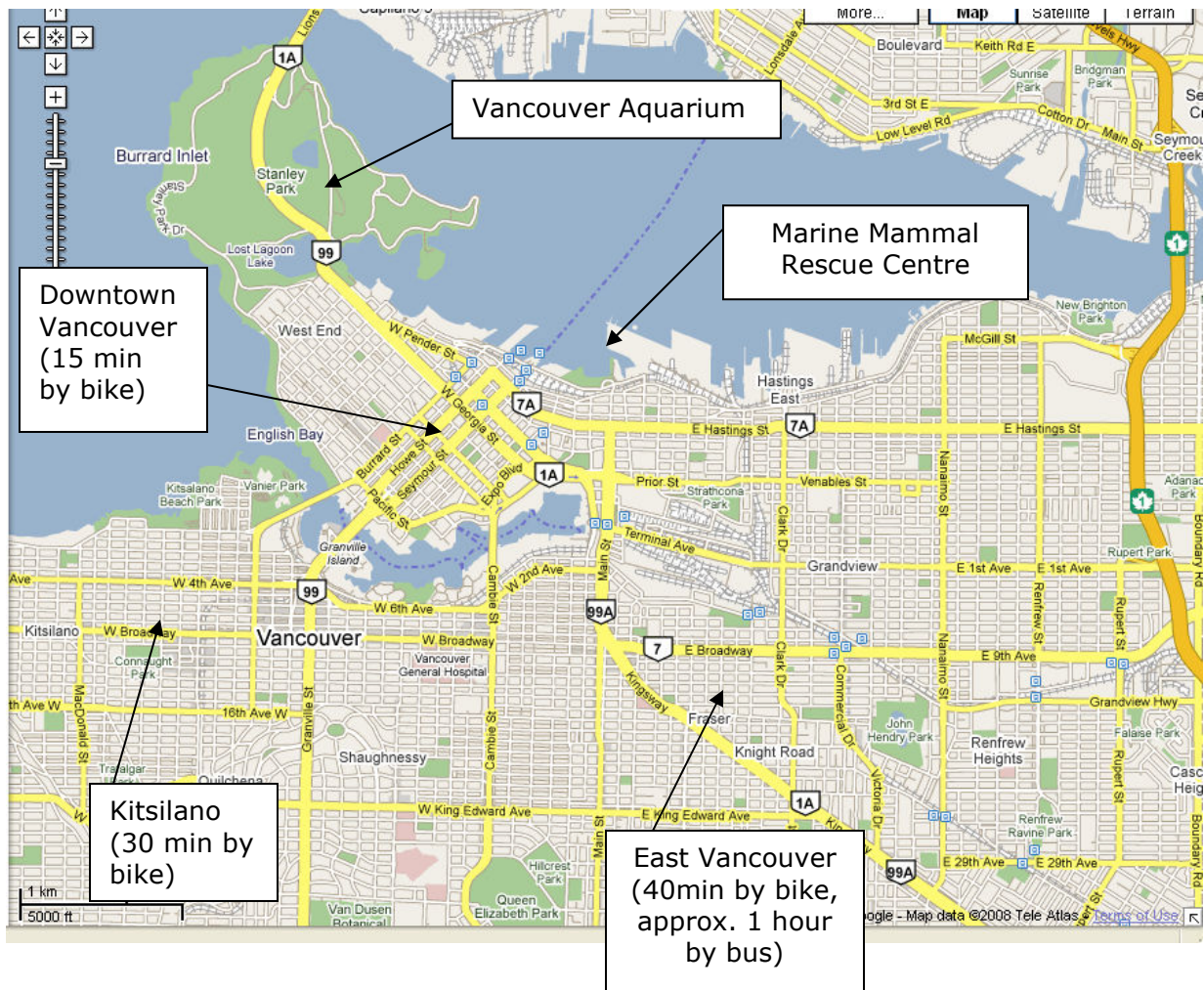
The Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre is a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, education, research, and direct action.

Location

The Vancouver Aquarium is located in Stanley Park at 845 Avison Way near the heart of downtown Vancouver, BC. For additional contact information please see Visitor Information on our website.

Transportation

The Vancouver Aquarium encourages sustainable forms of transportation; walking, biking, and public transportation. Please consider these options when choosing a transportation method. The greater Vancouver area has an excellent public transit system, however, some of the Vancouver Aquarium facilities, including the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre are located off-site. A car is recommended if students will be travelling frequently between different facilities.



Map of Vancouver on Google Maps:

<http://maps.google.ca/?hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=49.281468,-123.107815&spn=0.078947,0.154495&z=13>

Walking Here

The Vancouver Aquarium is a 15 –20 minute walk from downtown. Follow the green signs leading into Stanley Park on the North Side of Georgia Street.

Driving From Downtown Vancouver:

- Drive west on Georgia Street.
- Continue west past Denman Street. Proceed right into Stanley Park.
- Follow the signs directing you to the Vancouver Aquarium.

Please note: Many of the roads in Stanley Park are one way. Watch for signs.

Driving From North and West Vancouver:

- Take the Lions Gate Bridge
- Exit on the first right to enter Stanley Park
- Follow the signs for "Other Park Attractions" Leads you around the park on Park Drive
- Turn left on Avison Way just past the Info Booth
- Park Drive is a one-way road system.

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Maps

Translink Bus Company www.translink.bc.ca

For an online map of Vancouver, please visit the [Google Maps Website](#).

For an online map of Stanley Park, please visit the [Stanley Park website](#).

Accommodation

The Vancouver Aquarium does not currently provide housing for students so it is the responsibility of the students to find their own housing. The Pacific Spirit hostel at the University of British Columbia has been recommended by previous students for accommodation during the summer months. Craigslist Vancouver has also been recommended as a source for short-term housing. Alternatively, private rooms can be booked at the Walter Gage Towers at the University of British Columbia. The University is approximately 45 minutes by bus from the Vancouver Aquarium.

- Hostels Vancouver <http://www.hostels.com/ca.bc.va.html>
- Pacific Spirit Hostel @ UBC www.pacificspirithostel.com
- Vancouver Craigslist <http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/>

- Vancouver House Share <http://ca.easyroommate.com/Vancouver-roommate/listings/h>
- Vancouver Sublet <http://vancouver.sublet.com/>
- Private rooms at UBC www.ubccommodations.com

Food

Food is available at the Upstream Café and Subshop at the Vancouver Aquarium and at a variety of restaurants and grocery stores located downtown within a 15 minute walk. Volunteers receive a 40% discount at the Upstream Café and Subshop by presenting a valid ID badge. Volunteers will also receive a 30% discount at the Vancouver Aquarium's gift shop. There are no restaurants or cafés onsite at the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre.

Clothing

The weather conditions can vary tremendously within Stanley park and students should plan accordingly. Vancouver is well known for RAIN, particularly between November and April. The Vancouver Aquarium has a dress code and many animal procedures are done in areas visible to the public, casual yet professional clothes (no jeans) are suggested attire. Shorts and older clothing may be worn at the Marine Mammal Rescue centre. Work Experience t-shirts are available at Volunteer Services.

Please contact Volunteer services at Volunteer@vanaqua.org with any further questions.