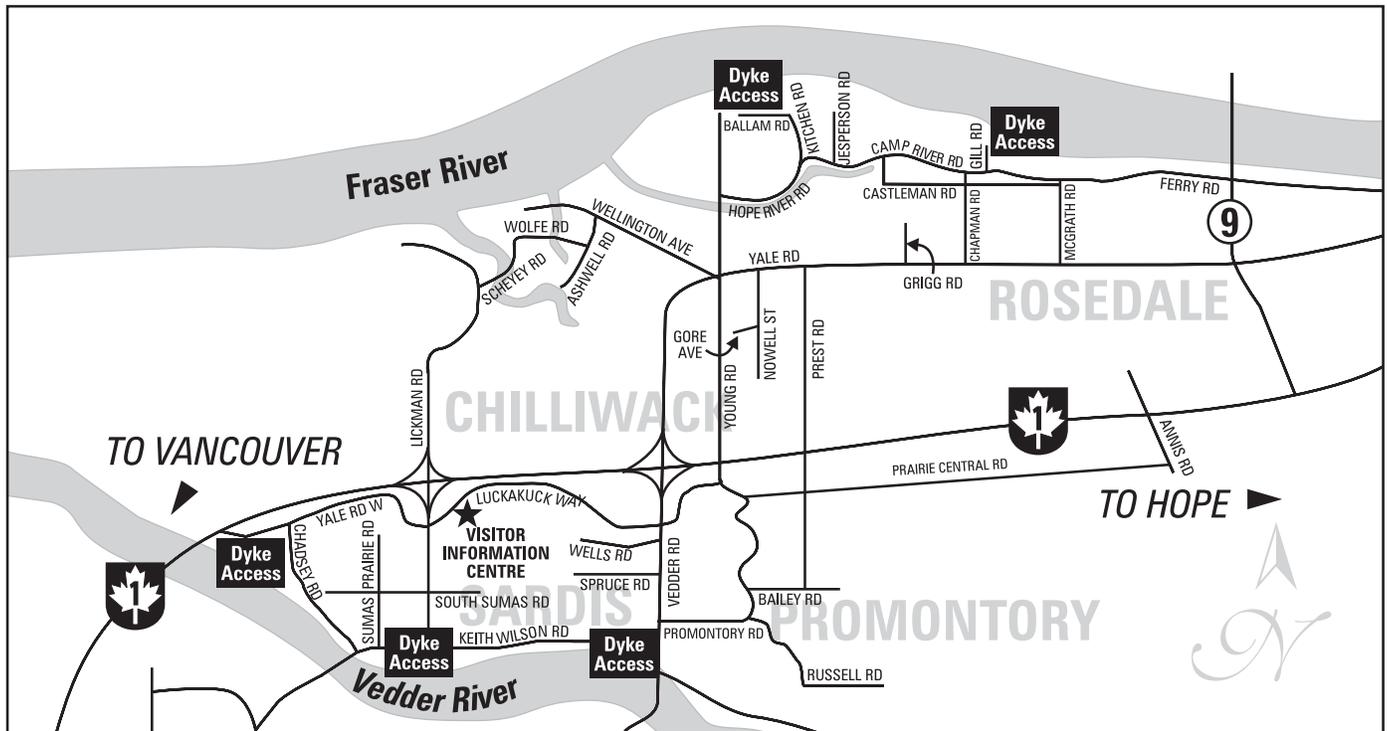


Cycle Our Dykes Tour

...bike atop a vital element of local history



Chilliwack is an island surrounded by dykes. In addition to holding back the floodwaters, these dykes provide cyclists with kilometer after kilometer of level biking pleasure amid oftentimes stunning scenery.

Severe flooding in 1894 led to the formation of the Chilliwack Dyking Commission. Dyking of the Fraser River began in 1903. Today, dykes exist along the Fraser River from Rosedale to the Vedder Canal and along the Vedder Canal and Vedder River to Vedder Crossing. Completely rebuilt and widened since the devastating flood of 1948, the dykes offer cyclists a pleasant circuit route around Chilliwack.

Access to the dykes is possible at any number of points. In Rosedale, take Gill Road north to the dykes. Young Road North takes you onto Fairfield Island to Tower Road and

then to Ballam Road for a lengthy journey along the dykes, with the Fraser River on one side and farmland on the other. Use Keith Wilson Road for access to the dykes along the Vedder Canal in Greendale. Access to the dykes along the Sumas River is possible off Industrial Way near Trans-Canada Highway Exit 109.

To access the dykes along the Vedder River, you need only find the Rotary Vedder River Trail. The trailhead is just to the right before the Vedder Bridge heading south on Vedder Road. Access to this trail is also possible at the south ends of Lickman Road and, from Keith Wilson Road, Peach Road. ■

Note: Portions of the dykes travel through private property. Please close gates behind you and use common courtesy.



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