

GORE AND OAK HAVEN PARKS – CENTRAL SAANICH

This is a two booter that takes you through Gore Park and Oak Haven Park. In early May, both parks (especially Gore Park) have large areas covered by Cammas Lillies. You'll park in the Welsh neighbourhood of Central Saanich, turning off Wallace Road on to Llanfair Crescent. There's a small park at the end of the road and you can park adjacent to that.

1. At the dead end, to the left of the park, you'll see a trail running through the trees and down to Hagan Road where you turn left (at 'A') and walk up the hill to Wallace Drive. At Wallace, turn right at and take the footpath along to the first road off to the left – Grieg Ave – at 'B'.
2. Walk up Grieg Ave and turn left at the junction with Amwell Drive. A short distance up the gentle hill you'll see a footpath running off to the right into Gore Park at 'C'. Make your way over the centre of the park and turn right when you come to a junction towards the edge of the park (you'll see houses through the trees). Once you reach Amwell Dr turn left, cross Benvenuto Drive at 'D' and turn left up a chip trail that parallels Benvenuto. Continue along the trail until you come to a small car park.
3. At the car park turn right and then right again passing a barrier at 'E'. A few metres along on the left you'll see an informal trail leading off into the trees. This trail will take you up into the park, keeping left at the junction. At the top of the hill is a great view and this is a good place to take a rest.
4. From the view point continue along the trail leading off along the wooden fence. In a short distance, you'll come to a trail junction overlooking a water reservoir. Turn right and take the narrow trail downhill to a broad trail leading to the reservoir gates where you turn left. Follow the broad trail downhill and at 'F' take the trail on the left which leads down to Garden Gate Drive at 'G'. Turn right.
5. Follow Garden Gate Drive down to Benvenuto Drive and, across to the left, you'll see a chip trail leading along Benvenuto (it's an extension of the one that you took leading the other way). Follow the chip trail down to Wallace Drive at 'H' and cross Benvenuto to the west side of Wallace. In about 20 metres you'll see a short dead end road that leads to Woodward Drive. Follow Woodward and take the second turning on the left along Jedora Drive.
6. At the end of Jedora, you will find a small roundabout and a trail running downhill to Brentwood Heights (that's the name of the road). Turn right at the bottom of the hill ('I'), passing an old church on the left and Delamere Road on the left. Just after the junction with Delamere you'll walk up a short hill to a footpath on the left. This path will take you down a series of stairs to the shoreline of Brentwood Bay.
7. Follow the promenade around the coastline to 'J' and turn right up Grilse Lane. The roadway turns left part way up the hill and you'll see a footpath leading straight on at 'K'. The footpath will lead you to another bit of Grilse Lane. At Hagan Road turn right and, a short distance up Hagan on the left, you will see the trail leading back to the vehicles.