

QUARRY PARK

This is a definite two-booter! It should take about 1 hour and 10 minutes or so (depending on how many 'Werther Breaks' you take). Most of the route is along groomed trails or roadways.

1. On East Saanich Road, just south of the road that leads up to Dean Park, park on the roadside by the 'Quarry Park' sign. If there is no parking space just go a little further north along East Saanich and park on Leal Road.
2. A few metres into the park you'll come across two pathways, one running to the left around the old quarry and the other leading right. Take the left-hand trail (you'll come back down the right hand side at the end of the walk). Continue up the hill until you come to a trail junction at A. Turn left. A short distance down the trail you'll come to a junction (at B) where you keep right. This will bring you out to an open area with a wide trail leading off to the right to a good viewpoint. On reaching the broad trail, turn left and keep right at the next trail junction (if you just want a short walk, turn left here).
3. The trail now goes downhill and turns to the right at another trail junction (you'll be following this trail back up the hill later). Keeping on the main trail, continue down a short incline. At the bottom of the incline you will see a ridge of dirt that is obviously used by mountain bikers. Just to the left of the ridge you'll see a narrow pathway that winds around the ridge and brings you to a broad, groomed trail at C. To the left is a cul-de-sac at the end of Emard Terrace. Turn right and follow the trail past the entrance to Moxon Terrace and down to a through road, Aldous Terrace. Cross Aldous and continue down the trail, turning left on to Ebor Terrace at D.
4. From D continue north along Ebor Terrace until you come to the far end where you will turn left up a short hill. At E, turn down Aldous Terrace and after about 200 metres you will see a field on the right-hand side with a gate across an access point. This field lies below what used to be an elementary school and is now the Allegro Performing Arts Centre. Walk around the access gate and the right-hand side of the field, taking the flight of stairs that lies ahead. At the top of the stairs turn left and then right around the end of the building. This will bring you to Emard Terrace.
5. Just across the road you will see a footpath on the right hand side of the road. This footpath is short but gets you around a blind corner safely. At the end of the short footpath continue along Emard Terrace to G. At G you have a choice – cut the walk short and return to your vehicle along Leal Road, or continue along Emard Terrace to its end.

6. At the end of Emard Terrace is the cul-de-sac mentioned in section 3 above. Take the trail a few metres down the hill and pick up the trail you came down at C. Turn right and walk back up the narrow trail around the mountain bikers' ridge and on to the wider trail leading up the hill. Where the main trail turns left, take the narrower trail to the right which leads uphill. At H you will come to a wider trail where you turn right. Follow the trail a short distance back to B and then turn right towards A.
7. At A, start down the hill and a very short distance down you will see a trail leading off to the left. You will be able to see the fencing around the quarry just ahead. Follow the trail around the quarry and back to the start point.