

SIDNEY PROMENADE

This is a one-booter which will take you about an hour or a little less (unless you stop in the village for a libation!). Park around the Sidney Town Hall on the roadside or see if there's space in the old Star Cinema parking lot opposite the town hall. If there's a wind blowing from the north, you might wish to do this route backwards so that you're not walking into the wind along the prom.

1. Set off from the vehicle along Sidney Avenue/John White Boulevard, as if you were going to walk over to the Pat Bay Highway. At Seventh Street (Thrifty's) turn left and cross Beacon Avenue at the pedestrian crossing. Wind your way through the parking lot behind the liquor store and you'll see a pathway running along the side of the Dairy Queen. At the end of the footpath turn right and follow Eighth Street past the new fire hall to the entrance to Sidney Town's operations site. Across Ocean Avenue to the left, you'll see some white fencing that surrounds a footpath that leads you along the side of the sports pitch.
2. Then, a short footpath runs between two houses and brings you to Northlawn Terrace where you turn right. Follow Northlawn to Weller Avenue and turn right again. Take the first turning on your left, along Maryland Avenue. Continue on Maryland until you get to Frost Avenue. Continue straight on along Maryland and after about 20m, on the left, you'll find a footpath running along the side of a new house. This leads into the small Maryland Park.
3. At the far end of the park, on the right, a path leads past a gate and you'll find another short path, running to the left, that will bring you out to a cul-de-sac (Captains Walk). Continue on to Lochside Drive and cross over the road, turning left and walking down a short path on to the promenade.
4. The next part is easy – follow the prom until you get to the Washington State Ferry's site. If the ferry is in, you'll have to walk around the fencing to Lockside Drive and then back down Ocean Drive to its junction with First Street and the water again. If the ferry's not in, just keep along the water's edge and walk along First Avenue until you come to a short road off to the left which leads to some houses and the promenade. Follow the promenade, passing the end of Beacon Avenue and along to the Sidney Marina. Then carry on along the prom until it comes to an end with a short flight of stairs and a pathway up to Third Avenue.
5. At Third, turn left and walk the couple of blocks back to the cars. And then go for a drink in a pub or café!