

## Bike to the Beach Chocolate Tour

### Fast Facts

- Who: anyone who can ride a bike! Most of the biking is on the sea wall or bike designated paths (note: there is some road biking).
- Start of tour: Science World
- End of tour: Kitsilano Beach
- Shops you will visit: Beta5, ChocolaTas, Chocolate Arts, Koko Monk, Thomas Haas
- Total distance: 11.4 km
- Approximate biking time (not including time spent in shops): 1 hour
- When: all the shops are open on Saturdays and some weekdays (do not go on Sunday or Monday)

### Tips and Tricks

- Always get your chocolates in a bag (you will pay extra for “gift boxes”)
- Bring a hard-walled container to put all your goodies in and indulge in a chocolate feast at the beach

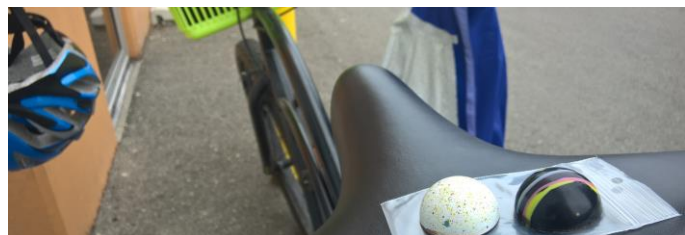
### Step-by-step guide

- 1. Science World to Beta5 (4 minutes)**
  - a. Looking at Science World from the seawall bike path, go to the left for a short distance until just after the chain link fence.
  - b. Turn left onto Ontario Street
  - c. Turn left onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
  - d. Turn left onto Main Street
  - e. Quick right onto Industrial Avenue
  - f. Ride to a row of colourful warehouses on your left. Beta5 is in the orange building.



### 2. Beta5 to ChocolaTas (17 minutes)

- a. After retracing your route, join the seawall at the end of the chain link fence and continue west towards Olympic Village.
- b. Continue along the seawall until Granville Island.
- c. Once you reach the Granville Island area, turn right onto “Old Bridge Road”.
- d. Enter onto the Island and continue along with the cars. When you reach the T-ish intersection (in front of the cement facility), turn left and bike towards the Public Market.
- e. There are bike racks in front of the market; don’t forget to lock your bike!
- f. ChocolaTas is nestled in the heart of the market near the bagel shop and Oyama’s cured meats.



### 3. ChocolaTas to Chocolate Arts (5 minutes)

- a. To leave the Island, follow the cars on whatever road you are near (it's all one-way). Eventually, you will end up riding under the Granville Street bridge. There is no designated bike path along the road.
- b. Turn right at the cross-walk under the bridge (Island Park Walk). You should turn towards the marina and join the pedestrians and bikes along the seawall going downhill beside the marina.
- c. Follow the path until the fish and chips shop, Go Fish! Turn left before the shop and follow the road up to the street.
- d. Turn left onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- e. At the stop-sign intersection turn left onto Fir Street.
- f. Turn right onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and will arrive at Chocolate Arts (on your left).



### 4. Chocolate Arts to Koko Monk (2 minutes)

- a. After leaving Chocolate Arts continue west on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- b. Turn right onto Pine Street.
- c. Turn left onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and continue through Burrard Street. Next stop is Koko Monk (on the right).

### 5. Koko Monk to Thomas Haas (10 minutes)

- a. At this point, you are near Kits Beach. You can turn right onto Maple Street and make your way to the ocean. But, you will be missing one shop that should never be missed: Thomas Haas!
- b. So instead, turn left onto Cypress and bike to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (there is a hill).
- c. Turn right onto 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- d. Turn left onto Larch Street.
- e. Turn right onto Broadway and walk your bikes on the sidewalk to the front of the shop (on your right).

### 6. Thomas Haas to Kits Beach (8 minutes)

- a. When you leave Thomas Haas, continue west on Broadway until Trafalgar Street and turn right.
- b. Take this street all the way to the beach (it will curve right and turn into Point Grey Road when you reach the water).



## At the Shops

### • Beta5

- They have a standard selection of chocolates + 6 rotating seasonal choices. I always find something unique to try. Masters of texture and flavor profiles – try something unexpected at Beta5 (\$2.50 ea)

### • ChocolaTas

- Traditional chocolates with some great Canadiana options: try the maple pecan (\$1.60 ea)

### • Chocolate Arts

- Sample unique single origin or specific percentage chocolates before selecting one to make your Chocolate Shot (what espresso is to coffee, \$2.95). They also have the largest selection of chocolates: my favourite is Rustica (~\$2.25 ea)

### • Koko Monk

- Ask the chocolatier to guide you while trying one of his filled chocolates (\$2.50 ea). He will describe the flavours you will experience and where you will taste them on your tongue!



### • Thomas Haas

- His chocolates are good, but I only have eyes for his dessert case. Indulge in a beautiful, tasty creation to take down to the beach. I love the Crispy Chocolate Raspberry.