



Volkssport Association of British Columbia CVF Director's Walk



PT254 Oliver River Walk –5/11 km – Rated 1A

The trail begins at the Oliver Visitor Centre at the old Railway Station, 6431 Station Street, V0H 1T0. On Hwy 97 from the north, turn left at traffic lights onto Fairview Road (turn right if coming from south), left at Station Street and follow to the Visitor Centre on the right hand side of the road, opposite the Legion. Plenty of free parking is available. Washrooms in Visitor Centre.

Welcome to Oliver! Oliver sits on the only desert area of Canada. The attractive climate fosters popular tourist activities including summer water sports, golf and sight-seeing. Oliver is an ideal setting for growing Okanagan wine grapes and producing some of the best rated wines in the world! Of course, its mild weather year-round makes Oliver a great place to live.

This scenic route follows the Okanagan River to McAlpine Bridge and back. It is nicely treed for shade on the hotter days.

The Visitor Centre is located on the old CPR Station. An area landmark, the CPR Station opened in 1923 to serve a branch line of the historic Kettle Valley Railway that facilitated shipment of local perishable fruit/vegetables to Vancouver. The last train went through Oliver in 1977.

1. Walk around the Visitor Centre to the back and turn left to walk north on the paved trail with the river on your right. Follow the trail closest to the river.

5 km walkers look for a 'Nature Trust of BC sign' on the right side of the trail. Just beyond that the trail curves left close to rapids on the river. On your left you will see a tubular metal guard overlooking a pond. Turn around at this point and continue at #3

2. 10 km walkers continue on the trail all the way up to McAlpine Bridge where Highway 97 crosses the river. Turn around and return down the trail.
3. When you come to the first pedestrian bridge across the river, cross over to the other side. Turn right and walk about 1 km along the paved path between the river and houses.
4. Turn right and cross the river again at the second bridge. On the other side, turn left and return to the Visitor Centre.

We hope you enjoyed our walk!

If there are any problems with the instructions or the map, please contact:
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