

Estuary Connector
ride by JS June 2008

This provides the most direct route between Duncan and Cowichan Bay village. Compared to the two arms of the Koksilah loop, it is only 1.6 km shorter than the trip via Tzouhalem Road and 4.1 km shorter than the trip via Cowichan Station. While it is shorter, it is much less pleasant, as it includes a stretch on or near the Trans Canada Highway. The trip from Cowichan Bay to Duncan can mostly be made on side roads. From Duncan to Cowichan Bay, however, travel is mostly on the highway and includes a terrifying left turn on to Cowichan Bay Road.

- 0.0 (6.6) km Intersection of Cowichan Bay Road and Tzouhalem Road. Go west on Cowichan Bay Road.
- 1.6 (5.0) km Intersection with the Trans Canada Highway. Take the footpath on the far right to cross the bridge over the Koksilah River.
- 1.8 (4.8) km Tyup Road. The buildings to the right were the workshops and home of the late Simon Charlie, probably the greatest Coast Salish carver and artist so far.
- 2.3 (4.3) km Farm Market. A great place for a snack. Miller Road on the left. Go right on Francis Street which curves behind the market and becomes Corfield Road. This is a quiet back street compared to Frontage Road, where most of the businesses are located.
- 3.0 (3.6) km Corfield Road joins Frontage Road.
- 3.5 (3.1) km Join the Trans Canada Highway at Chaster Road (which is called Allenby on the other side of the highway). Cross the highway and continue on Allenby Road. As an alternative, turn right for the noisy and frightening 2.0 km ride across the Silver Bridge, then turn left on Trunk Road for downtown Duncan. Shorter, but is it worth it?
- 5.2 (1.4) km White Bridge intersection. Go right across the bridge for downtown Duncan.
- 6.6 (0.0) km Duncan train station.