

2017 RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

TOPAZ PARK

Getting There

- **by Bicycle**

Victoria has one of the most comprehensive bicycle commute system in Canada with hundreds of kilometers (or miles) of paths and dedicated lanes. If you are planning to come to the Musical Ride by bicycle remember to bring a lock.

- **by Car**

Topaz Park is just off Blanshard Street, a major artery in Victoria that can take you all the way from downtown to the Airport and the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal. Other major streets parallel to Blanshard are Douglas St (west) and Quadra St. (east).

As a reference if you are coming from downtown Victoria, Topaz Park is some 500 meters after Hillside Street and, if you reach Uptown and Walmart, you went too far.

- **BC Transit**

There are several bus routes that touch at least one of the corners of the park, and a number of others have stops that are a walking distance from the park. The [BC Transit website](#) has a tool to help you find the best way to get to the park. But to be sure you won't be stranded (at home or in the park), take notice of the reduced schedule of weekends.

Access

There are three main gates that will give you access to the Musical Ride:

- **Finlayson Gate (E1)]:** If you park your car in the Finlayson/Blanshard area or north or west of the park, this is your best option.
- **Glasgow Gate (E2):** if you are coming from Quadra St (through Topaz or Spruce, this might be your best option.
- **Topaz Gate (E3):** if you parked your car at the school, or you are coming from downtown, this is a good option.



Parking

If you decide to drive to the Musical Ride, you will have a few options for parking. Keep in mind that the Musical Ride is very popular and that parking spots are limited. We highly recommend you use public transportation or ride your bike to the games.

Here are your options for parking nearby:

- **S.J. Willis School:** the school is on Topaz Ave, between Quadra St, and Blanshard St. In relation the site map, it would be just south of Glasgow St and Topaz Ave. The entrance to this parking lot is through Gilles Place (a continuation of Glasgow St). Use park entrance E2 and E3
- **Topaz Park** parking lot off Finlayson Road: very limited vehicle parking. Use park entrance E1
- **Topaz Park** parking lot access off Spruce and Glasgow. Note: space very limited. Use park entrance E2
- **Topaz Park** parking lot of Topaz Ave at Blanshard St. Use park entrance E3
- **Street Parking:** be aware of Residential Parking Only signs. Your best options for street parking are along Quadra St, or at more distant streets north or east from the park. If you prefer to park west of Blanshard St (Patricia Bay Hwy), be aware that the only street crossings are on Finlayson or Hillside with nothing in between (no street crossing on Topaz Ave).



Reserved parking spots for vehicles carrying the disabled parking sign will be available at the parking lot outside Finlayson Gate [E1]. NOTE: All areas are wheelchair accessible