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1. 2020

1.1 March

Hello, World! (2020-03-14 16:08) - randomkira

Today is planning day. John and Heather are wrapping up some work before going full-on vacation mode, and I've been doing oddball tasks to prepare for our endeavour: asking relatives for cookie ideas, setting up a schedule on a Google Doc to keep track of all our recipes and such, and creating this blog. Mostly playing games and reading a very good book, actually, but that's not the point. As of the time of writing, this site isn't even published yet! This post is mainly just testing the waters, establishing some groundwork, things like that.

We've collected most of our relatives' favourite cookies at this point. We have all the classics - chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, snickerdoodle - as well as my cousin's addition of Oreos, which will be an adventure to make at home, lol, but tasty I'm sure. Yesterday Heather and I went through our books of hiking and biking around Vancouver and stuck a bunch of sticky notes on the routes we found interesting. Today, we as a family will have to shorten the list from 20 or more possibilities down to the 10 (?) we have time for.

Not gonna lie, I'm suffering a bit from the feeling of being one of "those" blogs that just rambles on and on about my comings and goings when nobody is interested. Maybe I am, but this is part of the experience and we're going for it. Tomorrow we'll make a crockpot meal, go on a hike, come home, make cookies, watch a movie, and *then blog about it*. We will, I promise! This is happening now. We've also woven rest days into our schedule so we don't get burnt out from all this exercise. On those days, the blog might be more focused on the various books we read and crafts we do. Anyway, I think I'm rambling now, so I'm gonna go- I'll publish this post, and then the blog, and then we'll tell y'all about it and my words will be out in the world. Wish us luck! (yikes, I've switched from first person singular to plural and back about twenty times so far, but whatever)

Day 1: Staycation, all I ever wanted... (2020-03-15 18:10) - jpiwowar

Rejected blog title becomes first post title. Hah, that'll teach 'em to give me posting privileges!

Our plan for this two-week break is to spend as much time doing from home what we would have done on our trip to France: biking/wandering in places we haven't been, eating yummy food, and hanging out together, mostly excluding the rest of the universe.

Day 1: total success.

Yummy food

Our first set of cookies, so we'd have snacks for the bike ride, were a three-ingredient banana-oat-peanut butter concoction, were assessed to be hearty and tasty, but too substantial to be considered a treat. In K's words, "a good way to claim you had cookies for breakfast":



That's totally fine, though, because those were only "starter" cookies. Our first *official* cookies of this cookie-per-day adventure were an amazing set of [1]chocolate chip cookies. Definitely a treat, and yet still substantial because they were ginormous:



Dinner was a family staple recipe from the early days of the internet, called "African Stew." No idea how African it really is, but it's tasty: yams, peanut butter, chick peas, and kale (!):



Bike ride

We've lived here for 10 years, but there are still lots of places and little corners we haven't seen. This was a "little corner" - we started going somewhere familiar (the farmer's market at Hastings Park/PNE), and took a route back through New Brighton Park along the new-to-us Portside bike route. Great views of the water, cute doggos in the dog park, and fairly relaxed riding:





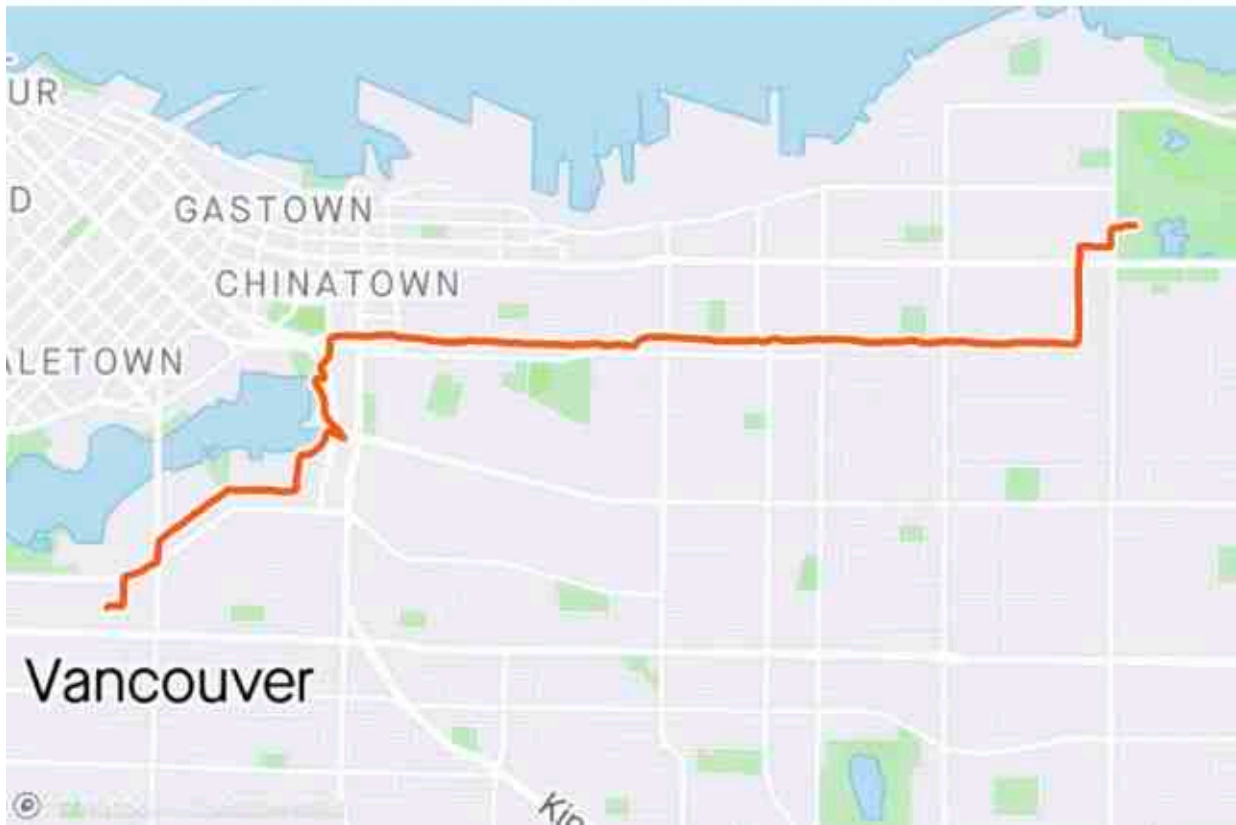
Distance

7.55 km

Elev Gain

75 m

Achievements



Afternoon Ride



Distance
10.56 km

Elevation Gain
90 m

All in all, a nice way to ease into a home-based biking vacation.

Random observations

1. Panic-buying has hit the Whole Foods set. When I went out to get provisions for making today's dinner (and cookies!) , I saw packed-to-overflowing grocery carts...including the requisite toilet paper, of course. Folks, I can't even fathom the size of the bill at checkout for those full carts.
2. People are taking the virus crisis pretty seriously up here. We went to the farmer's market as a midway point in our bike ride, figuring we could get lunch from a food truck, and it was pretty sparse. Lots of signs up saying, "Shop, but don't stop!" - encouraging people to buy things, but not linger. It's a tough balancing act for the vendors.

1. <https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/ultimate-chocolate-chip-cookies/77c14e03-d8b0-4844-846d-f19304f61c57>

Day 2: The Laziest (2020-03-17 06:18) - researchremix

Hiya this is Heather! This blog post was due yesterday but I am writing it this morning because I AM ON VACATION!!!

It feels strange to explicitly be on vacation when so many people are working from home, or getting set to, and we could be too. But we've really been looking forward to this time off, concentrated with fam, so reading and cookies and bike rides it is :)



We started off the day with sitting on the couch and reading. It was so glorious that we kept doing that pretty much all day.

Ok, not quite entirely - John went for a walk and Kira made [1]Peanut Butter cookies - her uncle Callum's pick and frankly a fav of almost everyone we are related to.

Otherwise, yup, we ate leftovers, read twitter and played Minecraft, and read read read. In the evening we watched one of my favourite movies, [2]Chef. Most of the last part of the movie is just them driving around the country, joyfully making sandwiches. Great music, not much conflict, happy ending. Perfect.

And that's it!

1. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y14kXzavjzICWQpWSlkq6vsVnDEeUb53KZFDIg932uw/edit>
2. https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/chef_2014

What we are reading (2020-03-17 06:53) - researchremix

Recently finished or on the go right now:

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Day 3: To Wreck Beach! (2020-03-17 16:37) - researchremix

The University of British Columbia is right on the ocean and boasts beaches and hiking trails on its western shore. We've heard they are beautiful. They are also famous - they include a clothing optional beach! Seemed like it was past time to explore this bit of Vancouver.



I (Heather) did a grocery shop this morning (store was well stocked in general, but low on things like potatoes and beans, and totally out of meat other than steak) – we headed out about 11am. We live near city hall, so we biked there along W 7th Avenue – a very familiar route to us because Kira used to go to daycare in Kits for a year or two many moons ago. The bike routes have sure improved since we were doing that regularly with her in the trailer, thank you Vancouver.

Anyway we passed by beloved Jericho beaches and Spanish Bank beaches, and parked our bikes at Acadia Beach.

The hike was indeed absolutely gorgeous. We had the ocean on one side, trees and cliffs on the other. The path was sometimes beach rocks, sometimes a dirt trail. It sounded like the ocean and smelled like seaweed. Heaven.

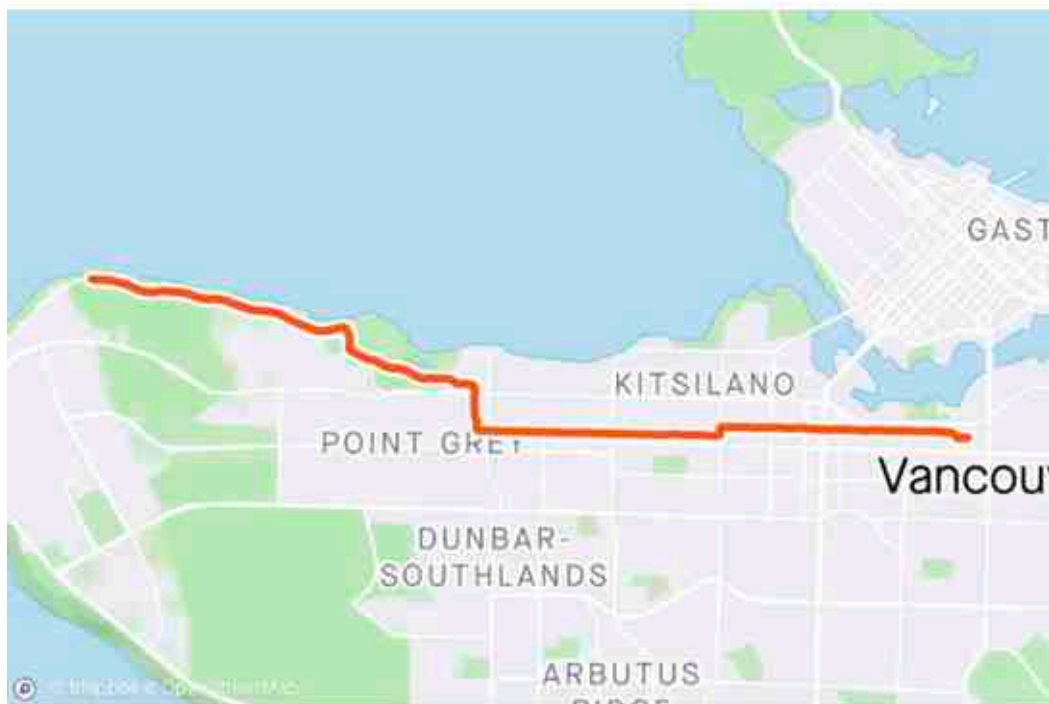
We had a picnic lunch (yes, complete with cookies! Peanut butter from yesterday, in case you were wondering) about halfway through the walk.



You may be wondering about the clothing optional part. So were we :) It was like 3 degrees Celsius (less than 40°F) with quite a wind, so we weren't expecting to see very many naked people, and we weren't planning to strip down - we'd in fact bundled up a little extra to keep warm. Nonetheless there were a few hardy souls! They had great big mirror wind break walls hung up to make kind of a shelter at the beach, and seemed to be very happy, while keeping a 1 meter distance from each other you will be pleased to know :)

After climbing up many (many) stairs to get back to campus, we walked back along a back road of UBC I'd never really been on, and then got back to our bikes and zoomed home along the sea wall. Lot of people out enjoying the sunshine.

Lunch Ride



Distance
10.22 km

Elevation Gain
55 m

Moving Time
35:54

Avg Power
86 W

A ramble along the beach with lunch in the middle



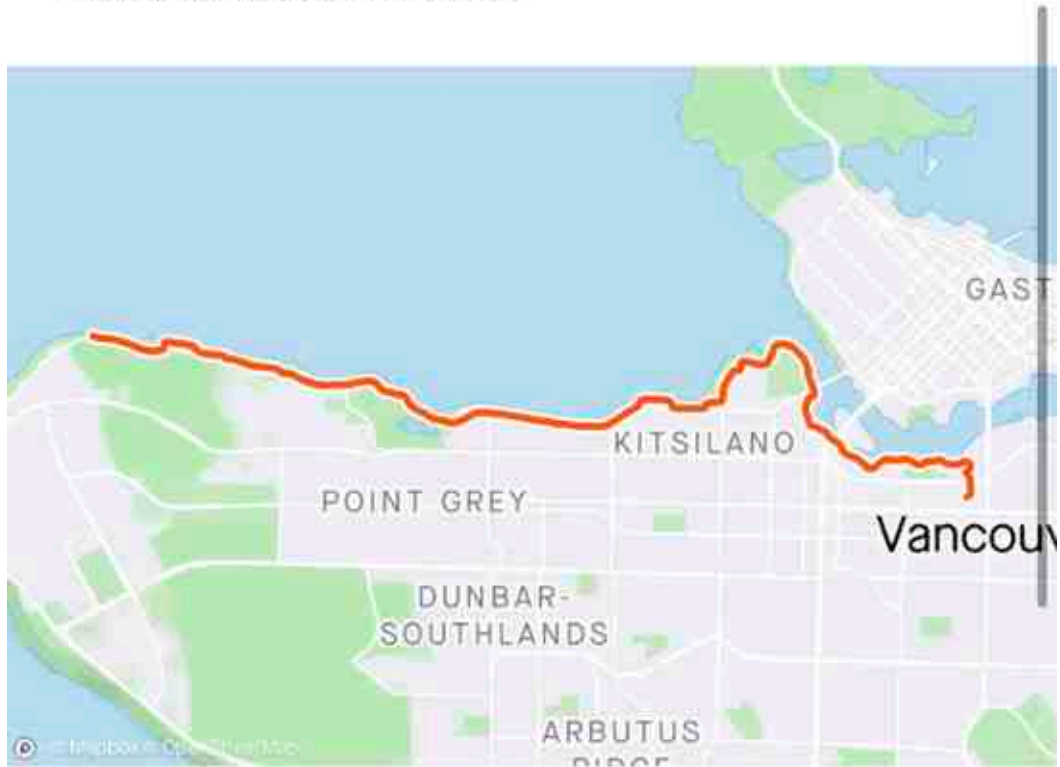
Distance
6.82 km

Elevation Gain
84 m

Moving Time
2:06:35

Calories
681 Cal

Afternoon Ride



Distance
11.95 km

Elevation Gain
86 m

Moving Time
43:08

Avg Power
89 W

Was a really great walk, highly recommended.

Day 3 cookies: White Chocolate and Macadamia Nut (2020-03-20 10:56) - researchremix

Turns out that although the grocery store was low on wet wipes, chicken, and The Kind of Jam We Like, it thankfully had the makings of White Chocolate and Macademia Nut cookies.

These are Auntie Kris's favourite, and yum they are good! [1]recipe here.



1. <https://www.thechunkychef.com/white-chocolate-macadamia-nut-cookies/>

Day 4: Lazy Again (2020-03-20 11:03) - researchremix

Had another fully stay-in day on Wednesday, just hanging out and reading. Was really nice. Made Oatmeal Raisin cookies, Mimi (John's mum's) favourite. They were super good with a mix of nutmeg and cinnamon and not too sweet (cut sugar in [1]this recipe down by about 20 % from this recipe).



Caught up on Schitt's Creek. Ate take-out from Peaceful, our local chinese restaurant. That's it :)

1. <https://www.rockrecipes.com/the-best-chewy-oatmeal-cookies/>

Day 5: Thursday across the Lions Gate Bridge (2020-03-20 11:28) - researchremix

We'd been inside long enough it was easy to forget what day it was. Thursday, turned out. We watched Julie and Julia in the morning (felt like we were far enough along into our cookies-every-day commitment that Julie's project would feel resonant. And we too are eating a lot of butter. Indeed it was great.), then headed off on a bike ride in the afternoon.

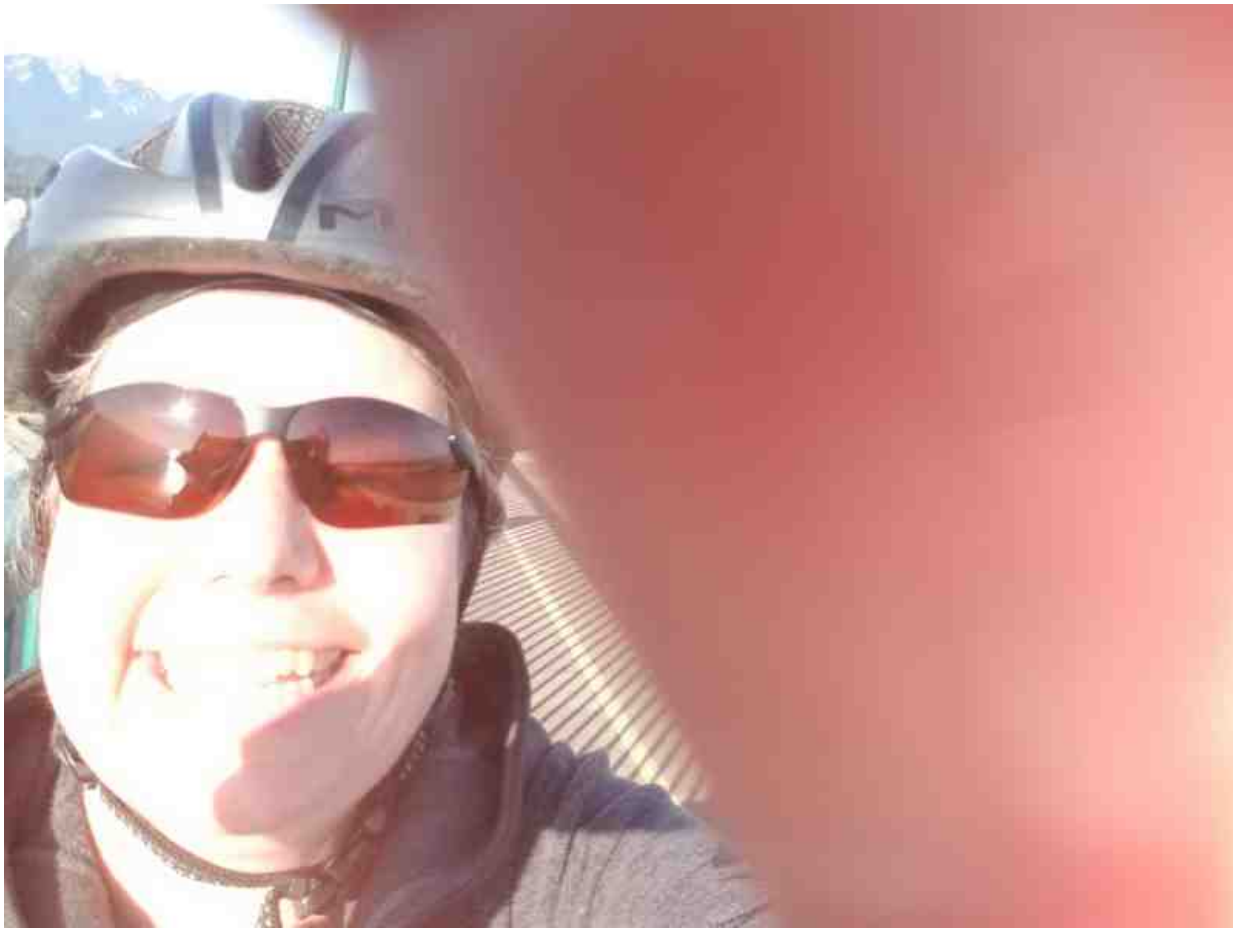


Biked through downtown Vancouver, through Stanley Park, and across the Lions Gate bridge to North Van. Parked our bikes near the water and walked a bit along the trail near the beach. There were a lot of other people out, but everybody was keeping a ways away from each other. Beautiful day to appreciate where we live (the photos don't do it justice alas). Biked home along the southern seawall in downtown Vancouver – again, lots of people out, exercising, walking their dogs, etc, but with distance.





Almost a lovely selfie of Heather on the bridge with the mountains in the background:



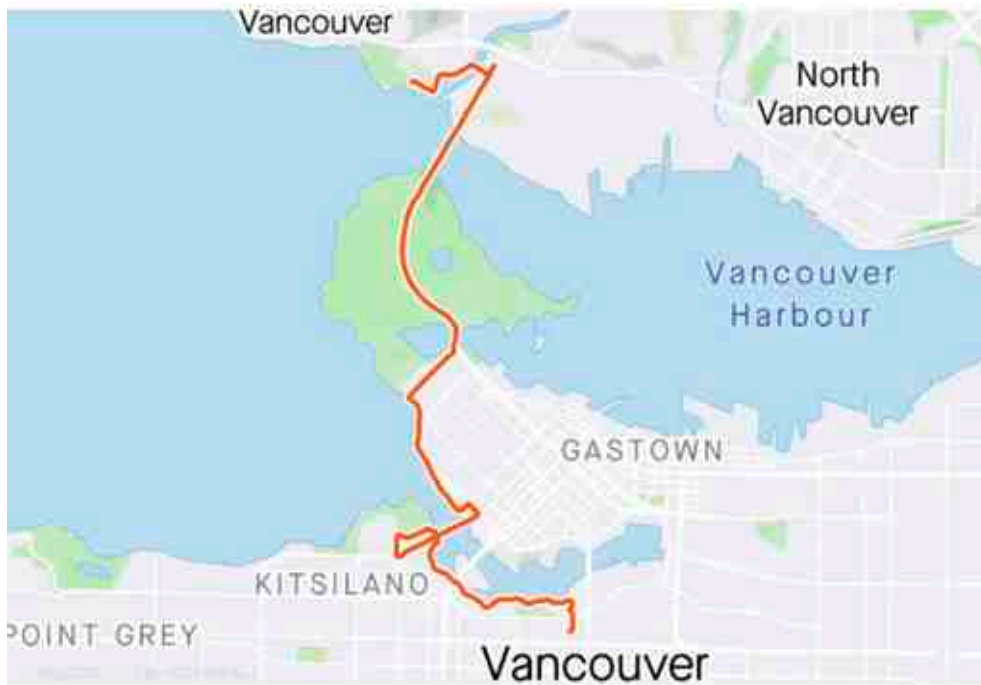


In the evening John read a bit, Heather napped, and Kira make amazing [1]Earl Grey Lavender Shortbread cookies. We had both lavender and earl grey teas in the cupboard, so she just used the contents of those teabags. The resulting cookies smell wonderful and have a slight lavender taste to them. Yum. Uncle Ben suggested a Lemon Glaze so will whip some of that up this morning and try that drat eat yet more cookies to test that out.

Edited to add: With lemon glaze, yum:

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Afternoon Ride



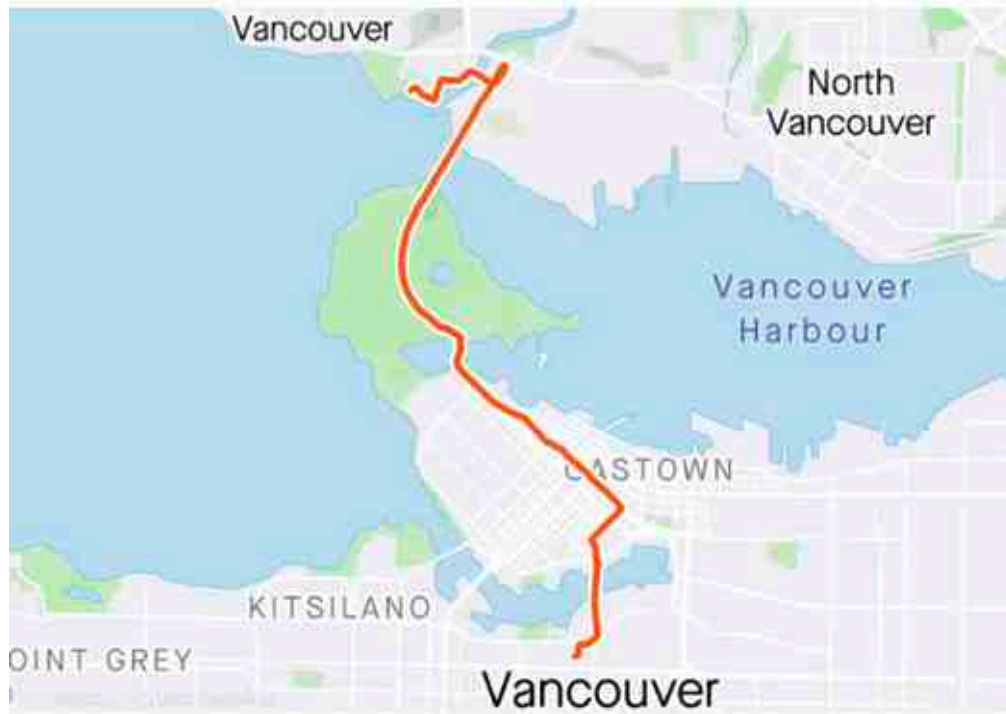
Distance
13.25 km

Elevation Gain
172 m

Moving Time
51:52

Avg Power
102 W

Afternoon Ride



Distance
10.76 km

Elevation Gain
110 m

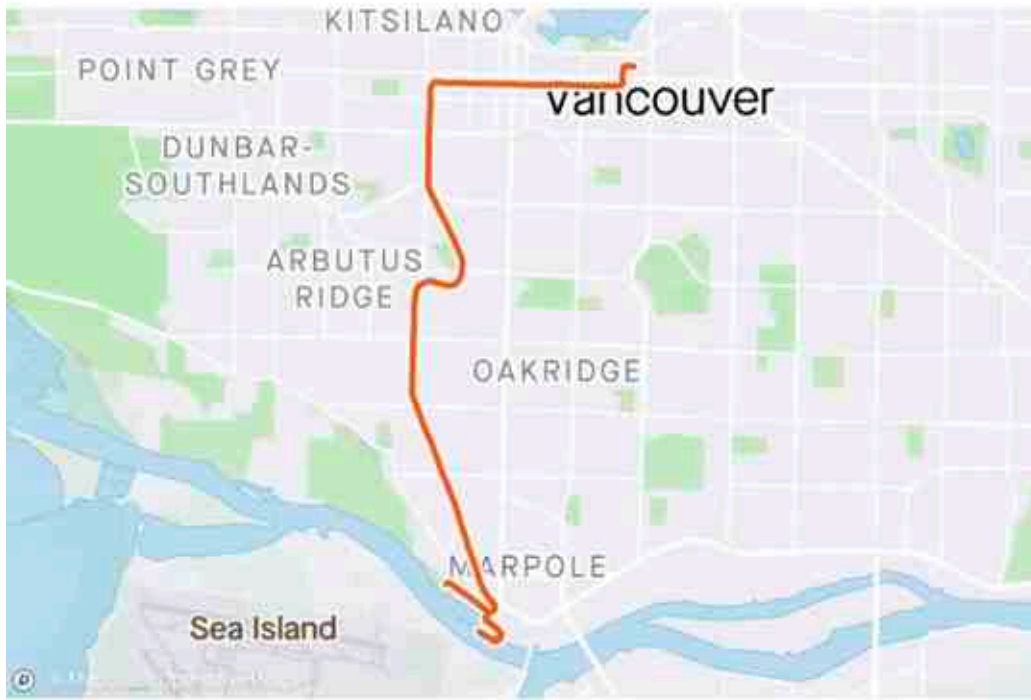
Moving Time
43:54

Avg Power
143 W

1. <https://www.letseatcake.com/lavender-earl-grey-shortbread-cookies/>

Day 6: Down to the river (2020-03-21 18:06) - jpiwowar

Down to the river...



Distance
12.55 km

Elevation Gain
90 m

Moving Time
50:13

Avg Power
78 W

Thanks to an epic (for John...9:15am!) sleep-in, it took a bit longer than expected to get out today, which required some improvisation on our bike route. We'd been thinking about a longer ride, but instead, we opted one more time for the "add something new to a well-worn path" approach. So we hit the Arbutus Greenway, and instead of stopping in Kerrisdale, we just kept rolling south until we hit the Fraser River. We weren't the only ones with the Greenway idea; there were tons of people on the path (not always practicing good social distancing, tsk tsk).



Fraser River Park was a nice little spot; good for watching planes and people on the beach with their dogs (yeah, beach...who knew?)

...and back again



Distance
11.15 km

Elevation Gain
92 m

Moving Time
40:16

Avg Power
139 W

Nice thing about the Arbutus Greenway: since it follows an old rail line, the grade isn't too steep. The climb from the river to home was long, but fairly civilized.

When we got home, Kira got to work on the day's cookies: [1]World Peace cookies; suggested by Robyn. They are predominantly chocolate, so along with the name, that's **two** things we could all use a bit more of.



Visualize these cookies.

One unusual thing our family of readers has noticed during this time off is that it's been more difficult than expected to engage with our books. We've been hearing/reading similar things from others on social media...seems like background anxiety levels are making people easily distractible. So we're queuing up movies and TV for some more brain-dead couch-based togetherness. Today we started in on [2]Eureka, which seems like it might be the right combination of nerdy and fluffy. We'll see how that goes.

1. <https://doriegreenspan.com/recipe/world-peace-cookies-the-newest-version-from-dories-cookies-sneak-peek/>
2. <https://g.co/kgs/Jhozyt>

Aunt Brenda (2020-03-21 18:26:54)

Hi! How can I send you a cookie recipe?

Day 7: Fish and chips and vinegar... (2020-03-21 19:15) - jpiwowar

Down to the river again, Steveston this time



Distance
23.49 km

Elevation Gain
148 m

Moving Time
1:31:27

Avg Power
129 W

Today, we hit the road early: south again, to parts ... not unknown, but at least unbiked. Following the [1]Vancouver to Steveston route from our new book would be our longest ride (almost 50km!) so far this break, which was a little daunting for a third consecutive day in the saddle.

What a treat this ride turned out to be! Farther south than we'd ever been on a bikeway that starts a block from our apartment (called the Heather bikeway, appropriately enough), across a bridge shared with the Canada Line, through Richmond (zoiks, way more geared toward cars), and the along some great (and super-flat) greenways past Richmond's Olympic sites and finally into Steveston itself.











We even managed to get a bonus on this trip: Heather had been craving fish and chips for a few days, and we arrived to find a few places along the boardwalk that were offering take-out, and had tables outside with enough space to maintain safe distance from our fellow humans.

 Stay at home! +0

 Coins 0 

Plenty of other places were closed, though, citing "difficult decisions" and inability to maintain social distancing and still provide their services. Even John's favorite location-aware apps are getting in on the isolation act, with no scores granted for checkins anymore...





The route home was a bit more arduous, but still fantastic: crushed limestone trails, marshland and geese, and a quick snack stop before tackling the massive 50-block hill to get home. Good thing we had a few cookies to bring with us.

That hill was way more fun to go down



Distance
24.00 km

Elevation Gain
163 m

Moving Time
1:41:20

Avg Power
82 W



Speaking of cookies, Today's Kira creations were coconut macaroons, suggested by Jason. They're cooling as I write this, and the apartment is filled with the scent of toasted coconut and sugar. Nom. And now, time to get back to tonight's non-reading entertainment: [2]Twister, a "disaster" film from a more innocent age.



1. <https://www.letsgobiking.net/advanced/144-vancouver-to-steveston/>
2. <https://g.co/kgs/1foWZc>

Day 8: Sunday Ginger Snaps (2020-03-24 17:07) - researchremix

John's requested cookie was Ginger Snaps. Not the chewy kind, the crispy kind, the kind that snap. Kira delivered. Spicy, crispy, delicious ([1]recipe):



Other than that, we watched Titanic and had a lazy day.

1. <https://hilahcooking.com/ginger-snap-cookies/>

Day 9: Monday to New West and Oreos (2020-03-24 17:19) - researchremix

We headed out to New West. Along the river, Heather thought. That'll be kind of flat, Heather thought. Forgetting that New West is *hilly*.



But we did it and it was great. Detoured into Burnaby Lakes by mistake and it was lovely. Found our way around all of the highways near the Alex Fraser bridge and marveled at the planners who retrofitted all of those interchanges to make them work for bikes too.

If you look hard in the middle of the photo above you can see the skytrain going by (lots of our route home was beside the skytrain) and if you look even harder right above that you can see the Fraser River, filled with beloved log booms.

We ate a picnic at New Westminster Quay, sandwiches from home. Everything was closed, there weren't many people. Cold out too, and almost rainy, but we dodged it.



You might think that was a full day, but no, Kira also made ****oreo cookies****! Or at least our best [1]homemade interpretation. This are in honour of six year old Lewis who said Oreos are his favourite cookie:



We had pizza for dinner, take-out from our local fav Uncle Fatih's, and watched Genius.



John Piwowar

🚴 Today at 11:33 AM

To New West and back!

Distance

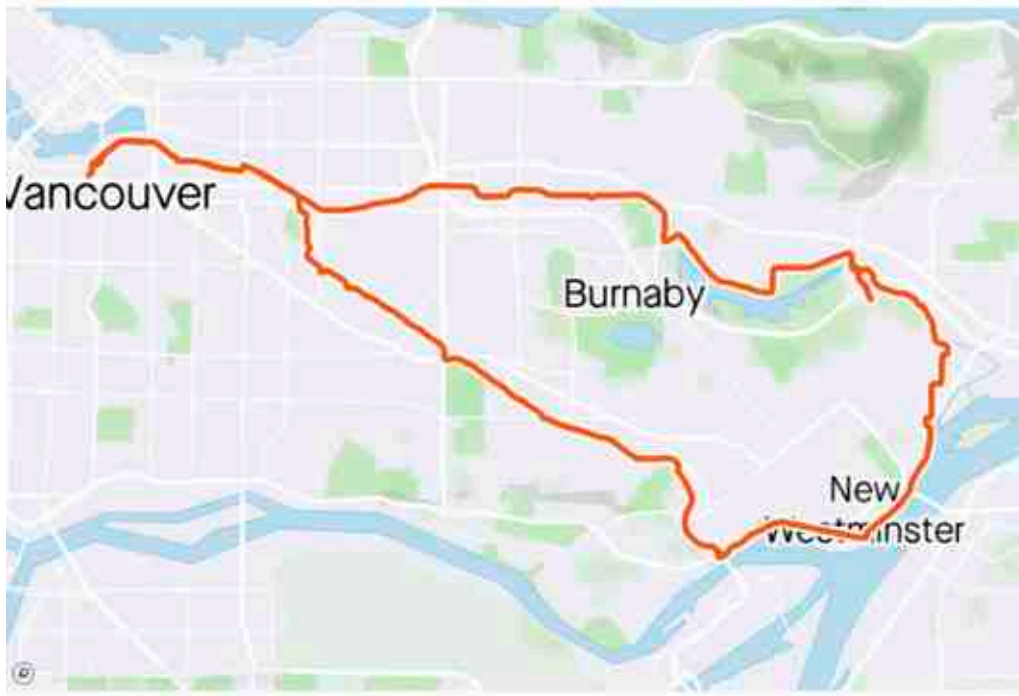
49.08 km

Elev Gain

424 m

Achievements

🏆 🏆 22



1. <https://tasty.co/recipe/homemade-oreos>

Bernadette Piwowar (2020-03-25 14:36:18)

Serendipity is often the best experience. Sounds like you put sunshine ✨ into a cloudy day. Nice plate of cookies, Kira. Look a bit like something we used to call "Gobs" . Really enjoy following the three of you

Responsible? (2020-03-24 17:36) - researchremix

Wanted to explicitly say: we care about being responsible during these bike ride and grocery-shopping-for-cookie adventures, and only doing them if/when/how they are consistent with being good citizens.



At this time, the City of Vancouver is encouraging people to walk, run, hike, and bike on streets and in parks, as long as we all keep 2m away from each other. So that's what we've been doing.

The city has also kept restaurants open thus far (take-out only) and is encouraging us to support our local vendors. As a result, some of our bike ride lunches (food trucks, fish and chips) have been purchased, as well as many of our dinners (not as many crockpot dinners as we guessed when we named our blog!).

Anyway, it has obviously been on our mind, so we wanted to let you know how we are approaching it. BC's government and the City of Vancouver have been handling this really well. We'll continue to follow their guidance as the days and weeks go on.

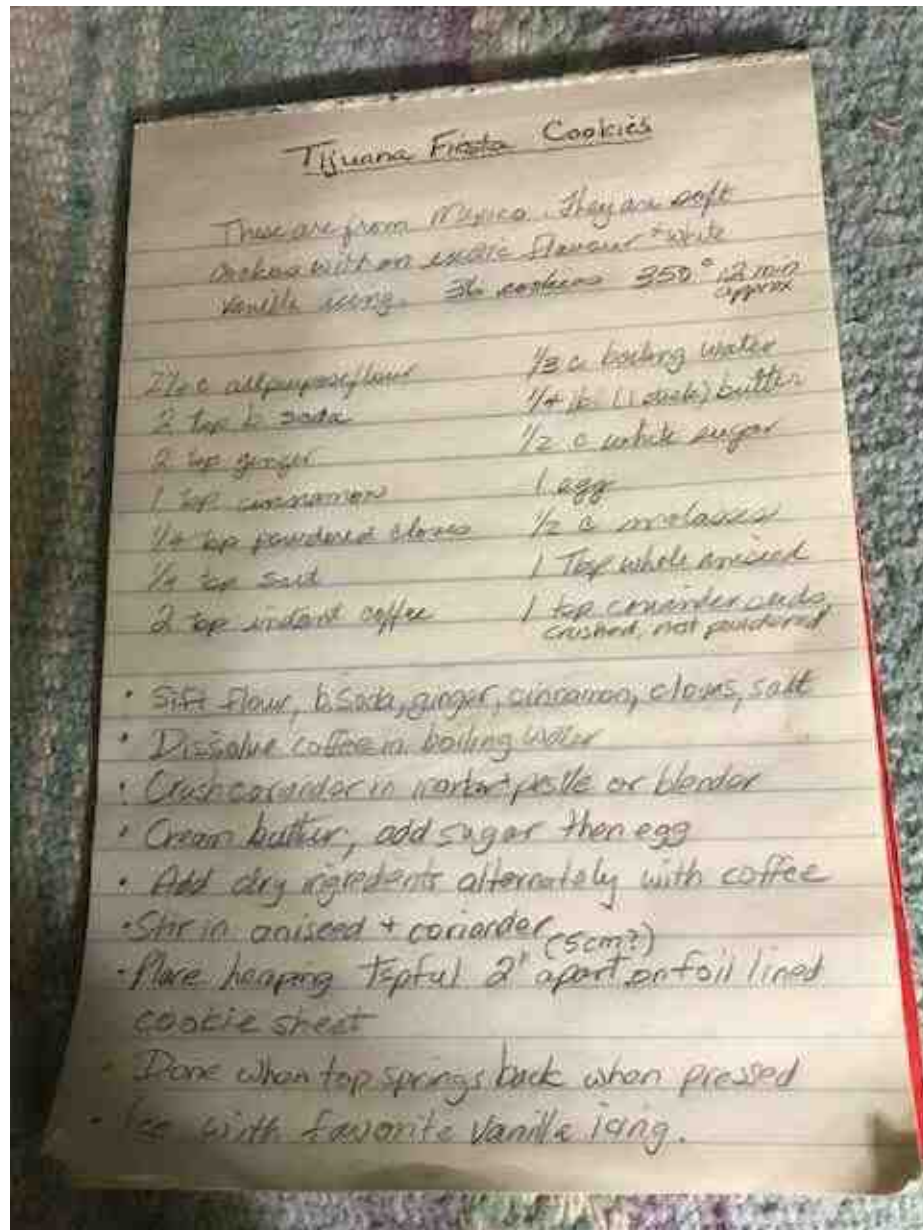
Day 10: Tuesday, not quite Snoozeday (2020-03-25 17:32) - jpiowar



Took a break from the saddle today; yesterday's long ride and morning rain and cloudiness left us disinclined to leave the apartment. Eventually the sun came out, but "don't let the weather change your plans" is a credo that can cut two ways. Instead, we did a little bit of cleaning (as you can see, our commitment to propping up the local economy is having a cumulative effect on our living space) and reading.

John and Kira also spent some couch time playing [1]Unravel 2 on the Xbox. It's a game about two little critters made

of yarn ("Yarnies") who travel the world having adventures. Some of those adventures involve avoiding a particularly aggressive chicken. It's super-cute. Except for the chicken. That's one scary bird. Jeez.





Today's cookies were courtesy of Auntie Brenda, who sent Kira a recipe for "Tijuana Fiesta cookies." Heather declared them the best so far, but that's because she lacks a proper appreciation for ginger snaps. Still, they were pretty tasty.

We capped the day by watching [2]Contact. No disaster theme this time, but still world-changing events. Also, Matthew McConaughey used to be *much* younger.

1. <https://g.co/kgs/vHWjKp>

2. <https://g.co/kgs/kDmY8m>

(2020-03-25 17:40:29)

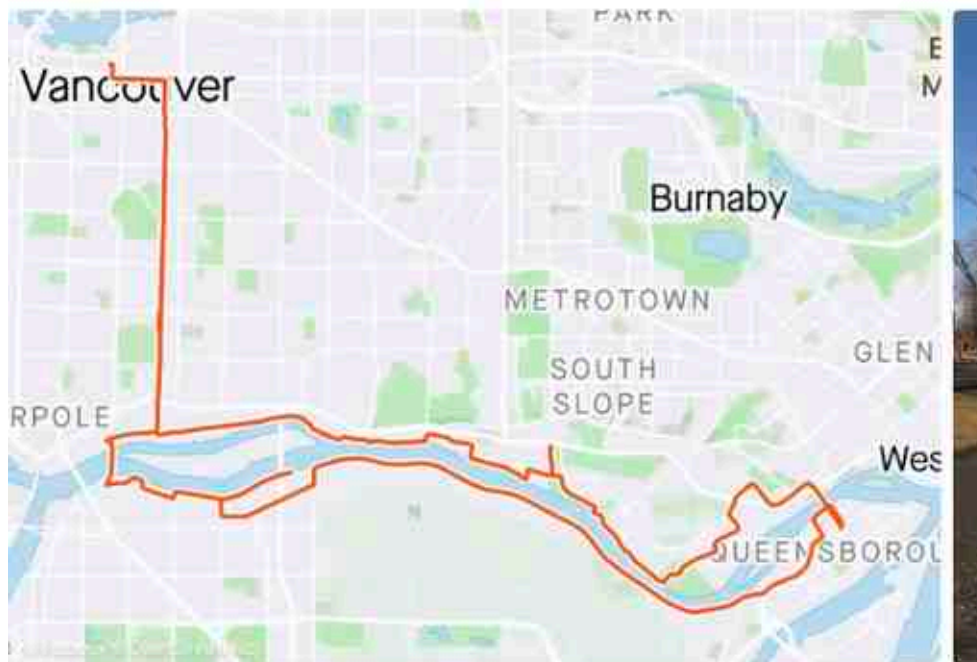
I'm so glad you like them. I made Dads Cookies yesterday. Do you want that recipe as well? Also, ask Jenny and Heidi for their favourites.

Bernadette Piwowar (2020-03-26 10:37:26)

Matthew might have been younger before, but he still not hard to look at? Recipe looks yummy- will try it , but need to buy the anise. Biking, gaming, movies ,baking and “huddle in time” , you guys could be family vacation planners.

Day 11: Back to the river (2020-03-25 17:32) - jpiwowar

River trails: flat. Getting there and back: not so much.



Distance	Elevation Gain
54.45 km	332 m
Moving Time	Avg Power
3:23:01	140 W

Back to the Mighty Fraser again today! We left relatively early, since it was a longish route, and we wanted to ensure we had plenty of time for exhausted non-movement on the couch afterward. By crossing the Canada Line Bridge *and* the Queensborough Bridge, we tied together our previous rides to Steveston and New Westminster. There were a few sections of River Road on the south bank of the Fraser that we would cheerfully avoid in the future (lots of trucks), but otherwise it was fantastic weather and had a lot of "hard-to-believe this is actually so close to Vancouver"

moments.

A few pics from the route, for flavor. And because Heather really, *really* likes log booms.











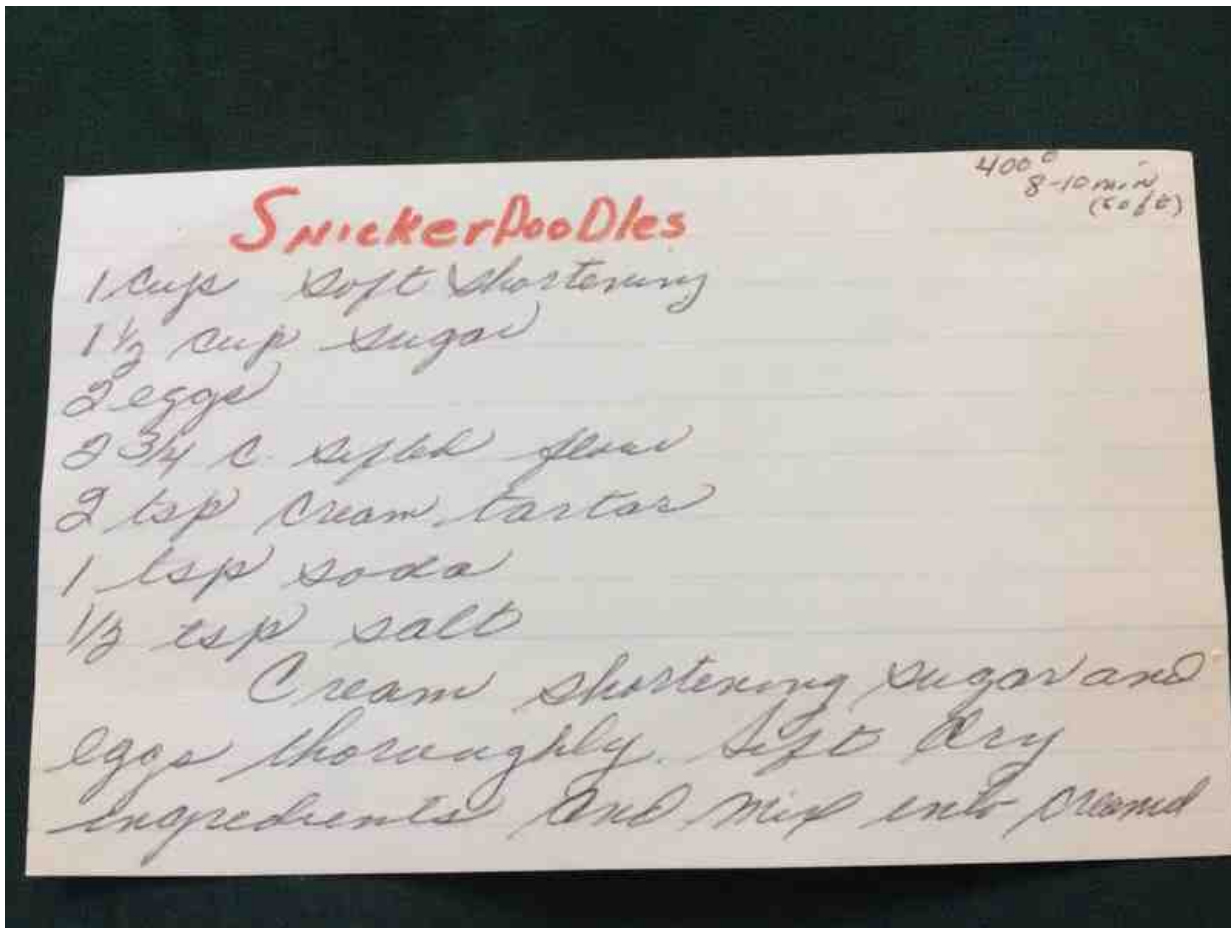


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You might be thinking, "hey, y'all forgot to make cookies!" Nope. The streak is still alive; Kira keeps rolling. Dough for Mimi's snickerdoodles is chilling in the fridge.





ps final product:

Bernadette Piowar (2020-03-26 10:46:39)

Wonderful pictures. The best part about this is you can visit these place again and again a remembering the joy of the first time. Returning to France would be more complicated. Many people never take the opportunity to appreciate what is closest to them. Keep enjoying the adventure and each other.👍👍

Robyn (2020-03-30 05:14:47)

I 📷 this blog

1.2 April

Day 12: Ironworkers bridge and Ammonia cookies (2020-04-01 13:43) - researchremix

Today was a day of bold choices: Ironworkers Bridge and Ammonia cookies.



Those tiny dots on the right path near the top are John and Kira crossing the Ironworkers Bridge (aka the Second Narrows Bridge) to go from Vancouver to North Van. It wasn't the prettiest crossing, since was a cloudy day, but none of us had ever biked across the bridge before so it was a fun adventure. Really busy! Was fully safe because separated bike lane, but definitely closer to busy traffic than our normal routes.

We then biked west along the north side of Burrard Inlet and it was really interesting, lots of industry and also new

condo development.



We got out early to "beat the rain" but we totally didn't - this is us stopping to put on rain jackets shortly before the bridge, and then us stopping at Lonsdale Quay for a picnic lunch.





It was really cold riding. Had some hot tea in a thermos which sure hit the spot. Also cookies :).

Saw an interesting boat in the harbour. My brother Callum the naval architect later identified as a "heavy lift ship" which [1]carries other boat on its back !



Biked home across Lions Gate bridge again. Overall a long interesting ride.

Did we end the day there? No! Another Adventure! Ammonia Cookies!



For those of you who haven't had them before, they are a Mennonite Recipe that I remember my Nana making. [2]Baking Ammonia provides leavening, they are very light, and have a distinctive Ammonia flavour. That may not sound very appealing, but combine it with some peppermint flavouring and YUM. [3]recipe. They tasted just like Nana used to make them :)

It's not a proper bike vacation until you've had a day in the rain

Distance

34.42 km

Elev Gain

332 m

Time

2h 27m



1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heavy-lift_ship#/media/File:MV_Blue_Marlin_carrying_USS_Cole.jpg
2. https://www.cooksillustrated.com/how_tos/6284-what-is-bakers-ammonia
3. <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/19250/peppermint-ammonia-cookies/>

Day 13 and 14: Double cookies, hold the biking (2020-04-01 14:12) - researchremix

It rained in Vancouver.

And we'd done a lot of biking, so we mostly just stayed home and ate cookies :)

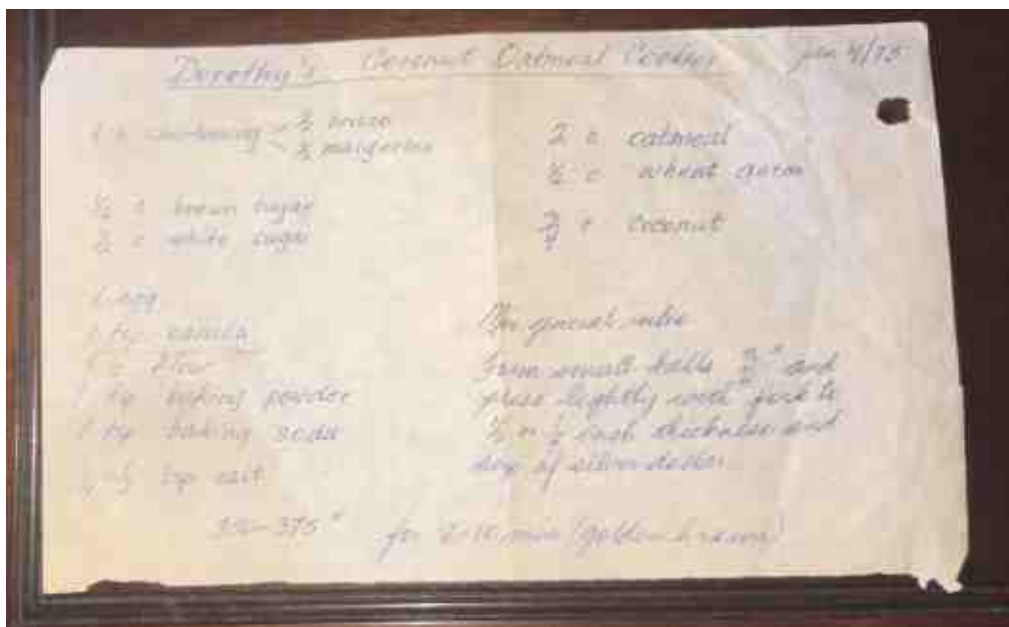


Also baked a few more!

[1]Brownie cookies, as nominated by Nicole. Chocolate. Yum.



And then the next day "[2]Dorothy's Coconut Oatmeal Cookies" from Joyce - an old favourite, I discovered as I ate them - they taste like the root of all homemade cookies I ate growing up. Melt in your mouth delicious.





And that's it! We watched South Pacific, the TV show Eureka, read, looked at the rain, and ate yet more cookies.

1. <https://smittenkitchen.com/2008/04/brownie-roll-out-cookies/>

2. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cQ-1TZn57q0yvIXgw4jrAErE_RaetODlXyeRAxFCnII/edit

Day 15: Wrapping it up with Stanley Park and Almond Crescents (2020-04-01 14:24) - researchremix

It threatened rain on Sunday as well, but we wanted to get out for one more bike ride before Heather and John "went" back to work on Monday (Kira still had a few more days before she started school).

We weren't feeling a really long ride. When we realized Kira hadn't been to Prospect Point in Stanley Park we knew that was the ride we wanted to end with.

Alas we didn't get a photo of us riding through the woods on the trail through Stanley Park. The picture is in my memory though, of Kira and John up ahead, so small compared to the huge trees on either side. ?

Prospect Point was pretty deserted, not surprisingly:



It was fun to stand there beside the Lions Gate Bridge, which we'd biked over several times in the previous weeks.



We walked our bikes down a curvey trail to link back up to the Seawall which runs around Stanley Park. We biked that way home (all of us had previously biked all the way around the park, no fear, that is a classic and great ride).

Came home by sort of picking the paths we'd never been on through Vancouver, to continue our exploring till the end :) 23km in total.

The cookies actually waited till the next day. Kira whipped up a batch of Almond Crescents, using a [1]recipe from Joan. They were delicious.



One last family spin before the end of staycation



Distance
23.76 km

Elevation Gain
277 m

Moving Time
1:53:41

Avg Power
139 W

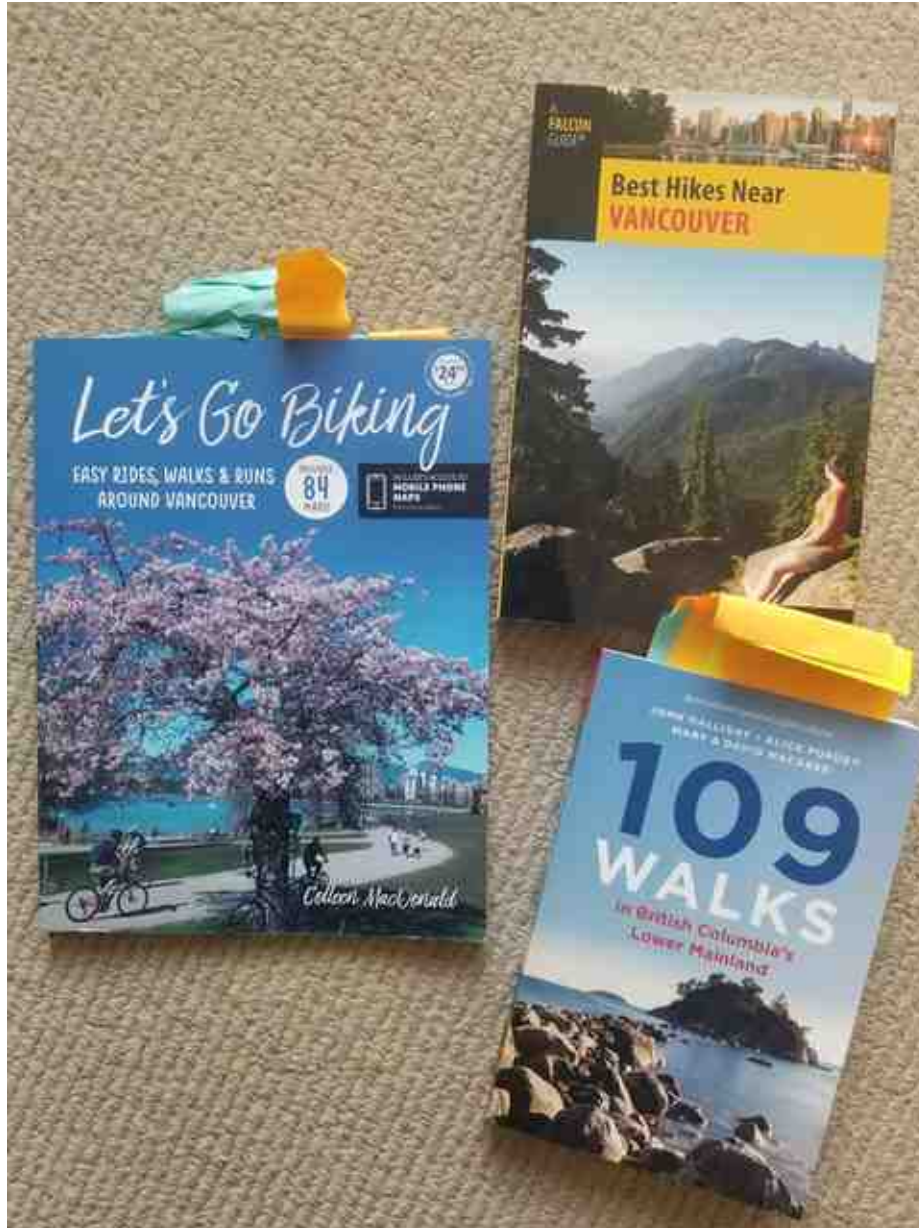
1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cQ-1TZn57q0yvIXgw4jrAErE_Raet0DlXyeRAxFCnII/edit

Bernadette Piwowar (2020-04-05 07:40:50)

Really love the picture of the three of you. Hopefully these blogs can be archived d for decades. During an historic crisis, the three of you exemplified family bonding , support, hope and love ☺ Thank you for sharing with us.

In conclusion: thank you to these books (2020-04-01 14:33) - researchremix

I don't think we would have had such a great biking vacation in our home town were it not for these books. Highly recommended, all three:



- *109 Walks in British Columbia's Lower Mainland* by John Halliday and Alice Purdey, and Mary & David Macaree (eighth edition)
- *Let's Go Biking: Easy Rides, Walks, & Runs Around Vancouver* by Colleen MacDonald
- *Best Hikes near Vancouver* by Chloe Ernst

Also to our [1]beloved neighbourhood bookstore, [2]Book Warehouse, where we bought these books as soon as we realized our Biking In France trip wasn't going to happen and we needed to have some adventures at home

instead for our Spring Break vacation. The Broadway location is currently still open with limited hours, but they are also shipping for just \$5 to anywhere in the Lower Mainland, check them out and support them.

1. <https://www.vancourier.com/news/book-warehouse-remains-standing-in-vancouver-1.377201>

2. <https://www.bookwarehouse.ca/>

Edward Piwowar (2020-04-02 10:04:59)

Hello JHK, we really enjoyed the last three posts (as well as the earlier ones) and you certainly captured your adventures in a nice format-photos were beautiful. Just reading and re-reading these posts brightened our days and we don't think anyone could match the excellent way that you used your vacation time at home. Thinking about you all the time.

In conclusion: thank you to these cookies (2020-04-01 14:44) - researchremix

In summary, Kira made a batch of cookies every day for 14 days.

Yes, that is a lot of cookies.

Yes, we have eaten almost all of them.

Returning for a final bow:









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jpiwowar (2020-04-01 16:10:30)
#TeamGingerSnaps #Snapz4Eva

(2020-04-02 08:47:38)
Great to see! Yummy looking cookies from a very good idea! thank you!

In conclusion: thank you to our fam (2020-04-01 14:51) - researchremix

Thanks to our extended family for sending us your favourite cookie recipes so we could have you with us during this vacation.

Thanks to each other, John, Heather, and Kira for being such good sports with all of the bike riding and cookie making and eating, and making what could have been a disappointing change in vacation plans into something really special.

And finally thanks to our world fam. So many are doing our best to stay happy and healthy during this challenging time. Some people have been in parts of the world that are relatively lightly hit so far, like us, which has let us bike 300km over the last two weeks while physically distancing responsibly. Some people are in tougher places where they have needed to do [1]their long range exercise in their gardens (!!!!). In all cases, thanks everybody as we all pull together and take care of each other.

1. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/man-runs-over-1000-laps-in-own-yard-to-complete-marathon-during-coronavirus-pandemic/vi-BB11SqKQ>

(2020-04-01 21:05:20)

Wow! What memories you have made and what a lot of cookie recipes you have collected. These recipes will always take you back to this event every time they are made. Aunt Brenda



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