Public Art in White Rock

Public art expresses the relationship between people and place. Public art in White Rock reveals our unique culture, diverse communities, rich history, and civic pride. Exploring public art in White Rock is easy with our self-guided map. Enjoy our uptown walking route or explore public art along the waterfront.

Walking Routes

UPTOWN WALKING TOUR

Start at Centennial Park at the Elizabeth Hollick-Spirit Bear (#1). Don’t miss the vibrant Semiahmoo Arts Mural before heading east on North Bluff Rd. past Holes in the Sky, to Johnston Rd. Walk south on Johnston Rd to Russell Ave and you will see the Wonderful Year We Fell in Love and the Grey Whale Family. Keep walking on Russell Ave and turn right into Hillcrest Mall to see the Spirit Bear.

*Bonus, if you still have energy to explore, make your way to the White Rock Public Library and see the third White Rock Spirit Bear.

WATERFRONT WALKING TOUR

This walk begins at beautiful East Beach in White Rock. Take in Grizlee (#8), before crossing the street to Walk on Sunshine at the mosaic stairs. East Beach has a wide variety of takeout including fabulous fish and chips. Try a unique takeout spot, then head west to Totem Pole Plaza. Take a moment to sit and enjoy a casual meal while surrounded by the natural and cultural beauty of the plaza. Continue west on the promenade to the historic White Rock Pier and you will find Metamorphosis. Next is the Passenger at the Museum plaza and finish by viewing local artists fine art displays (Artists Walk) and the Binding Spirit sculpture.

Uptown Walking Tour

1. Semiahmoo Arts Mural
   14600 North Bluff Rd.
   Richard Tetrault, 2014
   This mural is a symbol of a group of culturally based images to showcase the diversity of artists. The mural pays homage and depicts unforgettable characters from the annual pantomimes.

2. Binding Spirit
   White Rock Pier at the end of East Beach
   Calvin F. Turner, 1989
   This sculpture is a symbol of a spiritual awakening in society.

3. Grizlee
   East Beach at start of promenade
   Frank Slavin, 1999
   This monolithic granite bear stands eight feet tall and was purchased in support of aquatic habitats.

4. Metamorphosis
   West Beach along promenade
   Joan Adam, 1988
   This sculpture stands over eight feet tall and physically transformation – a woman turning into a bird. This work is a symbol of growth and a call to a spiritual awakening in society.

5. Passenger
   14610 Marine Dr.
   Denis Kleene, 2014
   Passenger celebrates the history of rail in White Rock, and the significance of visitors who awaited their journey at the White Rock Train Station.

6. Totem Poles
   15400 Rock Marine Dr.
   Robert Davidson, 1999
   Created to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the RCMP, the totem poles celebrate and honour Semiahmoo First Nation and the RCMP.

7. The Wonderful Year We Fell in Love
   1532 Johnston Rd.
   Elizabeth Hollick, 2014
   This mural pays homage and depicts unforgettable characters from the annual pantomimes.

8. Walking on Sunshine
   Terry Pari Plaza, Marine Dr at Ash St.
   Matt Todd, 2004
   The mosaic steps offer a spot to relax while wandering East Beach. Each step has been decorated using pieces of colourful tile and placed in the pattern of sunshine.

9. WRC Art Gallery
   15154 Russell Ave.
   The Art on Display program ensures art is visible and accessible to the community. In a representation of the marine environment, this piece embodies the rolling waves of the ocean and crashing surf.

10. Rostrum
    15154 Russell Ave.
    Gordon H. Au, 2013
    The amphitheater-like sculpture blurs the line between art, sculpture and landscape. The fifty LED lights embedded into the curved pipe create an evening glow.

11. Terri Parr Plaza, Marine Dr at Ash St.
    Matt Todd, 2004
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Public Art Walking Map

Legend:
- Uptown Walking Route
- Waterfront Walking Route
- Centennial Arena
- Semiahmoo Arts
- Public Art Locations

★ map is not to scale