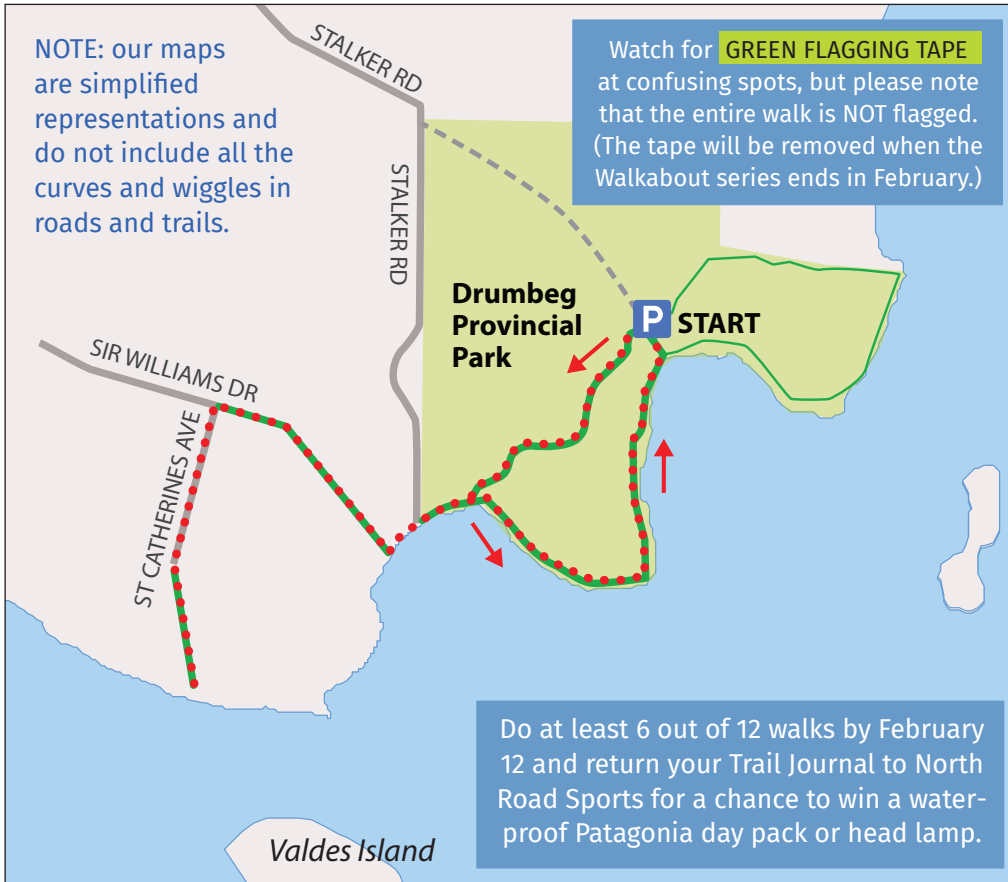


# Walk #6



# Gabriola Passage Viewpoint

## GaLTT's Great Winter Walkabout



## What to expect

**Approx time:** 1 hour

**Approx distance:** 2.5 km

**Difficulty:** moderate

(difficult beach access)

**Begin:** Drumbeq parking lot

**Note:** Before setting out check the tide chart (in the *Sounder* or online), because this walk is not doable at high tide.

Drumbeq forest and coastal trails, a beautiful bay and a quiet viewpoint overlooking the passage and Valdes Island.

The trails on our Great Winter Walkabout cross public and private lands. Please obey all posted rules, keep your dog leashed where required, and under full control elsewhere.

## Directions

Park in the Drumbeq lot, look for the trail head marker and head southwest into the woods. Walk through open forest with glimpses of the ocean to your left for about 10 min. before joining the coast path and turning right. Leave the park at the end of Stalker Road. All three ways down to the beach at Logan Bay involve a scramble over logs—**USE EXTREME CAUTION.** (There is no shame in sitting on logs to cross them! If unsure about beach access, walk back into the park and stay on the coastal path for a pleasant walk to the parking lot. You can still drive to the passage view trail on St. Catherine Avenue, off Martin and then Sir William).

After admiring the view of the Passage and Valdez Island, walk along the beach to the right. Be careful to stay high and avoid slippery rocks. Watch for the black tire steps up onto the path on the Sir William road allowance. (Feel free to pull small *daphne* as you go.) Turn left on St. Catherine Avenue and go up the hill. Next to the trail sign, go down the lane to the trail beside the closed gate. Follow this path along the fence line to the viewpoint and enjoy watching the currents and kingfishers below.

Return the way you came but stay on the coastal path for the walk back to the parking lot.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER** that even the easiest Gabriola trails may have mud and rough or rooty sections that make sections awkward or slippery.