



VISUAL STORY



Bard on the Beach Festival Site

1695 Whyte Avenue,
Señákw, Vanier Park, Vancouver

bardonthebeach.org | Box Office: 604-739-0559 | 12 - 6pm daily

About the Festival Site



Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival is located at 1695 Whyte Avenue, in Seṇák̓w / Vanier Park, Vancouver, BC.

The Festival sits on the ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh peoples, where the vibrant Coast Salish village of Seṇák̓w was situated.

How to Get to the Site

By Transit:

The closest bus line is the 002 - Macdonald / Downtown.

If you're taking the westbound line to Macdonald, the closest bus stop is Cornwall Ave @ Maple St.

Cross the street toward the Starbucks.

If you're taking the eastbound line to Downtown, the closest bus stop is Cornwall Ave @ Cypress St.

Cross the intersection at Cypress Street, so that you are on the same side as the Starbucks and Triple O's.



Turn right at
Cypress Street

Once you are on Cornwall Avenue, walk eastbound past the Triple O's and towards Chestnut Street.



Continue down
Cornwall Ave

When you reach Chestnut Street, cross the street and turn left.



Cross the street and turn
left onto Chestnut Street

Continue down Chestnut Street.



Turn right onto Whyte Avenue at the Vanier Park sign.



You'll know you're almost there when you see the Bard on the Beach sandwich board!



Continue down Whyte Ave past the curve in the road.



Once you pass the Archives parking lot, you'll see our famous red and white tents on the left!



For other trip planning options, visit translink.ca.

By Bike:

The site is conveniently located along the seaside bike route close to the Cypress Bikeway and Burrard Bridge. There is a Mobi bike station next to the site entrance.

Enclosed bike parking is available – bring your own lock



Parking

There are several pay parking lots adjacent to the site. There is no parking in the neighbouring residential area.

The main parking lot is at the Museum of Vancouver & H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, just off Whyte Avenue.

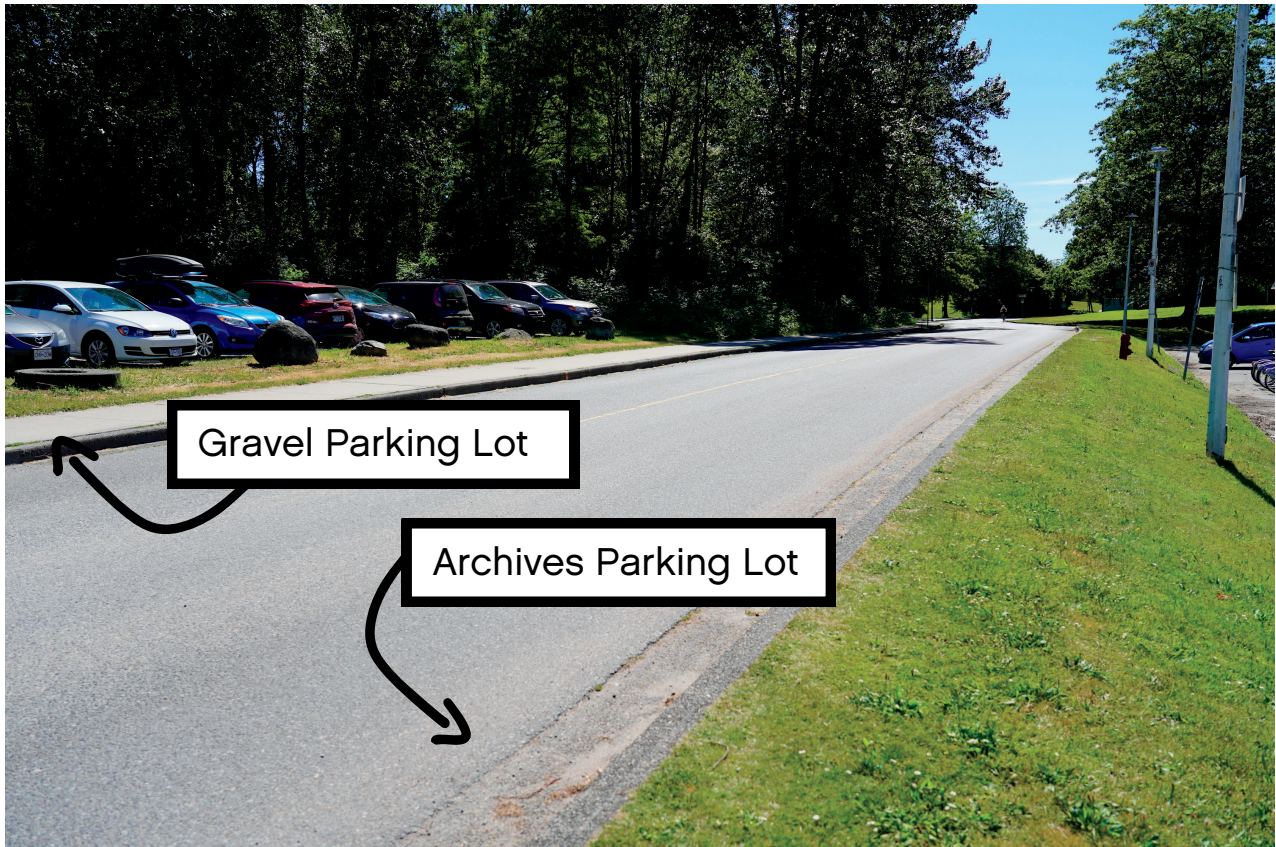
The address for the parking lot is 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver, BC. If you see the Bard on the Beach logo on the sign at the entrance, you're at the right place!



Museum of Vancouver Parking

There are also two more smaller parking lots further down Whyte Avenue.

If you continue down Whyte Avenue, there is a gravel parking lot on your right.



Across from the gravel parking lot, on the left side of Whyte Avenue, is the Archives parking lot. This lot is for accessible parking only.



At the Site

When you arrive at the Site, you will see our Box Office and the entrance to our Bard Village.

The Village opens one hour before each performance.



If you chose to pick up your tickets at will call, you can give your name to one of the Box Office Attendants. They will help you find your tickets.

You can pick up your tickets starting one hour before the performance. We recommend picking up your tickets no later than 30 minutes before your show.

If you chose to print your tickets at home or have your tickets as a PDF attachment, you can proceed directly to the entrance. A volunteer will scan your ticket before you enter the Village.

At the Site

At the Festival Site, you may meet some of our Bard on the Beach volunteers.

Our volunteers help with many things, including scanning tickets, handing out programs, helping you find your seats, running our concession and Bard Boutique, and much more!



We love our volunteers and we wouldn't be able to run our Festival without them!

If you have any questions while you're at the Site, you can always ask one of our volunteers for help.

The Bard Village

There are many different areas in the Bard Village. You can learn more about them in this section.



Audience Services

This is the Audience Services desk. You will see it on your right when you walk in. Audience Services can help you with any questions you might have during your visit.

Audience Services can also help you if you need ear defenders or an assistive listening system. Hearing assists are an FM frequency system that will enhance the actors' speech on stage.

For more information on hearing assists, visit the Accessibility page on our website at bardonthebeach.org/about-us/accessibility/.

Bard Boutique

Our Bard Boutique sells themed Bard merchandise, including clothing, books and other fun gifts!



Bard Education

This is our Bard Education area, where we host our In a Nutshell talks. In a Nutshell talks are free pre-show talks that give short, informal introductions to the plays' stories and characters.



Concession

The Village has two concession areas – one is for snacks and cold drinks, and the other is for hot drinks and coffee.

You can bring your food and drinks from the concession into the theatre, but try to save your snacks for intermission!



Sensory Friendly Space

Our friends at Canucks Autism Network will be setting up a sensory friendly space under their tent.



Sensory friendly spaces provide a place for people to go when they are feeling overwhelmed and need a quiet environment.

Fidget toys, colouring books and noise-cancelling headphones will be available for anyone who needs a moment to calm down or relax.

This sensory friendly space will be open before the show, at intermission and during the show whenever you need a break.

Washrooms

Our toilets are just off of the main Village. There are accessible walkways that lead to the washrooms.



Our washrooms have individual red porta-potties, as well as hand sanitizer and hand wash stations.

There are accessible porta-potties, which are grey instead of red, and an accessible hand wash station.



Theatres

There are two theatre tents at the Bard Festival Site.

If you are seeing A Midsummer Night's Dream, you will be at the BMO Mainstage.



If you are seeing Harlem Duet or Romeo and Juliet, you will be at the Howard Family Stage.



Show Time!



Elyza Samson, Carly Street, Polina Olshevskaya, Kate Besworth & Anna Wang-Albini in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 2022 | Photo: Tim Matheson

About half an hour before the performance, the house will open to the audience. When this happens, you can go in and find your seat.

Five minutes before the performance, a staff member or volunteer in the Village will ring a bell so you know the show is about to begin. If you haven't already, start making your way to your seats. Then the magic begins!

Thank you for reading this Festival Site Visual Story, and we hope you enjoy your visit to Bard on the Beach!