

Take a ride through some outdoor art

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Cyclists will gear up for a ride around Vancouver's outdoor sculptures this weekend, while taking in the art and culture of the city.

The third annual Bikennale takes place on Sunday and is the last opportunity to take a glance at some of the open-air sculptures spread out around the West End as part of the 2009-11 Vancouver Biennale.

Free to participate and open to all ages, the Bikennale is a self-guided 5K ride from Sunset Beach Park to Coal Harbour.

"It's all about inclusivity and accessibility," said Barrie Mowatt, founder and president of the Vancouver Biennale. "We want to give open access to art that is normally found inside a museum."

Each rider will be given a map of the sculptures' locations, and there will be an interpreter at each one to explain more about the piece.

That same day, the Tour De Biennale is taking place for more serious cyclists.

Tour De Biennale is an 85K ride from West Vancouver to Richmond and tours the perimeter of the sculpture installations.

"Vancouver is an outside-lifestyle city," said Mowatt. "This ride lets the art be seen in our own environment."