



The Victoria Event Centre Visual Guide

This venue guide is to help you prepare for your visit to the VEC.

It includes information about the theatre's location, a visual guide to the space, and what you can expect when you come to see a show.



TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Victoria Event Centre is located in Downtown Victoria, BC, on the territories of the ləkʷəŋən people, now known as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

For further information, please visit

<https://intrepidtheatre.com/land-acknowledgement-resources/>



ABOUT

The Victoria Multicultural Society operates the Victoria Event Centre. The VEC has been home to countless shows that have brought theatre, comedy, burlesque, cultural performance, activism, and live music to the diversity of visitors who find their way into our venue.

Atomic Vaudeville, Fringe Fest, Jazz Fest, and Rifflandia are a few of the productions that make regular use of the venue, and they host events seven days a week.

LOCATION

The Victoria Event Centre is located at **1415 Broad St, Victoria, BC V8W 2B2, ləkʷəŋən territory.**

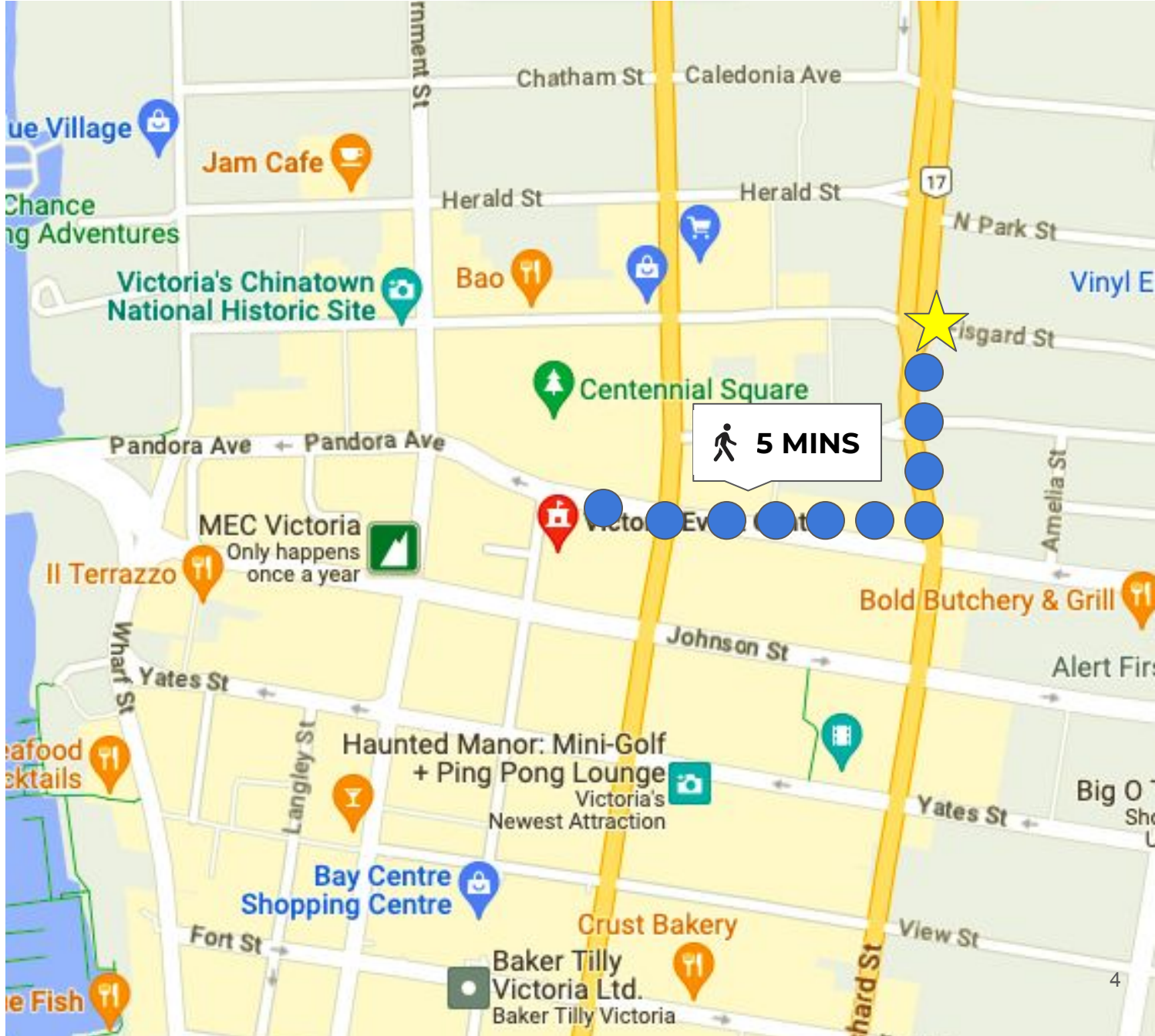
Information on bus routes on page 6.

SITE MAP

[Click on this link to view on Google Maps.](#)



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OFFICE
(2-1609
Blanshard St)



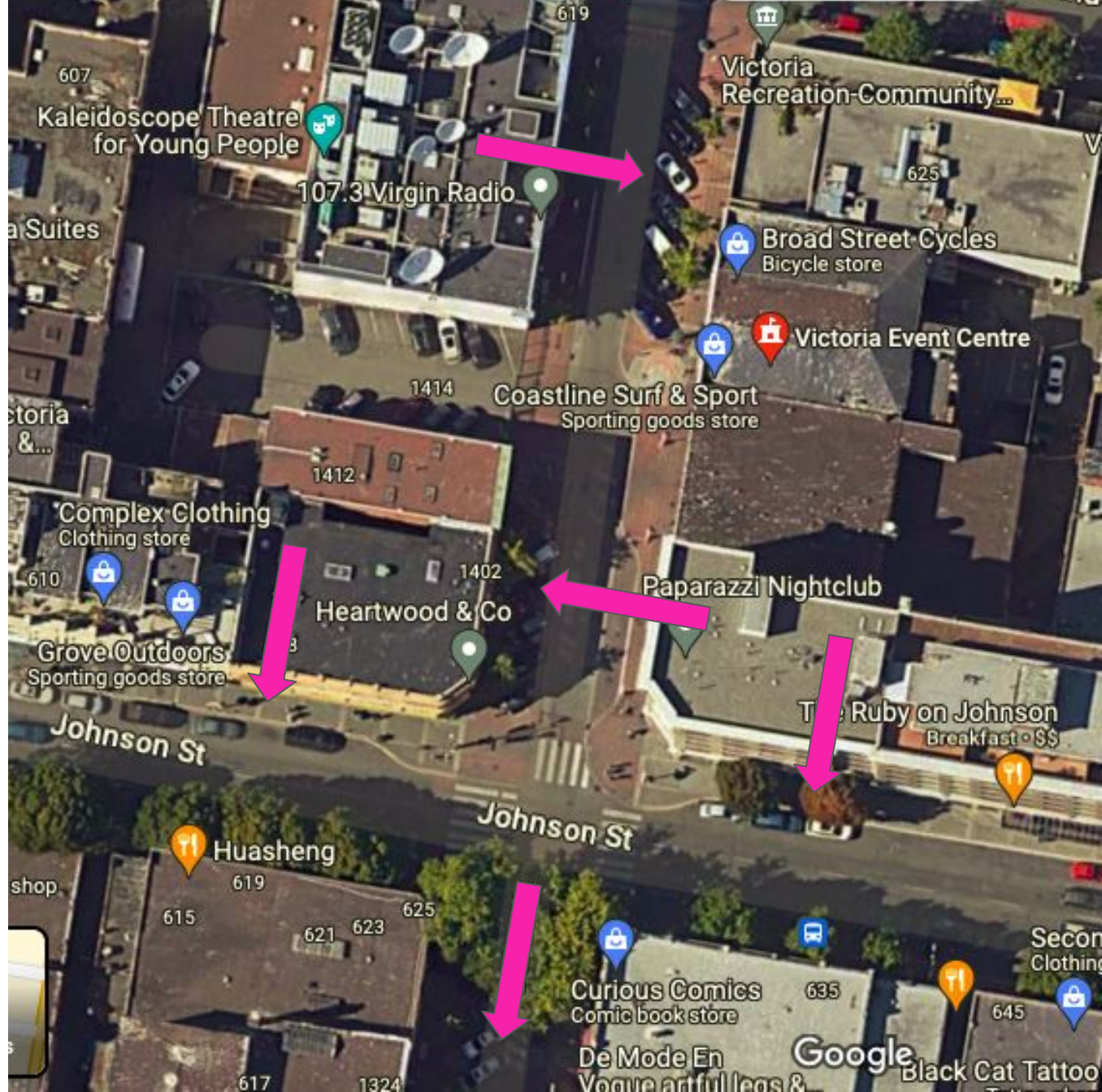
PARKING

There is paid parking on both sides of Broad St in front of the VEC;

90 Min Max,
8am-8pm
Mon-Sun.

There are other rows of parking further south on Broad St with the same parameters.

As well, there is **street parking** along Johnson Street



TRANSIT



The BC transit bus routes that run near the VEC are:

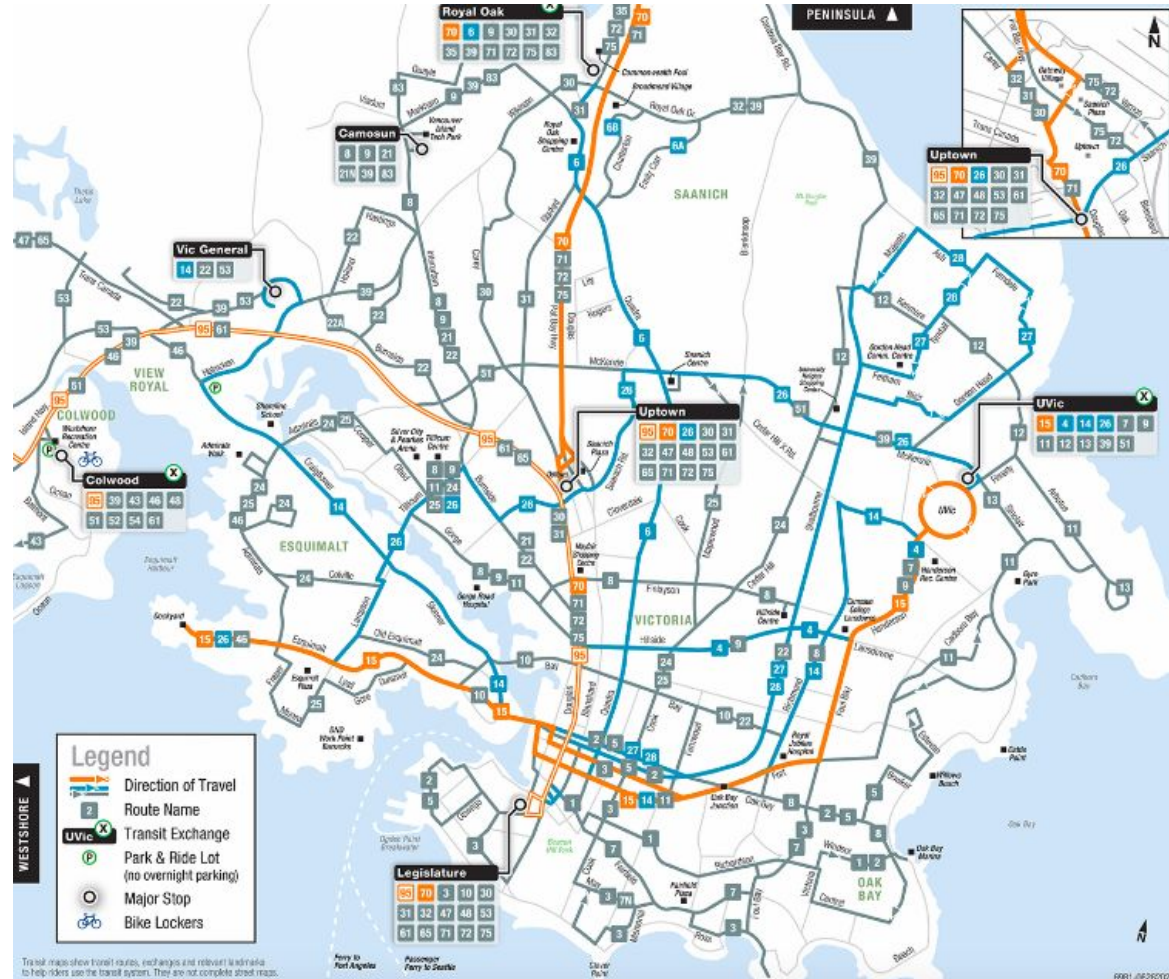
#10, 24, 25 along Johnson St. Since it is a one-way, these routes would return down Pandora or Yates St.

#14, 15, along Pandora Street.

#30, 7, 11, 21, 22 and several more on Douglas St.

[Click this link](#) to see nearby bus stops and their accompanying routes.

[Click this link](#) for the BC Transit website, complete with schedules, routes, and image descriptions including the one to the right.



CYCLING



There are protected bike lanes along Pandora Ave. and Johnson St, on either side of the VEC.

There are two small bike bars in front of the VEC, two more across the street, and several more along Johnson St.

[Click this link](#) to find your safest cycling route to the VEC from your location.



WHEN YOU ARRIVE

The main entrance for Pick of the Fringe will be the red doors on Broad St.

There are 27 wooden steps on the staircase, with two guard rails on both sides.

There is an elevator on the other side of the building.

A Fringe volunteer at the main entrance will escort you around the building to the elevator if you request it.



THE LOBBY

At the top of the stairs, you'll be in the lobby. This is where you'll show your Fringe button to a Fringe Volunteer and a VEC representative, who will then usher you into the main event space.



ENTERING THE SPACE



When you enter the space, the stage will be on the right hand side, which is where the show will take place. To the left are all the tables and chairs and the bar.

Feel free to take a seat wherever you like, however exterior tables may be reserved for patrons with mobility aids.



SEATING

View from the stage



View from the bar

THE BAR

The bar will be open for the duration of the event for beverage purchases. There will be NO FOOD available.

This year, Pick of the Fringe is scheduled to occur several hours after the last Fringe show, meaning there will be opportunity to eat beforehand.

[Here is a map of food near the venue.](#)



ELEVATOR

The elevator is located in the back alley off Pandora St.

A Separate door with a VEC canopy indicates a door to enter the elevator alcove. The elevator has a pull door that opens outwards.

A Fringe Volunteer will accompany you to the elevator and assist you if you need it.



ELEVATOR

To operate the elevator, press and hold on the button until the elevator arrives and makes a clicking sound.

The door will then swing open outward. Inside the elevator, press the button for the 2nd floor and wait to be lifted.



EXITING THE ELEVATOR

View from the second floor landing



View from the elevator (you will exit near the stage on the opposite side of the venue from the main doors)



EMERGENCY EXITS

There are **THREE** emergency exits. The first is in the North-East corner of the space, opposite the main doors. These doors will lead you down two flights of stairs and into the alleyway, at which point you can exit onto Pandora St.



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The **SECOND** emergency exit is in the accessible washroom hallway, past both bathrooms and left around the corner. This exit leads back to the lobby where you will exit down the stairs.



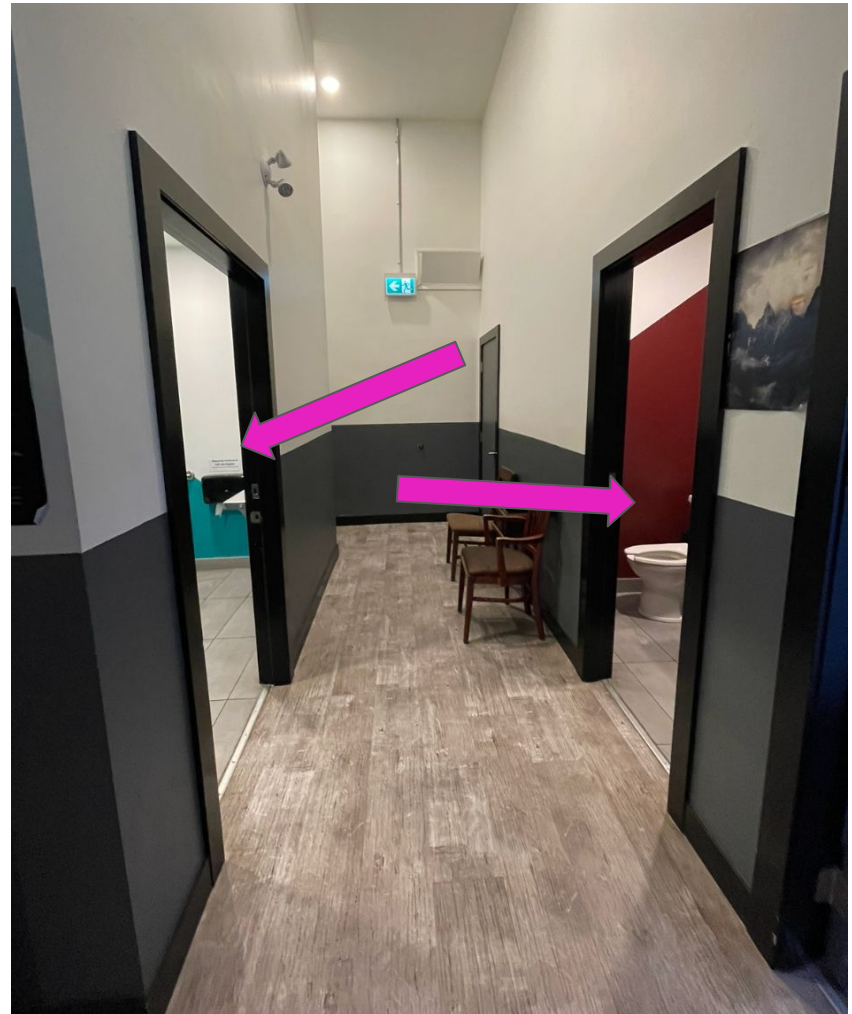
WASHROOMS



Near the entrance to the space there is a washroom on the right hand wall. This is an all-gender washroom, with three urinals and three stalls.

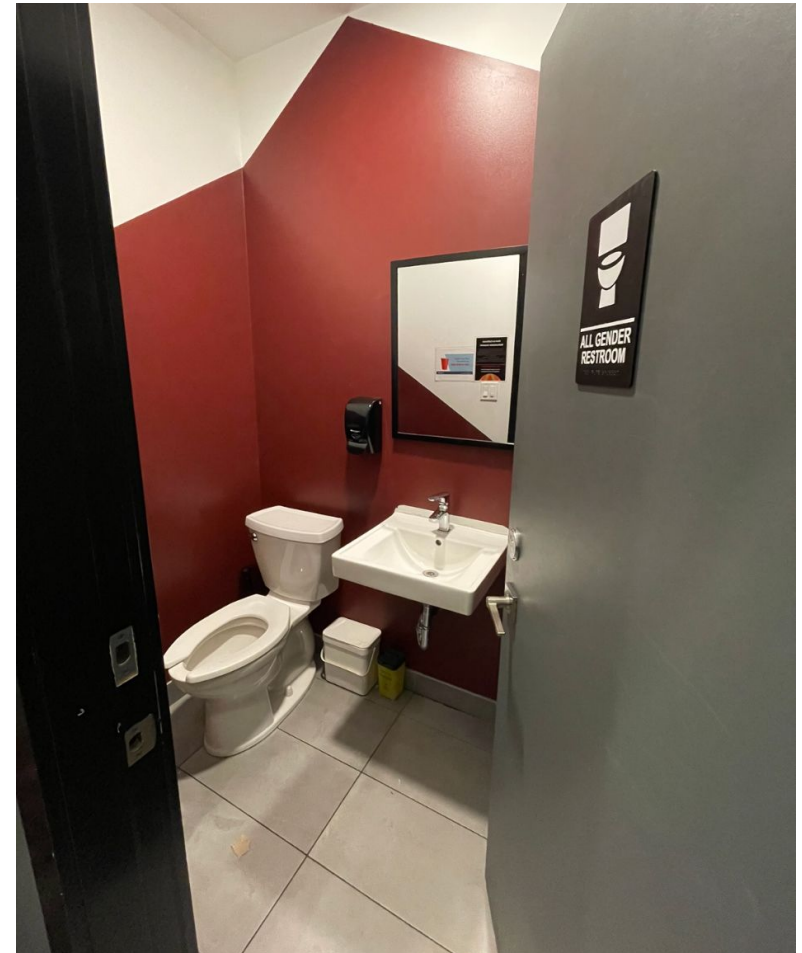
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The second set of washrooms are in the hallway at the South-West side of the room, around the corner from the main entryway.



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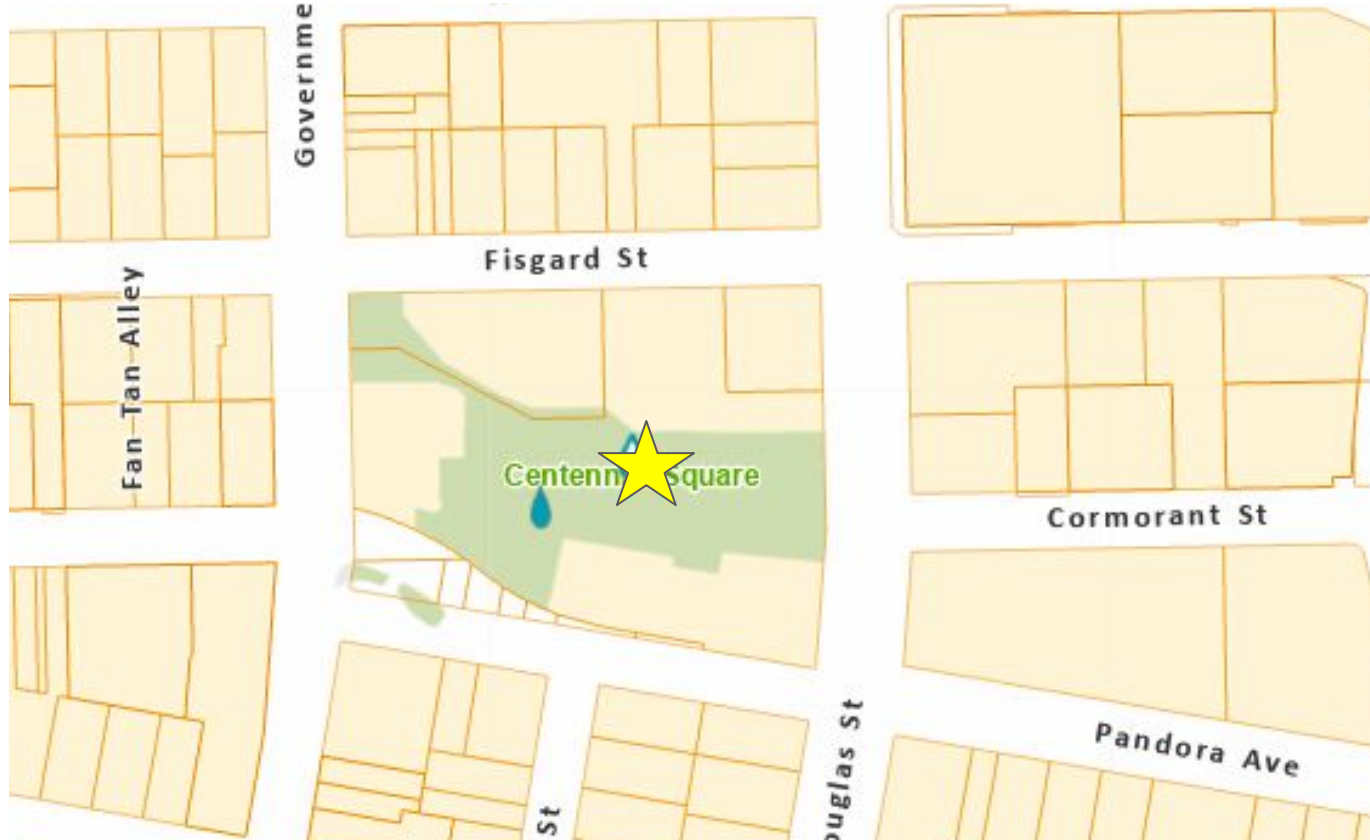
The washroom on the left (blue) is wheelchair accessible, with a grab bar to the right of the toilet.



MISTING STATIONS

In case of extreme heat, Victoria has 13 misting stations for public use. The nearest station is at Centennial Square.

All misting stations can be found [here on this list](#).



DURING THE SHOW

This venue is being used for 'Pick of the Fringe', our closing event for the festival each year where artists are invited to celebrate and receive awards for their shows.

Doors : 9pm

Show: 10pm

End: 11:30pm

Visit victoriafringe.com for more information.

During the show, the performers will usually be on the stage, but may be in the audience area too. Any interaction with audience members will be prefaced in the front of house speech, and performers will seek consent before any interaction takes place.

Throughout the show, the audience claps. Some patrons choose to wave their hands in the air should they not want to clap due to noise, and some choose to cover their ears if needed.



YOUR HOSTS



SEAN GUIST

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

INTREPID THEATRE



EMMETT MACMILLEN

FRINGE PRODUCER

INTREPID THEATRE

COVID SAFETY

Masks are strongly recommended for audiences, volunteers, Fringe staff and artists.

Artists are not required to wear masks during their performance.

Should you have any questions regarding this COVID-19 Safety & Communicable Disease Prevention Plan, please contact: Emmett MacMillen, Producer, Intrepid Theatre
(emmett@intrepidtheatre.com / 250-383-2663)

FRINGE ACCESSIBILITY PAGE

For information about accessibility measures at Victoria Fringe, such as relaxed performances, American Sign Language interpretation, and visual stories, visit our website <https://bit.ly/fringeaccess>.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT!

If you have attended a show at this venue and have further suggestions to include or correct in this guide, please take a moment to fill out our brief [feedback form](#).

You can also share your thoughts with us through email at pa@intrepidtheatre.com or by phone at 250-383-2633.

We are committed to continuously improving our accessibility resources and appreciate your help.