

# Salt Spring Island Transit

## RIDER'S GUIDE

Effective May 4, 2024



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### Welcome Aboard

Your local transit system runs seven days a week. Buses serve the Ganges area with service to Fulford Harbour, Vesuvius, Long Harbour, Fernwood and Walker's Hook.

Salt Spring Island Transit provides fixed-route service only, providing scheduled service to major destinations and residential areas.

### About Your Transit System

Funding for your local transit system is cost-shared between the Capital Regional District (CRD) and BC Transit.

Decisions on fares, routes and service levels are made by the Regional District Board based on public feedback and information provided by BC Transit and the CRD's SSI Transportation Commission. Buses are operated by Salt Spring Transit.

Operating costs are covered by a combination of farebox revenue, local taxation, and provincial funding.

### Contact

Customer Information 250-537-6758  
 Lost and Found 250-537-6758  
 Email info@saltspringtransit.ca  
 Web bctransit.com

If you have comments about service in general or suggestions for improvements, contact:

Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
 Phone 250-537-4448  
 Email saltspring@crd.bc.ca

### Holiday Service

There is no bus service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other holidays have transit service on a Sunday schedule.

Subject to change. Check online at bctransit.com for special event service.

### Pass Programs

#### Free Transit for Children 12 and Under

Children aged 6 to 12 ride conventional and handyDART buses for free, without requiring a fare product or identification.

Children aged 5 and under will need to be accompanied by an attendant 12 years or older to ride for free. Children must board and depart at the same stop as the attendant.

### Tax Exemption

You do not pay tax when you purchase your transit fare. Transit fares are exempt from federal and provincial tax.

### Government of BC Bus Pass Program

The BC Bus Pass Program is offered by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The annual bus pass is valid for the eligible rider on any fixed-route transit service. The pass is non-transferable.

For information on criteria for eligibility, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/buspassprogram](http://www.gov.bc.ca/buspassprogram) or call 1-866-866-0800.

### Safety

#### The Bus is a Safe Place

Transit drivers can contact local police, ambulance and other emergency services. Transit drivers are also trained to assist a child or adult in need. Tell the driver if you are concerned about your safety.

BC Transit's safety and security practices uphold the *British Columbia Transit Act* and the *B.C. Motor Vehicle Act*.

#### Be Safe and Be Seen

Sometimes it is difficult for transit drivers to see you at bus stops, especially along unlit roads. Wear light coloured clothing, wear a reflective strip, use a flashlight or use the light from your mobile phone to signal the driver that you are at the stop.

### How to Ride

#### Bike Racks

Most bikes can be accommodated on BC Transit buses. If you are considering travelling by bike and transit, instructions are posted on the bike racks.

Before your bus arrives, make sure that saddlebags, antennas, helmets, child carriers or any other item that could interfere with the driver's vision are removed from the bike. Electric bikes are only allowed on the bike rack when they weigh less than 25kg (55 lbs.), their wheels fit properly in the bike rack, and the battery (lithium only)

is removed from the bike and brought on board the bus with the customer.

Bike racks on community buses can only be used during daylight hours. Bikes block the headlights at night. Visit *Rider Info* at bctransit.com for an instructional video.

### Flagging the Bus

Some rural areas do not have physical bus stops. In these areas, customers "wave" a bus down on designated roads.

When you want to flag the bus, find a safe location along the route and wave at the bus. A safe location is one where visibility is good and where the bus can easily pull off the road, such as a driveway. The same guidelines apply getting off the bus. Ask the driver to find a safe place to stop, close to where you want to get off.

The driver may not be able to safely stop for you if the posted speed limit exceeds 60 km/hr.

### Pets on Board

Only small fur-bearing and feathered pets contained in secure, clean, hand-held cages are permitted on the bus. Cages (hard or soft shell) must be small enough to fit on the owner's lap. Customers must hold on to their cages at all times. If there is room, the customers may place and hold the cage beside them on the floor. The cage should not block the aisle or restrict other customers.

### Guide Dogs and Service Dogs

BC Transit welcomes guide and service dogs on our buses for persons with disabilities in accordance to the Guide Dog and Service Dog Act (GDSDA) and the BC Human Rights Code. *You will not be asked to provide GDSDA certification*; however, when coming on board with a guide dog or service dog, **the dog must be on leash or wearing a harness** and not occupy a seat. Emotional Support or Therapy dogs are not covered under the GDSDA, therefore, they are not permitted on BC Transit vehicles. Guide and/or service dogs are expected to be non-disruptive and non-aggressive while on board the vehicle..

### Fares

subject to change

#### Cash

Adult/Student/Senior \$ 2.25  
 Child, 12 and under free

*Please have exact cash fare ready. Drivers do not carry change.*

#### Tickets (10)

Adult/Student/Senior 20.00

#### DayPASS

Adult/Student/Senior 4.50

#### Monthly Pass

Adult 50.00  
 Student/Senior\* 40.00

\* Reduced fare with valid I.D. for persons 65 or over and students in full-time attendance to Grade 12.

### Ticket and Pass Outlets

- Capital Regional District  
 SSI Administration, 108-121 McPhillips Ave
- Country Grocer, 374 Lower Ganges Rd
- Pharmasave, 104 Lower Ganges Rd
- Salt Spring Mercantile, 2915 Fulford-Ganges Rd
- Thrifty Foods, 114 Purvis Ln

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Transit Info 250-537-6758  
[bctransit.com](http://bctransit.com)

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### Transit Tips

Here are some courtesy and safety tips to keep in mind while travelling on the bus.



#### Always

- ✓ plan to arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early
- ✓ have your correct fare ready before boarding
- ✓ take a seat as soon as possible after boarding
- ✓ hold on while the bus is in motion
- ✓ be a good neighbour – yelling or loud music on the bus can be distracting for the driver and other passengers

#### Never

- ✗ stand in the street or sit on the curb when the bus approaches
- ✗ run after or hit the side of a moving bus
- ✗ allow your children to stand or kneel on the seat while riding the bus
- ✗ enter the street in front of or directly behind a stopped bus – make sure traffic can see you
- ✗ use offensive or abusive language on the bus

**BUS Ready**

## Do you know about BusReady?

It's BC Transit's educational program for kids.

Learn more at:  
[busready.bctransit.com](http://busready.bctransit.com)

**Children 12 and under ride for free!**

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## Get Your Bus Pass

*It's economical, convenient & green*

- Save money on bus travel, gas and parking.
- Convenient, reliable and secure.
- A green initiative that reduces traffic congestion and air pollution.

### Monthly Passes

Available to students (to Grade 12) and seniors at a discounted rate.

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## This is your time.

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### Courtesy Counts!

Thank you for being courteous and respectful of your driver and fellow passengers.

- Seats are for customers, not bags, feet or wet umbrellas. Place and hold your bag on your lap or on the floor where it will not obstruct the aisles or other customers.
- Be mindful of your belongings as you walk through the bus – you may be accidentally bumping into other customers as you pass.
- Please keep your cell phone conversations at a reasonable sound level.



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### Rider's Info

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Visit **Rider's Info** and learn more about:

- Transit travel tips
- Safety guidelines
- How-to-ride videos



## Spring Service

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### 1 Ganges Local

Monday to Friday				
(A)	(D)	(H)	(C)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Meadowbrook	Hospital/Crofton	Brinkworthy Place	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges
8:40	8:43	8:46	8:50	8:57
10:00	10:03	10:06	10:10	10:17
12:00	12:03	12:06	12:10	12:17
2:06	2:09	2:12	2:16	2:23
4:02	4:05	4:08	4:12	4:19
Saturday				
7:19	7:22	7:25	7:29	7:36
9:00	9:03	9:06	9:10	9:17
9:58	10:01	10:04	10:08	10:15
12:43	12:46	12:49	12:53	1:00
2:53	2:56	2:59	3:03	3:10
Sunday				
7:23	7:26	7:29	7:33	7:40
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
12:05	12:08	12:11	12:15	12:22
2:05	2:08	2:11	2:15	2:22
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22

For additional Ganges Local service see 6 SS Connector.

### 2 Fulford Harbour

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(B)	(J)	(K)	(E)	(E)	(K)	(J)	(I)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Blackburn and Fulford Ganges	Burgoyne Bay Rd	Isabella Point Rd	Fulford Harbour	Fulford Harbour	Isabella Point Rd	Burgoyne Bay Rd	Cushoon Lake and Fulford Ganges	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges
5:40	5:46	5:53	5:57	6:00	6:00	6:03	6:07	6:14	6:20
7:05	7:11	7:18	7:22	7:25	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:07	9:13	9:20	9:24	9:27	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:05	11:11	11:18	11:22	11:25	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
1:10	1:16	1:23	1:27	1:30	1:40	1:43	1:47	1:54	2:00
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
Saturday									
5:40	5:46	5:53	5:57	6:00	6:00	6:03	6:07	6:14	6:20
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:05	9:11	9:18	9:22	9:25	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
9:25	9:31	9:38	9:42	9:45	9:50	9:53	9:57	10:04	10:10
10:05	—	—	—	10:25	10:30	10:33	10:37	10:44	10:50
10:45	10:51	10:58	11:02	11:05	11:05	11:08	11:12	11:19	11:25
11:05	11:11	11:18	11:22	11:25	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
1:10	—	—	—	1:50	1:55	1:58	2:02	2:09	2:15
12:05	12:11	12:18	12:22	12:25	12:30	12:33	12:37	12:44	12:50
12:15	12:21	12:28	12:32	12:35	12:40	12:43	12:47	12:54	1:00
1:05	1:11	1:18	1:22	1:25	1:40	1:43	1:47	1:54	2:00
1:45	1:51	1:58	2:02	2:05	2:05	2:08	2:12	2:19	2:25
3:05	3:11	3:18	3:22	3:25	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
4:35	4:41	4:48	4:52	4:55	4:55	4:58	5:02	5:09	5:15
5:05	5:11	5:18	5:22	5:25	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00
5:20	—	—	—	5:40	5:50	5:53	5:57	6:04	6:10
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:05	9:11	9:18	9:22	9:25	9:35	9:38	9:42	9:49	9:55
Sunday									
9:05	9:11	9:18	9:22	9:25	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:05	11:11	11:18	11:22	11:25	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
1:10	1:16	1:23	1:27	1:30	1:40	1:43	1:47	1:54	2:00
3:05	3:11	3:18	3:22	3:25	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
5:05	5:11	5:18	5:22	5:25	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00
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For additional Vesuvius service see 6 SS Connector.

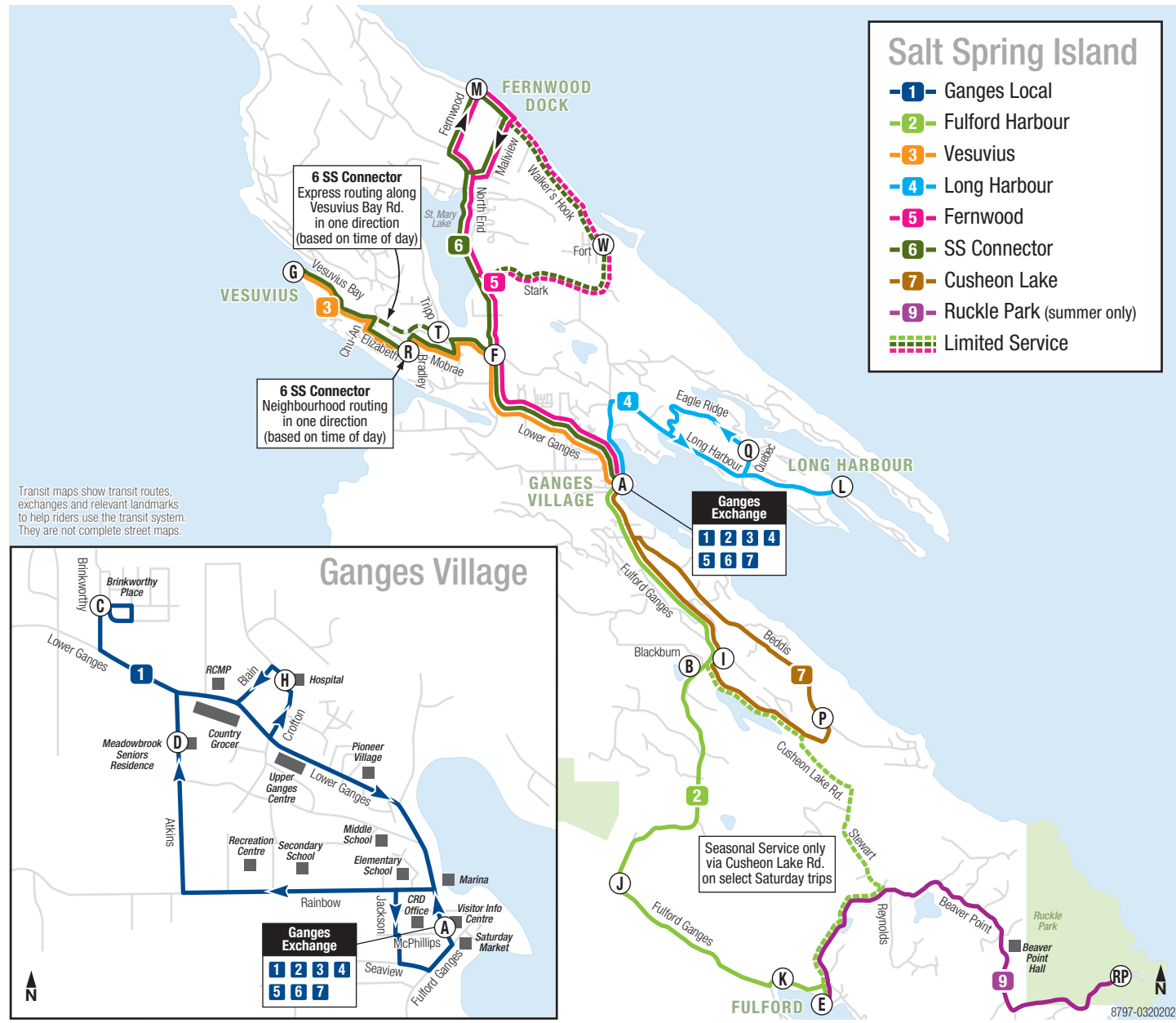
Monday to Friday									
(A)	(F)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(F)	(A)		
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Elizabeth and Bradley	Vesuvius Bay	Vesuvius Bay	Elizabeth and Bradley	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges		
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03	8:10	8:14	8:18	8:25		
9:05	9:11	9:15	9:21	9:25	9:29	9:33	9:40		
10:17	10:23	10:27	10:33	10:40	10:44	10:48	10:55		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
2:27	2:33	2:37	2:43	2:50	2:54	2:58	3:05		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		
4:57	5:03	5:07	5:13	5:20	5:24	5:28	5:35		
6:12	6:18	6:22	6:28	6:35	6:39	6:43	6:50		
Saturday									
6:32	6:38	6:42	6:48	6:55	6:59	7:03	7:10		
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03	8:10	8:14	8:18	8:25		
10:17	10:23	10:27	10:33	10:40	10:44	10:48	10:55		
11:36	11:42	11:46	11:52	11:57	12:01	12:05	12:12		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		
Sunday									
9:00	9:06	9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:31	9:38		
11:32	11:38	11:42	11:48	11:55	11:59	12:03	12:10		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		

For additional Vesuvius service see 6 SS Connector.

### 3 Vesuvius

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(F)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(F)	(A)		
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Elizabeth and Bradley	Vesuvius Bay	Vesuvius Bay	Elizabeth and Bradley	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges		
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03	8:10	8:14	8:18	8:25		
9:05	9:11	9:15	9:21	9:25	9:29	9:33	9:40		
10:17	10:23	10:27	10:33	10:40	10:44	10:48	10:55		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
2:27	2:33	2:37	2:43	2:50	2:54	2:58	3:05		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		
4:57	5:03	5:07	5:13	5:20	5:24	5:28	5:35		
6:12	6:18	6:22	6:28	6:35	6:39	6:43	6:50		
Saturday									
6:32	6:38	6:42	6:48	6:55	6:59	7:03	7:10		
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03	8:10	8:14	8:18	8:25		
10:17	10:23	10:27	10:33	10:40	10:44	10:48	10:55		
11:36	11:42	11:46	11:52	11:57	12:01	12:05	12:12		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		
Sunday									
9:00	9:06	9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:31	9:38		
11:32	11:38	11:42	11:48	11:55	11:59	12:03	12:10		
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18	1:25	1:29	1:33	1:40		
3:42	3:48	3:52	3:58	4:05	4:09	4:13	4:20		

For additional Vesuvius service see 6 SS Connector.



### 4 Long Harbour

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(L)	(L)	(Q)	(A)					
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Long Harbour	Long Harbour	Quebec and Eagle Ridge	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges					
10:30	10:40	10:45	10:48	11:00					
1:40	1:50	1:53	1:56	2:08					
3:10	3:20	3:25	3:28	3:40					
Saturday									
6:45	6:55	6:55	6:58	7:10					
8:21	8:31	8:37	8:40	8:52					
11:20	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:55					
2:30	2:40	2:42	2:45	2:57					
3:11	3:21	3:25	3:28	3:40					
Sunday									
5:55	6:05	6:05	6:08	6:20					
10:55	11:05	11:10	11:13	11:25					
1:05	1:15	1:20	1:23	1:35					
2:45	2:55	3:00	3:03	3:15					

### 5 Fernwood

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(F)	(W)	(M)	(M)	(W)	(F)	(A)		
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Walker's Hook and Fort	Fernwood Dock	Fernwood Dock	Walker's Hook and Fort	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges		
8:25	8:31	8:38	8:49	8:49	—	8:58	9:05		
9:50	9:56	10:03	10:14	10:14	—	10:23	10:30		
12:20	12:26	12:33	12:44	12:44	—	12:53	1:00		
2:08	2:14	—	2:20	2:20	—	2:29	2:36		
4:21	4:27	—	4:33	4:33	—	4:46	4:53		
6:00	6:06	—	6:12	6:12	—	6:25	6:32		
Saturday									
7:15	7:21	—	7:27	7:27	—	7:36	7:43		
8:30	8:36	—	8:42	8:42	—	8:51	8:58		
12:00	12:06	12:13	12:24	12:24	—	12:33	12:40		
2:00	2:06	—	2:12	2:12	—	2:21	2:28		
4:20	4:26	—	4:32	4:32	—	4:45	4:52		
Sunday									
9:45	9:51	—	9:57	9:57	—	10:06	10:13		
10:35	10:41	—	10:47	10:47	—	10:56	11:03		
12:20	12:26	12:33	12:44	12:44	—	12:53	1:00		
2:29	2:35	—	2:41	2:41	—	2:50	2:57		
4:20	4:26	—	4:32	4:32	—	4:45	4:52		

For additional Fernwood and Walker's Hook service see 6 SS Connector.

### 6 SS Connector AM

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(F)	(W)	(M)	(F)	(T)	(G)	(R)	(F)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Walker's Hook and Fort	Fernwood Dock	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd and Tripp	Vesuvius Bay	Elizabeth and Bradley	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	
6:20	6:26	—	6:32	6:41	6:43	6:47	6:51	6:55	7:02
Saturday									
6:20	6:26	6:33	6:44	6:53	6:55	6:59	7:		