



ACCESS INFO & EVENT GUIDE



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ABOUT QTFM

LOCATION

Banfield Park & Vic West Community Centre
521 Craigflower Road, 'Victoria'
unceded lək'wəŋən territories

MISSION

To provide a celebratory space
that amplifies the joy of being queer.

To build resilience within our community
and strengthen our local network.

To prioritize care, access, and harm reduction
at every juncture.

This Event & Access Guide was compiled by
Queer Trans Farmers' Market volunteers.
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whose "How to Create Access Info" zine serves
as our template for this document.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Queer & Trans Farmers' Market (QTFM) offers a vital space for queer people to connect with and invest in each other. We are committed to fostering community care and creating a celebratory and safer space. QTFM aims to uphold the following shared values:

- **Minimize barriers to participation.** Accessibility is prioritized in the planning of this event. We aim to create a space where everyone can partake regardless of financial capacity.
- **Recognize privilege to participate.** Having the capacity to volunteer in this event is a privilege itself. We recognize that while we oppose systems of oppression (capitalism, racism, sexism, colonialism, homophobia, etc.), we have also benefited from them. We look to reduce harm wherever possible and take seriously any behaviors rooted in exerting power over another person or group.
- **No policing of others.** Please don't act like cops to each other! Find a volunteer if you need support de-escalating any situation, or if you are feeling uncomfortable or unsafe. We will work discreetly with you to address the behavior. You can also report concerns via email at qtfm.yyj@gmail.com.
- **Take care of one another.** We encourage attendees to exercise their compassion. Safer spaces rely on each and every one of us. Harm reduction and support (including a low-stimulation space) will be available on-site at QTFM.
- **Cultivate a culture of consent.** We honour bodily autonomy and prioritize consent. Non-consensual touching and behaviors will not be tolerated.

By sharing this space, you are expected to share these values - any violations of this code of conduct **will be addressed**. The QTFM organizing team retains the right to take protective actions for the safety of others in our space, namely the queer and trans community.

GETTING TO QTFM

BUS & BIKE

The **#14 Vic General** bus route stops at Craigflower Road and Pine Street, which is directly in front of Vic West Community Centre, 30m away from the park.

The Galloping Goose Trail connects to Banfield Park. **Anticipate construction along the Selkirk Trestle portion of the trail.**

Bike racks are located near the **Drop Off Zone**, as well as the entrances to both Banfield Dock and Vic West Community Center.

PARKING

Parking is very limited. Please bus, bike, walk or roll to QTFM if possible. If you must travel by car, please consider carpooling.

Street parking is available throughout the neighbourhood - be mindful of city signage and resident-only zones.

DROP-OFF ZONE

There is a **Drop-Off Zone** on Styles Street, off Craigflower Road. This is a great place to drop-off passengers to enjoy the event. **Please don't park here** - unattended vehicles will be towed!

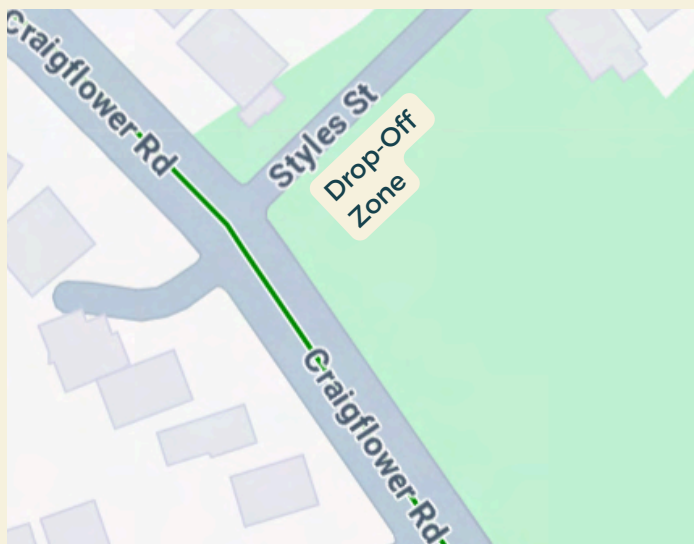


Image: A screenshot of a map indicating the location of the **Drop-Off Zone** at the corner of Craigflower and Styles St.

ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE/EXIT

There is no formal entrance or exit to QTFM, but the flattest entrance is on Craigflower Road, just before Styles St.

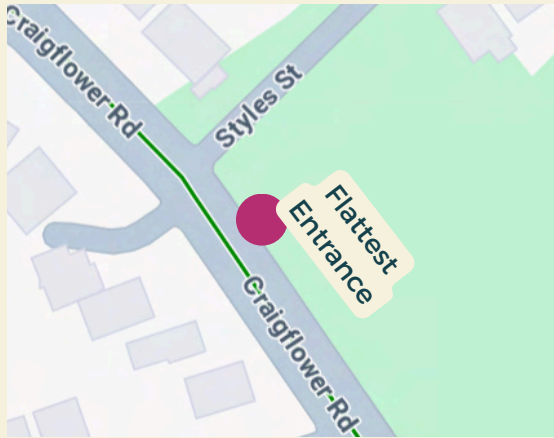


Image: A screenshot of a map indicating the location of the flattest entrance on **Craigflower Road**, near **Styles St**.

PRIORITY PARKING

We have reserved the parking lot beside the community center. Half of this lot will be blocked off for food trucks, but the remaining half is intended as **Priority Parking**. We will not be policing these spots, however, and cannot guarantee they will be available.

NOTE: only **one** of these parking stalls is a truly accessible stall. We've designated the remaining stalls as 'priority' parking, reserving it for folks with mobility challenges who would benefit from parking in close proximity to the event.

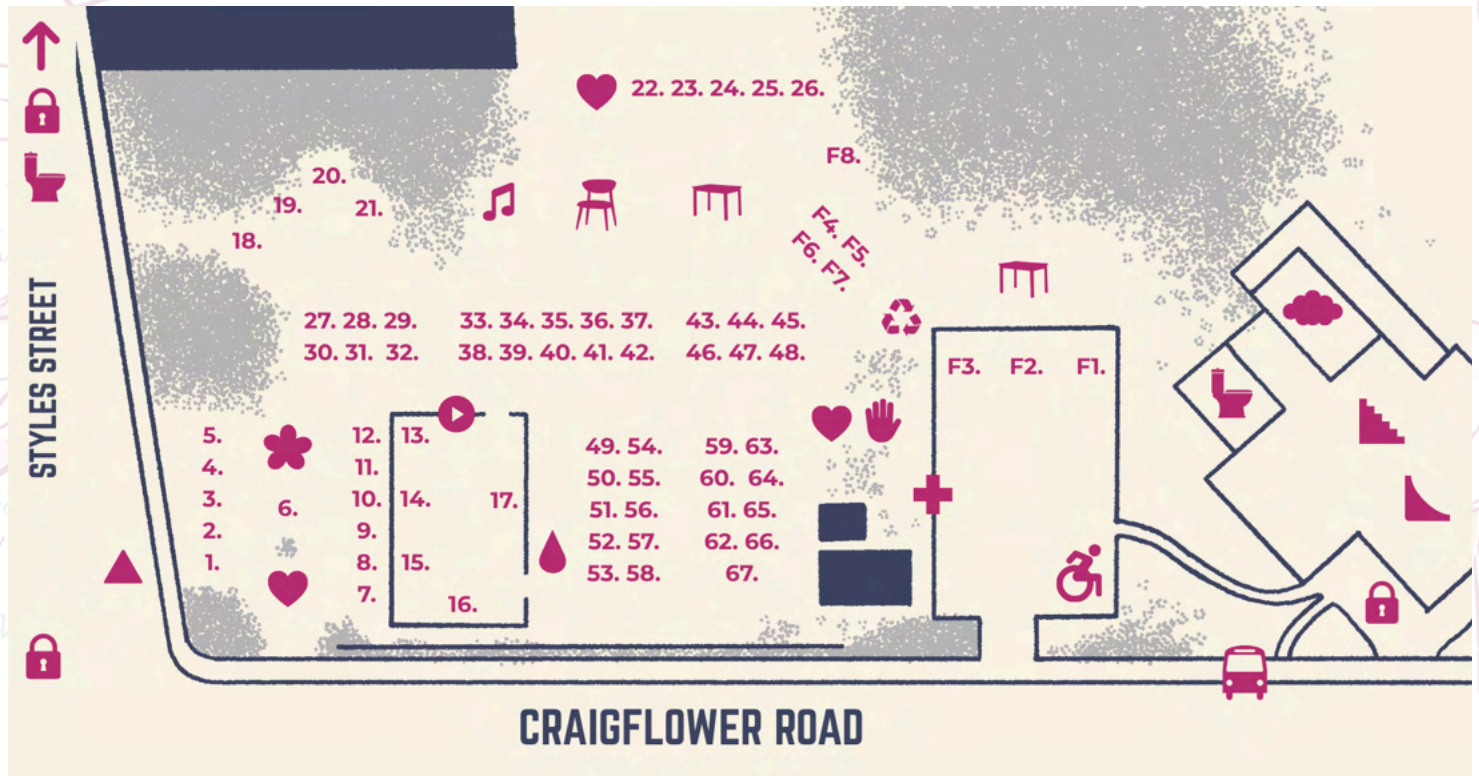
If you use the parking lot, **please vacate your parking stall by 6 P.M.** to allow for tear-down.



Image: A photograph of the parking lot beside Vic West Community Centre. The accessible parking stall is indicated with an icon of a person using a wheelchair. The stall is second in from the entrance to the lot and is to the right of a curb cut.

ENJOYING THE EVENT

MAP



LEGEND

	QTFM TENTS		WATER		DROP OFF ZONE
	STAGE		FIRST AID		BUS STOP
	ACTIVITY HUB		WASHROOMS		BIKE RACKS
	LOW STIM LOUNGE		SEATING		STAIRS
	RESOURCE GARDEN		TABLES		RAMP
	VOLUNTEER TENT		WASTE DIVERSION		PRIORITY PARKING

VENDORS

RESOURCE GARDEN

1. Burn Bright Counselling
2. PRISM Wellness AVI
3. Girlboy Zine
4. Viriditas Apothecary |
Home of Hijarta | Feryn
5. Camas Books and Info Shop
6. Intimate Access
7. Campus Community Garden
8. Community Food Support
9. Compost Education Center
10. Moonseed Herbals
11. Food Not Bombs | Shark Pile
18. Allies Integrated Health
19. Green Muse Herbs

ACTIVITY HUB

13. Rainbow Closet with
Companion Planting Counselling
14. Collage with
Otherways Counselling
15. Photo Booth with
Jacqueline Cooper Creative
16. Art is for Everyone with
Chen & Mo
17. Friendship Open House (1-3 PM)
with Slow Burn

FOOD

- F1. Greek N' Go
- F2. Frosana Treats
- F3. The Bannock Room
- F4. The Greener Side Farm
- F5. Cookie Jar Bakeshop
- F6. Dumpling Drop
- F7. My Pick
- F8. Hazel's Ice Cream

MARKETPLACE

12. tbhspoonrings |
Mila Rio

20. WYLDE
21. Esquimalt Flowers

22. Puppy Teeth Art
23. Little Boy Grimm
24. Beetleteeth
25. Lil Guys Emporium
26. Kids Zone by
Safe Haven

27. Sadie Goods |
Seeds & Spores
28. Glitaw Art
29. Earth & Bone Botanicals
30. Questioning Chimera |
Amber Gordon
31. Wildflower Finds
32. Strawbabymakes |
Hummingwren

33. Nightcrawler Creation Leather
34. userguide.png
35. Woodland Wool Crochet |
Pink Raven Crochet
36. Sapphic Sea Slug
37. The Spinnacle Yarn Cafe
38. Nocturnal Netizen
39. S & P Productions
40. Melonati Patch
41. K2theroc Jewelry
42. Eldie Creative |
Cross Stitcher to the Queer

44. Black Cat Tattoo Shop
45. Fernwood Craft Club
& Friends
46. Spice Bae
47. Abbie Originals |
Bolo Baby
48. Pyper's Knitter Critters
49. Sage Melling Art

50. Karl The | It's Kinda Ok
51. Maya Eden Prints |
Art by Abbey
52. Unceded Creations
53. Eclectic Cowboy
54. The Crows Nest Tarot
55. Fruity Ceramics
56. Fluid Chains
57. Leadlight Vagrant
Glassworks
58. Hundred Acre Goods
59. Moss & Arrow

60. Brianna Bear Art
61. Magpie Collective |
Riley Alexis
62. Brat Leather |
Lizard Breath
63. Sky's Dream Realm |
Sarah-N-Dipity
64. UPsycLit
65. Little Lucky Lizards |
Lavender & Rose
Cleaning Solutions
66. Tree 2 Sea
67. Sage's Cozy Corner
68. Heart & Hands Health
Collective | Queer
Keratin

MARKETPLACE

If you are planning on shopping the **Marketplace**, please bring cash! Many of our vendors accept card payments, but it isn't guaranteed.

Most of our vendors use a **sliding scale**, which asks the customer to choose their price within a suggested range. Please be thoughtful when doing so, and consider the following:

- The **high end** of the scale is for people who: are securely housed, employed, and fed; have expendable income and/or financial savings; can afford to 'treat themselves' and engage in stress-free 'retail therapy', etc
- The **low end** of the scale is for people who: are stressed about affording their basic needs, have unstable housing/employment, spend most of their income on rent and bills, etc

We know it's August, but... today is a great day to start holiday shopping! Perhaps birthday gifts for the remainder of 2026? And yes, you absolutely deserve that little treat! We hope our attendees can take joy in supporting our excellent vendors and strengthening the local economy.

RESOURCE GARDEN *

The Resource Garden is located between **Styles St** and the **Sport Court**. Here, you'll find local service providers, community groups, non-profit organizations, and some related vendors.

ACTIVITY HUB ▶

The **Activity Hub** is located in the **Sport Court**. Here, you'll find an array of different activities including:

- **Rainbow Closet** with Companion Planting Counselling (#13)
- **Collage** with Otherways Creative (#14)
- **Photobooth** by Jacqueline Cooper Media (#15)
- **Art is for Everyone** with Chen & Mo (#16)
- **Friendship Open House** with Tanille Geib of Slow Burn Dating (#17)

Join us from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for drop-in activities focused on building connection. This is a playful space to meet new folks – stay for a few minutes or the entire session.



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QTFM TENTS

There are three (3) **QTFM Tents** located through the event. Each tent has trained volunteers, information about the event, harm reduction, and fundraising for future community events.

LOW STIM LOUNGE

The **Low Stim Lounge** is located inside Vic West Community Centre. Once you enter, it is located down the stairs or ramp and to the left.

Masks are required in the lounge. Please eat elsewhere!

This is a space for rest and regulation - please be mindful of your volume while in the lounge.

KIDS ZONE (BOOTH # 26)

QTFM welcomes people of all ages!

Safe Haven Refugee Support Group is bringing us a **Kids Zone** with by-donation face painting, carnival games, and balloon animals! Find them in booth #26. There is also a playground behind the community center!

STAGE



TIME	PERFORMER
12:00pm-12:30pm	Indigenous Welcome with Brianna Bear
12:30pm-2:30pm	Queer Open Stage hosted by Sarah Rose Hébert
2:30-3:00pm	Music by Harmony Evangelina
3:00-3:30pm	Music by Q Brooke Bachand
4:00pm-4:30pm	Music by Hoèlune Hernandez
5:00pm-5:30pm	Drag Finale with Sylvester Staletto & Friends

The first hour of QTFM (11AM - 12PM) is a **Low Sensory Hour**. There will be no performances or music playing.

Earplugs are available at the **QTFM Tents**, and there is a **Low Stim Lounge** in the community centre.

ACCESSIBILITY

SEATING



We welcome you to picnic in the park! Bring your blankets and folding chairs and enjoy the beauty Banfield has to offer. Tables, chairs, and shade tents are located throughout the event, in particular near the **Stage** and **Food Trucks**. Most of the available seating are simple folding chairs.

INDOOR WASHROOMS

- There are 2 **all-gender** washrooms located inside the community center, down the hall to the left once you enter.
- Both washroom entrances are 33 inches with no lip.
- Each washroom has 2 stalls, including one 'accessible' stall.
 - The entrance to the accessible stalls in both washrooms are 29 inches wide.
 - The accessible stall in the left side washroom has a grab bar but the accessible stall in the right side washroom does not.
 - **NOTE:** The accessible stalls are on the smaller side, with limited room to turn a chair around. The stalls may not be big enough to support a care aid.
- Each washroom has roll-under sinks with 28 inches of clearance.
- Both washrooms have change-tables.
- Menstrual products will be available in the community center washrooms as part of our harm reduction.

OUTDOOR WASHROOMS

- There are 4 portable outhouses at the bottom of **Styles St**, close to the entrance of **Banfield Dock**.
- Two of the outhouses are at ground level with a slight lip. The entrances are 30 inches wide. There are low grab bars around in the interior of the outhouse.

Image: A photograph of the gravel path leading up to the portable washrooms at the bottom of Styles St.



TERRAINS & INCLINES

Unlike our previous venue, which was paved concrete, QTFM26 is taking place in a large field. The grassy field is often used as a dog park and can be uneven in spots. We know this terrain is not ideal for all mobility needs. Please refer to this photo when planning your visit:



Image: A photograph of the main market area. The ground is covered in medium length grass and is uneven in spots but is mostly level.

DOORWAYS & CLEARANCES

QTFM is mostly outdoors, but Vic West Community Centre has washrooms, water, and our **Low Stim Lounge**.

- The doorway to the community center is 30 inches wide, and has a push-to-open button. There is no lip.
- The doorways to the washrooms are 33 inches wide and have no lip.
- The doorway to the **Low Stim Lounge** is 33 inches wide and has a 1 inch high bump.
- There will be a minimum of 15 feet of clearance in the **Marketplace** aisles between vendor tent groupings.

SERVICE ANIMALS & PETS

Service animals are welcome in all areas of Banfield Park and Vic West Community Centre. **Leashed and well-behaved pets** are also welcome in the outdoor sections of QTFM. If you plan on shopping with your pet alongside you, **please be especially respectful of our vendors, their inventory, and displays.**

ASL INTERPRETATION

ASL-English Interpreters are available for this event.



Please note: **Performances will NOT be interpreted.** Announcements and introductions for performances will be interpreted and we will also have interpreters available to accompany guests through QTFM.

To request an interpreter to accompany you, please come to the **QTFM Tent** closest to the **Stage**.

SCENTS

Please refrain from wearing strongly scented products to the event (e.g. shampoo, perfume, sun screen).

Unscented hand soap is available in the indoor washrooms in the community centre, while unscented hand sanitizer is available in the outhouses.

SOUND & NOISE

There will be amplified sound for performances at our **Stage** from approximately **12:00-5:30pm**.

Free ear plugs are available at **QTFM Tents** as part of harm reduction.

Low Sensory Hour - the first hour of the event (11AM-Noon) will be free from amplified sound.

Low Stim Lounge is available in Vic West Community Centre.

SAFETY & HARM REDUCTION

WATER

Please bring your reusable water bottles! There is a city water fountain outside the **sport court**, and the sinks in the community center washrooms dispense drink-safe water.

FIRST AID

Saint John's Ambulance is located in the parking lot. If you have any medical needs, please report to them.

HEAT MANAGEMENT



There is an abundance of tree coverage at Banfield Park.

There are shade tents located near the **Stage**. The **Low-Stim Lounge** and community center at large are temperature controlled by a heat pump.

Sunscreen is available at the **QTFM Tents**, as part of our harm reduction.

SUBSTANCE USE

This is a substance-free event.

We recognize that abstinence is not feasible for all and refraining from substance use is not required to be in community. We appreciate you keeping QTFM safe by **not consuming substances within the event**.

If you are found consuming substances at the event, our volunteers will kindly ask you to take it elsewhere.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographers will be roaming throughout the day to capture the magic of QTFM!

Red Wristbands are available at the **QTFM Tents** for anyone who wishes NOT to be photographed. If you have concerns, any of our photographers are happy to delete pictures. You're also welcome to contact us after the event to request photos be deleted.

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REDUCING THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

We wish it weren't the case, but Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses are a threat to our community, especially our immuno-compromised members. Please stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness that are unusual to you.

Masks are **strongly encouraged outdoors**, and **required** in the **Low Stim Lounge**. Please bring your own mask! We will have a limited supply available for pick up at any of the **QTFM Tents**.

Masks4Victoria will be providing high quality air purifiers for use inside the **Low Stim Lounge**.

Why are masks encouraged outdoors? While being outdoors can decrease the risk of transmission, Covid-19 is airborne and can linger in the air like smoke, meaning that you can catch it even if you are outside. Wearing a mask indoors and outdoors at the market helps ensure that the only things you bring back from the market are delicious goodies, artisan crafts, and fond memories.

SUPPORTING US

This celebration couldn't have happened without the support of our many sponsors, partners, donors, and volunteers. It truly takes a village, and no contribution is too small.

We are continuing to raise funds for future community event programming. To support this effort:

- Purchase QTFM merchandise!
 - Stickers and buttons are available at **QTFM Tents** for a suggested donation of \$ 2-5 each.
- Donate funds!
 - Cash donations can be made to **QTFM Tents** on event day.
 - We accept e-transfer donations year-round at qtfm.yyj@gmail.com
 - It's helpful if you can put 'Donation' in the memo, but all funds go to the same cause!
- Bid in our **silent auction**, closing August 29th!
 - Check out the excellent prizes donated by our sponsors.
 - Find the silent auction through our website qtfm-yyj.com, Instagram, or at 32auctions.com/qtfm

CONTACTING US

The best way to contact our organizers is via email, at qtfm.yyj@gmail.com. We are entirely volunteer run and will get back to you as soon as we can!

Following the event, a feedback form will open on our website qtfm-yyj.com and social media. We thank you in advance for sharing your experience with us.

In queer & trans joy.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

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Selkie Counselling
The Cure Hotsauce
Metropol

FRIENDS (\$100)

Routine Coffee
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Victoria Community Food Hub Society
Companion Planting Counselling
Working Culture Bread
Hey Shauna Art Therapy
Sea Blush Gardening

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KWENCH
Puppy Teeth Art
Equity Books
Hiatus Hair Co
Orca Books
Camas
Beetletooth
Raven Coast Wellness
Eryn Alexander
Intamo Pleasurables
Dumpling Drop
Rootcellar
Belle General
The Cure Hot Sauce
Country Grocer
The Spinnacle Yarn
Sharon Pink
Role Play Hair
Spice Bay Hot Sauce
MA Yoga
Routine Coffee
Luna Collective
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Proper Poke
Habit Coffee
Heart + Hands Collective
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