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A Self-Guided Walking Tour of Wesbrook Place (approx. 45 minutes) Begin at Save-On-Foods

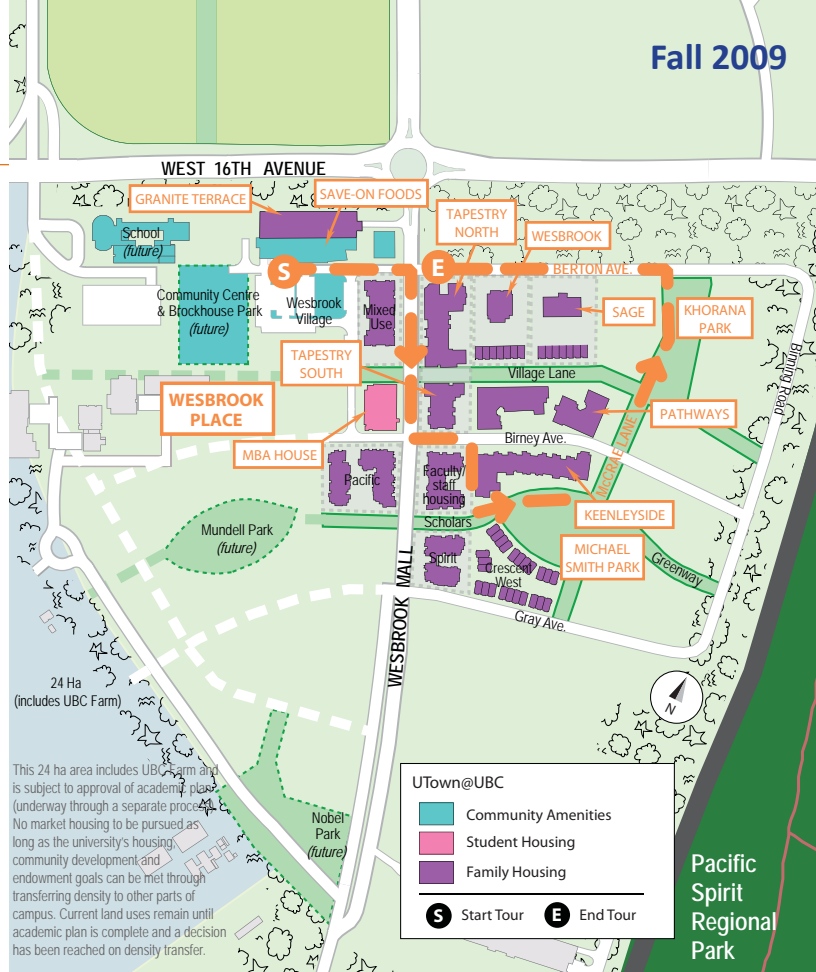
Wesbrook Place, UBC's latest family housing initiative, stretches across 100 acres of South Campus. Cross West 16th Avenue at Wesbrook Mall to enter this secluded village which, when completed, will be the largest neighbourhood on UBC's Vancouver campus. Over 5,000 students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni and members of the general public will live here in a mix of townhouses and apartments in both mid- and high-rise buildings.

Save-On-Foods on your right allows residents to stay on-site instead of driving or taking the bus off campus for their groceries. The 32,000 sq. ft. supermarket occupies the ground floor; above, **Granite Terrace** features three storeys of apartments and townhouses. Next door, a restaurant will fill the ground floor. Like Save-On-Foods, the 4,500 sq. ft. restaurant will be located in a mixed-use building with offices on the second and third floors. By providing key services and retail stores within walking distance, UBC is helping to promote sustainable alternatives to vehicles and, consequently, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Straight ahead on the corner of Wesbrook Mall and Birney Avenue sits the 4-storey **MBA House** for graduate students attending the Sauder School of Business. This is the first residence specifically for MBAs among all Canadian business schools and features 81 units for both single students and couples. **Blenz Coffee** is located in the lobby, offering free WiFi and lots of electrical outlets where students can work, research, recharge, and connect in large or small groups. The **Mozart School of Music Vancouver** is also located on the ground floor, featuring a range of programs for all ages and levels of ability. For busy families, the music school offers lessons before and after school as well as during lunch hour.

Cut between faculty and staff housing and head to **Keenleyside**, the first co-development in Wesbrook Place. Co-development provides UBC faculty and staff with a more affordable option for home ownership. By banding together, faculty and staff can save up to 20% off the market price of their home by reducing the typical project management and promotional costs. This four-storey building has 72 two- and three-bedroom apartments with ground level terraces or balconies. From Keenleyside, you can enter **Michael Smith Park**, named after UBC's first Nobel Laureate. Keep an eye out for landscape features that demonstrate how stormwater run-off is treated in Wesbrook Place as a resource to be managed, rather than as waste to be disposed.

On your left, peek in at **Pathways**—a multi-family housing project that earned a National SAM award from the Canadian Home Builders' Association in 2008. Pathways is the first building on campus to earn REAP Gold. Through REAP, UBC guides and



certifies the green building practices used to construct all residential projects on its Vancouver campus. Sustainable practices cover a broad range of strategies from installing energy efficient appliances and using organic construction materials to managing on-site erosion.

When you reach McCrae Lane, turn left and continue walking to **Khorana Park**. Aside from Michael Smith and Khorana Parks, there are three additional parks coming to Wesbrook Place: Nobel (*future*), Mundell (*future*) and Brockhouse (*future*). A dedicated system of trails and green streets link the parks to adjoining areas, including Pacific Spirit Regional Park, Main Mall Greenway and Hampton Place.

At Berton Avenue, turn left again. You will walk by three housing projects: **Sage**, **Wesbrook** and **Tapestry**. End the tour at Tapestry, a seniors community with 134 rental homes and 46 condominiums in two, six-storey midrisers to be completed and occupied in the fall of 2010. The two buildings will be linked by an above-ground walkway and a pedestrian greenway at street level. Innovative programmes are planned to ensure that the seniors at Tapestry are an integral part of the UTown@UBC community.

Local Points of Interest

UBC Farm

Pacific Spirit Regional Park

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