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Singer crosses country on foot

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An up-and-coming musician is hitting the road for a cross-Canada tour – by foot.

Simon Walls, a singer songwriter from Montreal, begins his journey in Victoria and plans to walk to Nanaimo and the rest of the country.



Simon Walls will be walking across Canada to introduce others to his music.

Photo contributed

Planning for the epic journey began more than a year ago. Walls departs from Victoria Monday (April 19).

“I’m really excited,” he said.

It’s not the first cross-country trip Walls walked.

In 2008 he traversed Spain, more than 1,000 kilometres, by foot, playing music the entire way. It was that journey which led to the inspiration for this journey across the third largest country in the world.

Walls will be carrying a 16-kilogram backpack, plus his guitar.

“It’s a small one,” he quipped.

He plans to walk 27 km a day, for six days a week. Each day he will be walking from five to seven hours, with a budget of \$30 a day for expenses, including accommodation. If anyone has a spare couch, he's willing to sleep on it.

Walls picked up the guitar at age 12 and has been playing ever since.

The music teacher worked with the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation and a youth house in Quebec, introducing children to music.

He toured Ontario and Quebec, promoting his self-financed album don't ask your eyes what the end looks like.

During the cross-Canada tour, he has a few dates booked at major centres. For any towns he stops in without shows, he'll simply busk on the streets. His schedule has him in Nanaimo for April 22 or 23.

Walls will be blogging about his experience as often as possible.

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