

# The dangers of conversation fragments: Overheard on the Burke-Gilman trail

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This past weekend, a group of us went on one last training ride before the STP, which begins tomorrow. The Burke-Gilman is a multipurpose trail, with bicyclists sharing the path with walkers, joggers, inline skaters, sometimes even people on horseback. (Inline nitpicker's corner: The horseback riders are on the Sammamish River Trail, which is technically a different trail from the Burke-Gilman even though the two connect seamlessly.) As you cycle past a group, you can sometimes catch a few words of conversation. Usually, those words are not noteworthy at all. "...said to her..." or "...opened up..." or "...whenever the..." Except when I passed one pair of walkers, I heard one of them say "...concentration camp..." **Traffic alert**

According to the Washington State Department of Transportation Construction Updates web site, "Crews will completely close SR 520 between Montlake Blvd. and 108th Avenue NE from 11 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday for the annual maintenance and inspection." Curiously, this isn't listed on the SR 520 Travel Alerts page.

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