

## Camping Ethics

There are 42 campsites with pit toilets. A disabled-accessible campsite and toilets are available.

A sani-station is provided at the campground entrance.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in provincial parks, except in your campsite.

Excessive noise is not allowed at any time. Consider your neighbours and observe the quiet time from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Do not operate noisy equipment or generators during this time.

Non-registered visitors are welcome during the day but must leave the park before 11 p.m.

All pets must be kept on a leash. They are not permitted in picnic or beach areas. Owners are responsible for disposing of pet droppings into garbage containers.

Tents, trailers, vehicles and other equipment must be confined to the gravel portion of the campsite. Parking is not permitted on roadsides.

Dishwashing and personal hygiene activities at the water taps may contaminate the water supply. Dumping grey water in or near campsites may harm wildlife and vegetation. Please use grey water disposal units or dispose of grey water in the outhouses or at the sani-station.

## Things to Do

**Scuba Diving:** The waters off Saltery Bay Park are a popular and rewarding scuba diving area. At 10 fathoms below the surface in front of Mermaid Cove, divers encounter a 3-metre bronze mermaid statue, the Emerald Princess. The diving ramp at Mermaid Cove provides wheelchair access for physically-disabled divers. The ramp is best used during high tide. A cold water rinse shower is available for divers.

**Beach Activities:** The beach area at the campground provides easy ocean access. A day-use picnic area and boat launch is located 1.5 kilometres west of the campground.

**Mermaid Trail:** A one-kilometre trail leads from the campground entrance to Mermaid Cove. Bicycles are prohibited.

A valid BC tidal waters sport fishing license is required for salt-water fishing and shellfish collection.

## Help Protect Our Environment

Trees, plants, rocks, shells and marine life are part of the park's natural heritage. The inhabitants of the intertidal zone at the edge of the ocean depend on each other for survival. Be careful where you step and return rocks and shells to their original position. Leave everything as you find it.

## Safety

The entrance gates are closed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

This park is patrolled by a Park Facility Operator. In case of an emergency call 911 or contact the Park Facility Operator at the Service Area.

A pay telephone is located at the Saltery Bay ferry terminal, 1 kilometre east.

Bicycles are permitted on park roadways and helmets are mandatory.

The beach at Saltery Bay is rocky and pebbly. Shoes are recommended. Please use caution on the slippery rocks.

There are no lifeguards at the swimming area. Watch children at all times.

Take care when boating in coastal waters as winds and weather can change very quickly, even in sheltered bays. Ensure your boat has the proper safety equipment before venturing out.

## Reservations

Campsite reservations can be made beginning March 1 for camping in the period mid-May to mid-September.

Reservations for campsites are available by calling Discover Camping toll-free at 1-800-689-9025 (689-9025 in Greater Vancouver) or visit their website at [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca)

## For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>

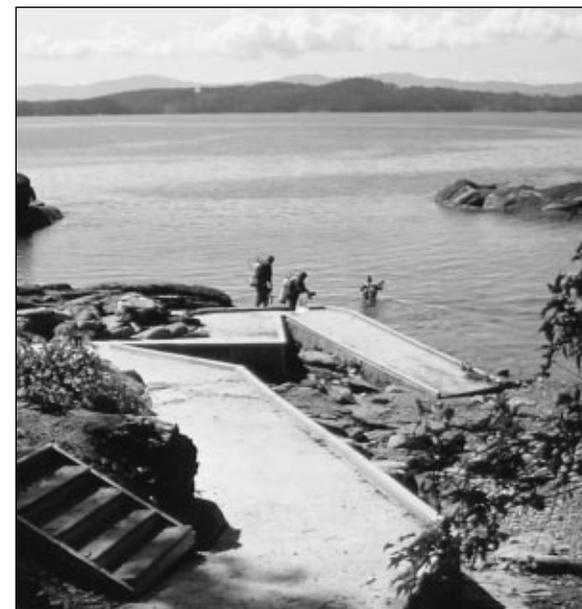


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PROVINCIAL PARK



Mermaid Cove

Welcome. Saltery Bay Provincial Park was established in 1962 to provide ocean access to Georgia Strait along the Sunshine Coast. The 69-hectare park takes its name from the old fish saltery that was nearby in the 1900s. The park is divided into two separate sites. The day-use area with its rocky beaches is a popular swimming and picnic site. The lush forest with large, old trees creates a quiet setting for the campground at Mermaid Cove. At low tide the rocky shoreline often has tidal pools with starfish, sea urchins, small fish and crabs. Scuba diving provides a close-up look at the abundant marine life and a 3-metre bronze mermaid statue.

Lower Mainland Region