

BAMBERTON PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role:

The **primary role** of Bamberton Provincial Park is to provide family-oriented recreation opportunities in a natural setting. Easily accessible by vehicle and located north of Victoria at the north end of the Malahat Drive, Bamberton Park is a popular destination for campers, day users and school groups. The long sandy beach and warm waters provide a safe swimming opportunity for children and unique habitat for shoreline interpretation and nature observation. Situated near the Malahat summit with spectacular views across the inlet to Saanich Peninsula, the Gulf Islands and Mount Baker, the park is an ideal summer destination. Many park visitors also come during the spring and fall seasons to see waterfowl migrations and in the fall to see salmon spawning.

Secondary Role:

The **secondary role** of Bamberton Park is to protect natural and cultural values. The upland area is dominated by second growth Douglas-fir and arbutus and maple stands. The small creek and estuary with eel grass beds provide habitat for rearing salmon and a variety of shore birds. Although not in the park, the adjacent foreshore is a rich intertidal area providing habitat for a variety of plant and animal species.

This area was used extensively by First Nations for traditional activities such as fishing, hunting and shellfish harvesting. The British Columbia Cement Company donated this land to the province for park establishment in 1959.

Known Management Issues	Response
Campground over 100% capacity during summer months; used as overflow for Goldstream Provincial Park. Increased maintenance of park facilities required.	Day use and campground facilities need upgrading. Potable water system is inadequate.
High use throughout operating season is resulting in impact on vegetation from foot traffic on unauthorized paths; bank erosion.	Improve trail system and signage to reduce use of unauthorized trails and resulting erosion.
Potential restoration of Johns Creek.	Restore coho salmon run.
Harvesting and collecting of marine species from intertidal zone, and addition of marine foreshore.	Pursue acquisition of foreshore to protect marine values and increase management authority over area (e.g. collecting of marine species, illegal harvesting, etc.).
First Nations traditional use of Johns Creek for fishing and ceremonial activities.	Continued cooperation and communication with First Nations to allow for traditional activities.

Zoning

Johns Creek and the beach/intertidal areas are zoned as Special Features (approximately 11% of the park). The Intensive Recreation Zone contains the service yard, campground, roadway and day use areas (approximately 41% of the park). The remainder of the park (approximately 48%) is zoned Natural Environment.

Conservation

Representation - ecosection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection: poorly represented ecosection as only 1.41% protected in protected areas system. Bamberton makes minimal contribution (only 0.61% of overall protected area representation of ecosection) due to small size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	<input type="checkbox"/>	CDFmm biogeoclimatic variant; poorly represented ecosystem unit as only 2.43% of CFDmm protected; Bamberton contributes <0.5% of the overall protected area representation of the CDFmm; 1.42% of overall representation of the CDFmm in the Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection contributed by Bamberton Park.
Special Feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Component of a coastal Saanich Inlet estuary; saltwater marsh and wildlife viewing.
Rare/Endangered Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scientific/Research Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opportunities for education, research and scientific studies in intertidal zone.

Recreation

Representation backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/>	
destination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Popular beach environment with warm water swimming; campground located close to Victoria. Increasing boat use of Saanich Inlet.
travel corridor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Located at the top of the Malahat just off Hwy #1 along major highway corridor.
local recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe, warm swimming and picnic area.
Special Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Popular with school groups for education and interpretation of intertidal zone (e.g. beach seining).
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoreline interpretation/observation, high use by school groups.

Cultural Heritage

- Representation First Nations traditional use of Johns Creek area for fishing and ceremonial rites. Bamberton cement works – donation and industrial history of area.
- Special Feature

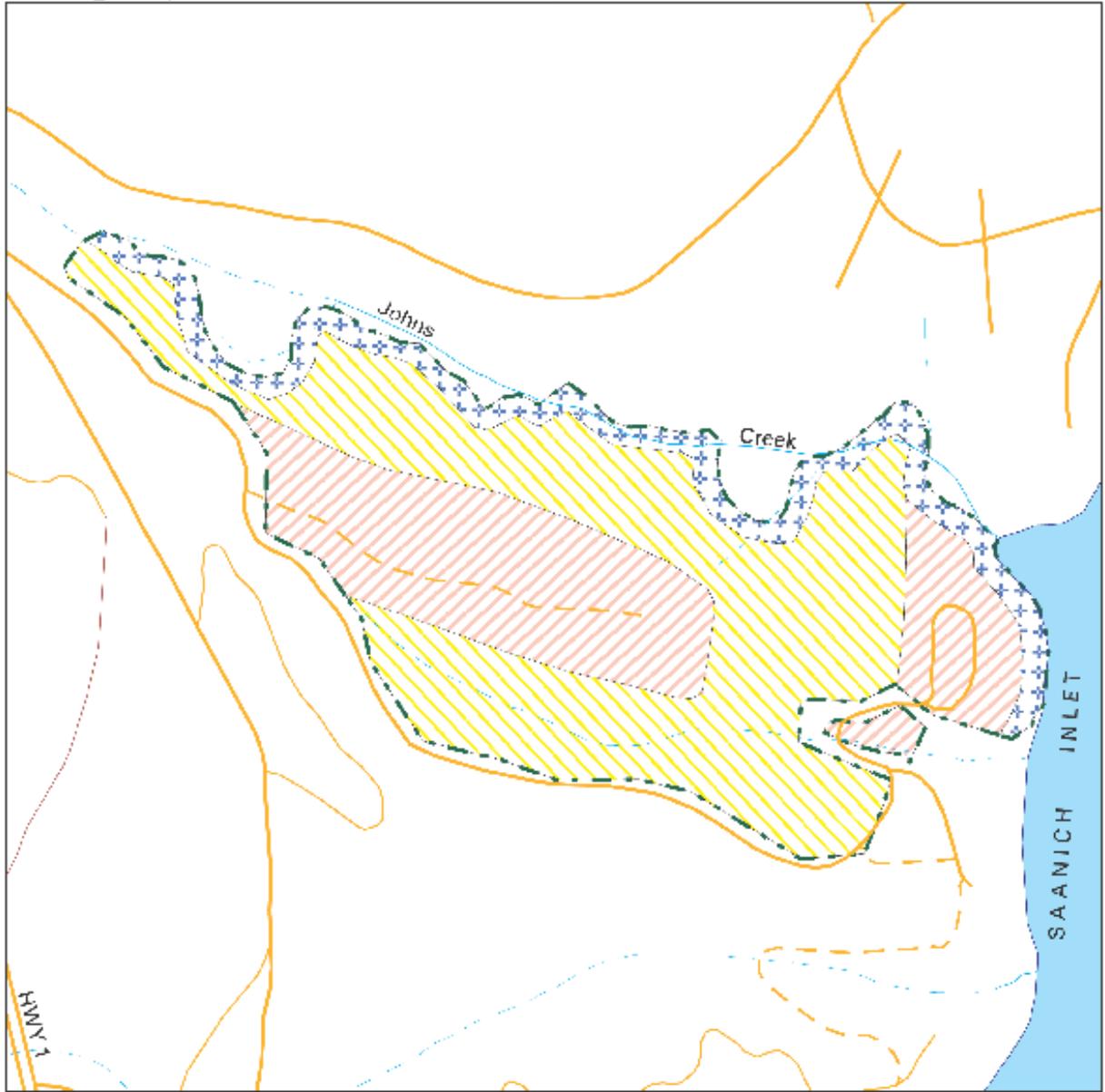
Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs Close to other provincial campgrounds and day-use facilities in the greater Victoria area (used as overflow camping area for Goldstream Park).
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability Overcrowding during high season; impact on park facilities and natural values; Fire and vandalism. Deterioration of aquatic habitats.
- Relationship to other Strategies

Area: 28 hectares

Date of establishment: March 28, 1960

Zoning Map - Bamberton Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



- Intensive Recreation
- Natural Environment
- Special Feature
- Protected Area Boundary



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