

MORDEN COLLIERY HISTORIC PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park is to protect and preserve remnants (coal tipple and other mining artifacts) of the Nanaimo Region's coal mining history. Most of the park's natural vegetation is second growth and the open areas are disturbed from previous mining activities. An open dirt parking area allows visitors access to view the old concrete coal tipple, the only remaining coal tipple found on Vancouver Island.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park is to offer opportunities for trail users, including hikers and cyclists, as a regional trail passes through the park along a historic railway right-of-way.

Known Management Issues	Response
The coal tipple and other mining artifacts are deteriorating through natural processes and vandalism. No funding for interpretation and maintenance of the park.	Other mining industry organizations will be approached to determine interest in site restoration and interpretation.
Growing recreation use along the historic railway right-of-way and increased visitation to this historic site by hikers and cyclists.	Discuss future of park as part of special feature along the historic regional trail system.
Concerns for public safety due to deterioration of coal tipple and other mining remnants. Although fenced, youths like to climb on the coal tipple resulting in the potential for injuries. Site is subject to vandalism (i.e. graffiti and frequent removal of portions of fence barricade around coal tipple).	Implement Park Watch program, maintain fencing and implement regular monitoring of park to reduce vandalism.
Potential transfer of park to Nanaimo Regional District.	Continued liaison with Nanaimo Regional District, Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nations and stakeholders.

Zoning

The entire park (4 hectares) is zoned Special Feature.

Conservation

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| Representation
- ecosection | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection of which only 1.4% is represented in the protected area system. Morden Colliery's contribution is minimal due to its small size. |
| - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant | <input type="checkbox"/> | CDFmm variant in Nanaimo Lowland ecosection (due to its small size and land use history, only 0.07% of CDFmm variant is found in Morden Colliery (compared to 14% in Gowlland Tod Park). |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only remaining coal tipple found on Vancouver Island; this concrete structure is unique to this era of coal mining. |
| Rare/Endangered Values | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified |
| Scientific/Research Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heritage artifacts and representative of historic Nanaimo area coal mining industry. |

Recreation

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| Representation
backcountry | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| destination | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| travel corridor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heritage feature along Nanaimo regional trail system. |
| local recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Day use to view heritage point of interest. |
| Special Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Education/Interpretation Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Potential interpretation site of coal tipple and historic coal mining industry on Vancouver Island; opportunity for mining industry to be involved in their history. |

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Symbol of historic Vancouver Island coal mining industry. |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Only remaining coal tipple found on Vancouver Island. |

Other Management Considerations

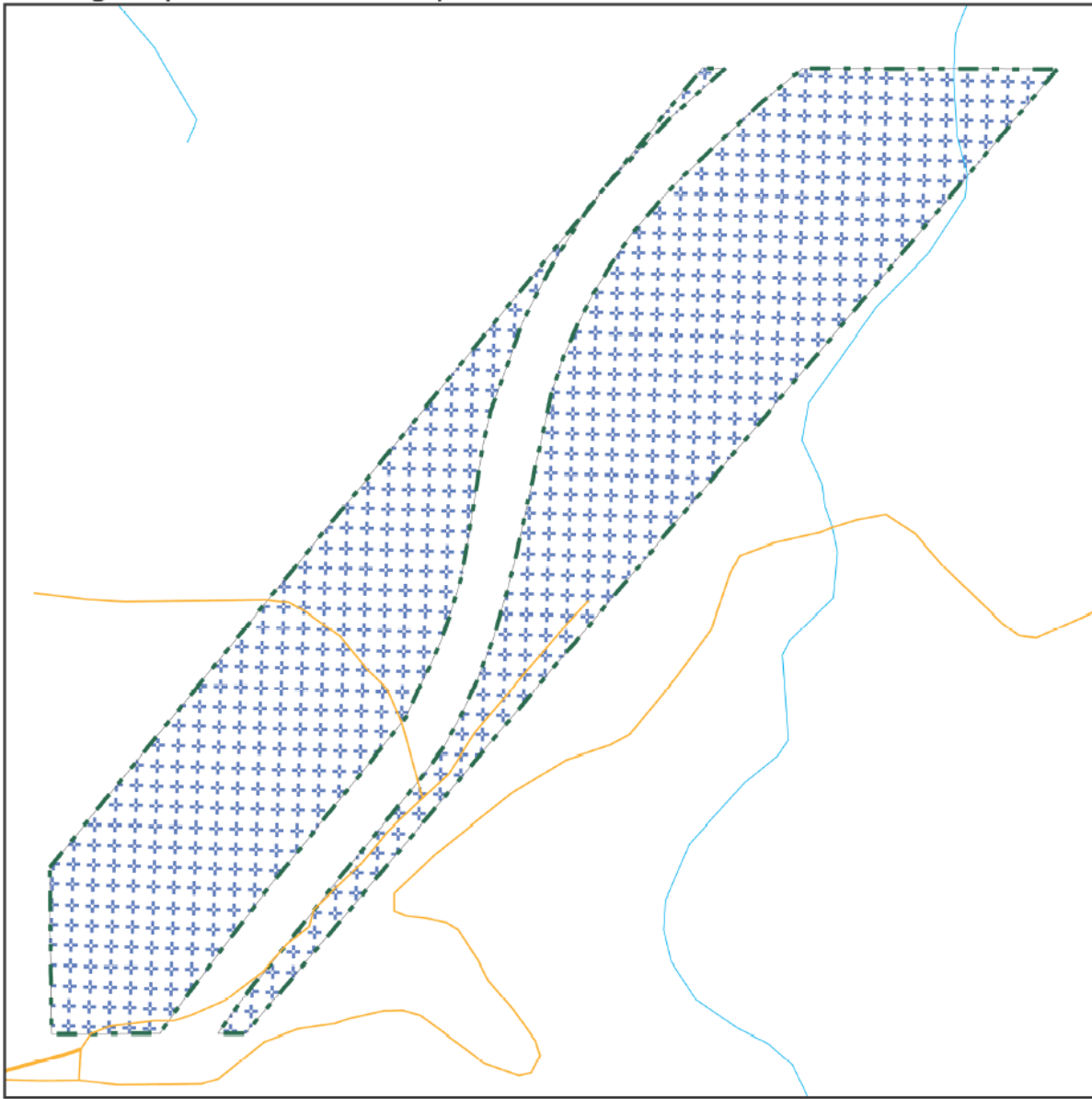
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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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| Relationship to other PAs | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mining industry has expressed interest in site restoration and interpretation; tourist attraction. |
| Partnerships | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Potential transfer to Nanaimo Regional District. |
| Vulnerability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vandalism and deterioration of coal tipple, and other artifacts through natural processes. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Area: 4 hectares



Date of establishment: January 10, 1972

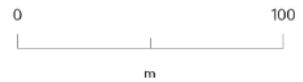
Zoning Map - Morden Colliery Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Special Feature
 Protected Area Boundary



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