

Ten Parks near Greater Vancouver

1. Mount Seymour Provincial Park – 15km

Easy year-round access from downtown Vancouver. The park offers a scenic drive to the top of the mountain, and amazing views of the surrounding area. The park provides for all season use, ranging from downhill skiing and snow shoeing in the winter to many kilometres of hiking trails in the summer. In addition to 5 picnic areas, an extensive mountain bike area exists at the bottom of the hill.



2. Cypress Provincial Park – 20 km

Easy year-round access from downtown Vancouver, Cypress offers amazing views of Vancouver and the surrounding area. In summer, hiking and nature appreciation is popular; in winter, Cypress is used for skiing and snowboarding. The park also offers a wheelchair accessible nature trail at Yew Lake. The 2010 Winter Olympic Games freestyle skiing and snowboarding events will be held here.



3. Porteau Cove Provincial Park – 45 km

Situated on the most southerly fjord in North America, the park features waterfront campsites with a view over Howe Sound to the mountains beyond. An artificial reef has been created for scuba divers and to attract marine life. Picnicking, swimming, boating and camping are also popular here.



4. Golden Ears Provincial Park – 50 km

Golden Ears Provincial Park is prized for its many recreational opportunities and three large campgrounds. The extensive system of trails within the park provides an excellent opportunity for hiking.



5. Peace Arch Provincial Park – 50 km

Not all BC Parks are wilderness parks! Peach Arch Provincial Park, bordering Washington State, has broad lawns, beautiful gardens, picnic tables and a rentable historic hall that can accommodate up to 150 people.



6. Murrin Provincial Park – 55 km

Murrin Provincial Park is a day-use park, and is well-known for its excellent rock-climbing opportunities. Browning Lake offers swimming, picnicking, fishing and a nice walking trail around the lake.



7. Shannon Falls – 60 km

With almost 500,000 visitors annually, Shannon Falls Provincial Park is a very popular picnic spot! Spectacular Shannon Falls, 335 m high, is the third highest waterfall in B.C. There is an easy trail leading to a viewpoint for the falls. In summer, the parking lot is often full by noon, so remember to get here early.



8. Rolley Lake – 65 km

Rolley Lake Provincial Park provides a quick escape from urban life. The park is a mainly flat wilderness area. The small, warm-water lake has great swimming, fishing, and canoeing. Sixty-four campsites are nestled in the trees near the lakeshore. Visitors can also enjoy picnicking, interpretive programs and short hikes.



9. Alice Lake Provincial Park - 75 km


Alice Lake Provincial Park is surrounded by mountains, forests and grassy areas. There are four lakes in the park, which are popular for swimming, canoeing and fishing. Picnicking and hiking are also popular here. The trail around Alice Lake is very popular for an evening stroll. For the more adventurous, there is the beautiful Four Lakes Trail.



10. Cultus Lake – 100 km

Cultus Lake Provincial Park is one of the most popular recreation destinations in the Lower Mainland. The lake is large and warm, and surrounded by forested mountains. Visitors will find four campgrounds, a large area for picnicking and boating, and great excellent fishing, water skiing, windsurfing and hiking.



 Interpretive programs available

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Ten Lower Mainland Provincial Parks

Park Map and Information Guide



Just beyond the urban boundaries of Vancouver, many Provincial Parks, renowned for their natural beauty, are closer than you think. Spending the day or night in a BC Park is an affordable and exciting way to spend the afternoon or weekend.

Take a leisurely stroll past meadows, waterfalls, or thousand year-old Douglas fir trees, or paddle down a gentle river in a canoe to pass the afternoon. More adventurous visitors can explore countless longer hikes and trails. Many of our parks' large picnic and day-use areas are ideal for family gatherings, special events and barbecues.

Discover BC Parks again or for the first time and be proud of the rich natural heritage that belongs to everyone!



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