West Coast Rainforest

Stanley Park features one of the world’s premier urban forests—and much of the 1000-hectare (2500-acre) public park is as dense, forested today, as it was in the late 1900s. There are nearly half a million trees, some hundreds of years old and at least 70 metres (230 ft) tall.

To experience the real Stanley Park, take one of the many paths less traveled. There are 25 kilometres (15 miles) of trails winding through this lush remnant of towering red cedar, fir, hemlock and Douglas-fir.

Much of the park was logged in the 1900s and early 1900s; some trees are actually still stumps. There are stumps that still bear the tell-tale rings of early Nataliks and their saplings a few decades ago. A few of the older coniferous trees in the park remain at the “Big Tree” icon on the map to find them.

Though a hurricane-force windstorm struck Vancouver in December 1996, destroying 10,000 Stanley Park trees and damaging the seawall, an overseeing reforestation plan created a stronger, more balanced and resilient urban forest in Vancouver’s oldest, largest and most beloved park.

PARK FACTS

Did you Know? Vancouver is home to the world’s longest uninterrupted seawall.

For the Family

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Dogs on Leashes Welcome!

In a great time in Stanley Park, this new policy allows dogs on leashes, but under control, at any park. Don’t let dogs chase wildlife or enter environmentally sensitive areas. Take advantage of off-leashed area for small dogs near the Park Tennis courts.

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The Seawall

Stanley Park is consistently ranked No. 1 in the world! And the world-class 9-km (5.6 mi) seawall, which opened in 2009, is part of that offering stunning views of the downtown skyline, Lions Gate Bridge, English Bay, sandy beaches, and lush, old-growth forest. Paved and mainly flat, the seawall is suitable for families, one side for pedestrians, the other for cyclists/roller bladers. Use caution on autumn/sunny days.

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Bugs and Blooms

There are many gorgeous gardens throughout the park, at the annual Symphonie Gardens in October. See our website for a Stanley Park flower guide for what to look for in bloom.

Terry and Hugh McArthur Garden blooms from May through summer. The 1920 Rose Garden, now recognized by the Canadian Association of Rose Societies as the best in Canada, and its rose garden, is a haven for flower lovers. The Shakespeare Garden shows homage to the Bard—45 trees mentioned in his plays and poems give them the name. The Rock Garden (clipped by the city’s first public gardener, finished in 1925) is huge.

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Wild, Wildlife

Wildlife in Stanley Park varies from confusius forest to boggy wetlands and rocky outcrops. Stanley Park is home to an amazing variety of birds. Around 250 species are known to live in the park including Douglas squirrels, raccoons, otters, beavers, sea lions, ducks, bears, and many of the natural formations in the park have important First Nations stories and significance.

Explore the park’s cultural significance, west coast rainforest, lush gardens, quiet trails, 10km seawall, stunning views and beautiful beaches. For an hour, a day, or even a lifetime, enjoy all this green oasis has to offer in the heart of our city.

First Nations

Coast Salish artwork in the park expresses the history of the land and people who lived here and summer residences installed in 2008 at Brockton Point, the first of many parks convened by inscribed Musqueam artist Susan A. Point’s Maple Tree Amongst the People Amongst the People (pictured) provides a formal welcome to all visitors. The second Coast Salish work is the Wesley Memorial Park. Created by seven carvers led by Squamish artist Robert Yelton. It honours his mother Rose Celine Yelton, who was born in Stanley Park and lived there until 1935. The most recent is Coast Salish artist Luke Marston’s 2013 Stone to Stone bronze sculpture. It commemorates the ancient connection between this area’s Aboriginal and Portuguese communities.

Stanley Park Train

All aboard! Since 1917, roundhouses and rolling stock have ridden this beloved vintage train and lined walks through the forest on its 8-km (5 mi) loop. The jewel of the Stanley Park Railway’s collection of old locomotives is a locally built replica of Canadian Pacific Railway Engine #724. A refurbished for pulling Canada’s first transcontinental passenger train into Vancouver in the late 1800s.

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Recreation

Second Beach Pool

Second Beach Pool is open late May to early September. For time slot reservations and more info, please visit vancouver.ca/secondbeachpool.

Seawall

Watch for fire safety information during hot, dry summers.

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**Attractions**
- Stanley Park Horse-Drawn Tours
- Brockton Point Ice Rink
- Queen Victoria Memorial
- Maple Bowl/Theatre Under the Stars
- Stanley Park Train
- Third Beach Swimming Pool
- Second Beach Picnic Area
-生物滤镜池 (生物过滤池)
- Air India Memorial

**Activity Areas**
- Bike Rentals
- Ceperay Playground (inset A)
- Harbour Cruises
- Lumberman’s Arch Picnic Area
- Summer Cinema (Ceperay Field)
- Pitch & Putt Course
- Second Beach
- Second Beach Picnic Area
- Second Beach Swimming Pool
- Stanley Park Nature House
- Tennis Courts (English Bay)
- Tennis Courts (Second Beach)
- Tennis Courts (Third Beach)
- Tennis Courts (Stanley Park)
- Third Beach
- Variety Kirk Water Park (inset B)

**Sports Clubs**
- Brockton Pavilion
- Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club
- Vancouver Rowing Club
- Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

**Points of Interest**
- Air Force Garden of Remembrance (inset B)
- Air India Memorial (inset A)
- Beaver Lake
- Biofiltration Pond
- Brockton Point Lighthouse
- Chief of the Underground World Bill Reid (inset B)
- Cob House (inset B)
- Community Garden
- Empress of Japan Figurehead
- Girl in a Wetsuit Statue
- Harry Jerome Statue
- Heron Colony (inset A)
- Hollow Tree
- Japanese Canadian War Memorial (inset B)
- Jubilee Fountain (Under Restoration)
- Lord Stanley Statue (inset B)
- Lumberman’s Arch (inset B)
- Nine O’Clock Gun
- Painters’ Circle (inset B)

**Getting Around**
- **WALK, BIKE, OR BLADE.** The best way to see the park is on foot and in your own time. The Seawall runs counter-clockwise around the perimeter of the park and several roads, trails and paths connect the many points of interest. Bike and rollerblade rentals are just outside the park on Denman near Georgia Street, and on Davie Street.

**Getting Here**
- **DRIVING.** From Vancouver, take Georgia Street or Beach Avenue and follow signs. From the North Shore, take Lions Gate Bridge (Highway 99) and exit on Park Drive via north Lagoon Drive east to Georgia Street. Park Drive is one-way.
- **BUS.** Pay parking is in effect in most areas of the park. Bus tickets are valid for 90 minutes, whether or not they are stamped.
- **TRANSIT.** Public transit service Stanley Park from stops throughout the Lower Mainland. Several routes serve the perimeter of the park and the No. 39 stops in Independence Mall. Go to translink.ca for more information.

**Accessibility**
- **UNIVERSAL ACCESS.** Many facilities and attractions, including the Stanley Park Horse-Drawn Tours, Seawall, Beaver Lake and Ravine Trails, are wheelchair accessible.
- **TRANSPORTATION.** The Stanley Park Train has a wheelchair accessible car.

**No Smoking**
- Smoking is not permitted at Stanley Park.

**Pet Policy**
- Pets are welcome on a leash in most areas of the park. Dogs are not permitted on the Seawall or on transit.