Vancouver has a natural outdoor experience waiting for you. Residents and visitors can find neighbourhood parks, urban sanctuaries, forested trails, ocean beaches, first-class cycling and walking trails, and of course, world-class destination parks.

With some of the most temperate weather in Canada and plenty of rain, Vancouver is a gardener’s paradise. Everywhere you look is lush, green forest and colourful floral displays. While many parks have small though thriving flower beds, don’t miss the following impressive display gardens:

**vancouver.ca/parks**

**Queen Elizabeth Park**
- A 12-hectare (30-acre) section of Stanley Park, opened in 1951
- Admire its first-class display gardens
- Explore the newly opened Veterans Walkway
- See an impressive collection of world-famous sculptures
- See the Where Eagles Dare public sculpture by Kelvin Armstrong
- Get coffee or lunch at the Brew House
- Enjoy a picnic or take-out from the Boathouse
- Rent a kayak or canoe from Creekside Kayaks
- Enjoy local bands and performers in the summer
- Enjoy magnificent views of the city and ocean

**Stanley Park**
- Vancouver’s largest park
- 1,000 acres (400 hectares) of wooded promenade
- Named for Lord Stanley, Governor General of Canada when the park opened in 1888
- One of the world’s great urban parks
- National Geographic

**Vancouver Aquarium**
- 604-681-6728
- 450 Terminal Dr near Beach Ave.
- Call 3-1-1, download the VanConnect App.
- 10 charming exhibits
- 30,000 marine animals
- See the first personalized 4D Aquarium film experience
- The first personal, indoor 3D experience in Canada
- Aquarium photography

**VanDusen Botanical Garden**
- Opened in 1975
- Offers incredible views of the city skyline
- As well as beautiful gardens and an arboretum
- Blended Conservatory
- A tropical paradise
- Fly fish, birds and desert plants
- Large greenhouse

**Queen Elizabeth Park**
- Opened 1967, the gardens are renowned as one of North America’s top ten botanical gardens
- Open year-round, featuring spectacular flower gardens
- Main entrance via Davie St.

**Waterfront Park Food Carts**
- Open each summer
- Enjoy a delicious mix of cuisines such as pulled pork, dim sum and croissants
- Gourmet panini sandwich
- Most operate seasonally, weather permitting

**Vancouver Island Rockies**
- Lush forests, coastal trails
- Majestic waterfalls
- Tremendous fishing

**Surfing Beaches**
- Kitsilano Beach
- Spanish Banks
- Jericho Beach
- Spanish and English Bays
- Snow City Beach
- Jericho Beach

**Vancouver Rowing Club**
- 604-244-1344
- Royal Van. Yacht Club
- Jericho Sailing Centre
- Jericho Beach

**Vancouver Waterfront**
- Boating
- Cruises
- Kayaking
- Concerts
- Ice Fishing
- Picnics

**Family Activities**
- Picnics
- Playfields
- Spray Parks
- Skate Parks
- Open-Air Cinema

**Visitor Services**
- Vancouver Convention Centre
- 604-681-2582
- Vancouver Visitors Centre
- 604-681-6728
- vancouvertourism.com
- vancouvertourinfo.com
- 3-1-1
- Waterfront Office
- 315-1 Waterfront Pl.
- Vancouver Convention Centre
- 604-681-2582

**Our History**
- Vancouver was founded in 1886
- Named by a Scottish-owned company
- First Mayor: Dr. Peter Skene Ogden
- City grew from wooden shanties to a bustling metropolis
- City of Vancouver was officially incorporated in 1892
- 1912 Olympic Games
- Coal Harbour Skywalk

**Public Art**
- 300 works
- More than 500 pieces
- Including historical monuments, art installations and major sculptures
- Some obvious and some well-hidden

**Support Your Favourite City Park**
- Help keep Vancouver parks green and beautiful
- Make a donation today
- vancouver.ca/donate

**Vancouver Parks and Recreation**
- 315-1 Waterfront Pl.
- 604-689-3824
- vancouverparks.ca
- vancouvertourinfo.com
- vancouvertourism.com

**Support Your Neighbourhood Parks**
- Vancouver’s parks
- Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- 604-684-2232
- vancouverparks.ca