Parks and Trails
a breath of fresh air

PARKS NEWS

Meadowood Community Park playground will open this summer:
It started with a community vision then a design, to a reality on the ground! In 2014, Phase 1, play hills, gravel paths, asphalt play court and installation of swings, a hill slide and climber were built. This project was made possible through dedicated volunteer support and fundraising and a grant from the Province of BC Recreation Program.

Major Trail Planning is Underway
- 10 km of Rail-with-Trail linking Parksville with Coombs and French Creek
- 1.4 km of roadside trail through Gabriola’s Village Core
- Over 2 km of trails in French Creek that will improve pedestrian and cycling circulation in the Wembley Mall and Oceanside Elementary School area.

Trails are a prominent theme in RDN Parks:
- Big Qualicum River Regional Trail: has new trail signage and kilometre markers along the 10km hatchery service road;
- Malcolm Community Park - Whiskey Creek: Go for a jog on the new 2 km signed trail network;
- Oakdowne Community Park - Qualicum: Discover the freshly signed neighbourhood trail off Oakdowne Rd;
- Esray Rd Trail – Bowser: Volunteers helped build a 450m long trail connecting Coburn Rd to the newly developed Henry Morgan Park.

Do You See or Smell Smoke?
Report to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cell phones.
Remember: No fires of any kind are permitted in RDN parks or trails, except in designated campsites at Horne Lake and Descanso Bay Regional Parks.
TEACHERS
Book your outdoor education programs in an RDN park near you!

Bodacious Bugs, Science of Slime, Estuary Espionage, Who Wants to be a Salmon-heir, Un-Beaverable and Froggy Frog World are some of the fun programs led by trained Park Naturalists. To book your outdoor school field trip in an RDN Park or for more information, go to www.naturehouse.ca, email RLC Park Services at schools@rlcparks.ca or call RLC at (250) 248-3198.

Nature Notes
Spot the natural wonders as you walk Lighthouse Country Regional Trail.

Visit RDN campgrounds for the day or overnight.

RDN Camping
We specialize in great family camping experiences at Horne Lake and on Gabriola Island. Call to reserve your site and prepare to explore.

Horne Lake Regional Park
250-248-1134

Descanso Bay Regional Park
250-247-8255

WILDLIFE AWARENESS
Our parks are home to bears and cougars. Be alert and respect all wildlife.