

MOUNT DOUGLAS PARK

Area: Gordon Head

Location: Cedar Hill Road

Size: approx. 183.47 ha

Amenities:



Beach Access



Dog Restrictions



Interpretive Signs



Picnic Areas



View/Lookout



Cycling Restrictions



Garry Oak



Naturescape



Playground



Baseball



Washrooms



Green Space



Parking

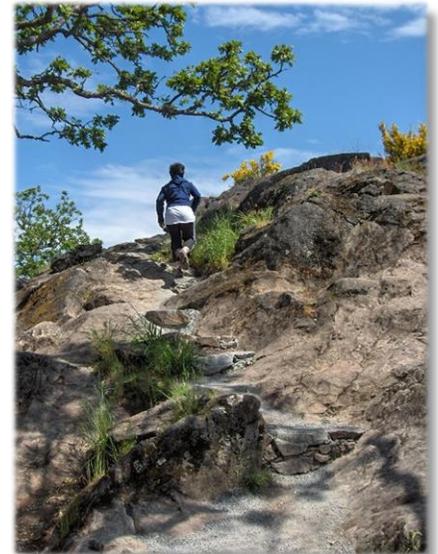


Trails

About the Park:

This is the largest and most magnificent park administered by Saanich. Walk the shores of Cordova Bay, hike trails lush with the abundance of ferns and wildflowers towered by Douglas fir and Cedar trees. Trails as well as a paved - but steep - park road lead you to the summit. From the parking lot at the top a walking trail leads you to the summit elevation of 213m. This 360° lookout is spectacular with views of rural Saanich, the city lights of Victoria, and further, the Olympic and Cascade Mountains in Washington State.

Mount Douglas Park beach is a long sandy beach and accessed via trail off main parking lot near Shelbourne/Ash intersection. Washrooms and playground are also off main parking lot.



Churchill Drive is the paved road leading to the summit. It is open for vehicle traffic from 12 noon to approximately 10 p.m. each day. In the morning, the road functions as a multi-use trail which promotes a more active, enjoyable leisure experience for pedestrians and cyclists.

In 1942, Emily Carr claimed to have had a vision while visiting a friend in Vancouver. The vision inspired her to return immediately to Mount Douglas Park where she felt the *"forest had something to tell her"*. There, for a few weeks in August of that year, she painted her last works which were both mystical and enchanting.



Google map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/4EoEppXKASq>

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Mount Douglas Park Picnic Areas:

There are two large picnic areas near the parking lot down at the beach area parking lot.

Area A is near the playground and has five (5) extra-long picnic tables (seats 16 persons each) as well as two (2) regular sized picnic tables (seats 10 persons each) available. Up to 100 persons can have a seat.

Area B is located in the treed area above the ocean. There are three (3) regular sized picnic tables and one (1) extra-long picnic table available. Nearly 50 people can have a seat here!

You can reserve picnic areas through our park permit system. Unreserved tables are available on a first come basis with the understanding that any reservations will be able to ask you to relocate.

Please identify which area(s) you wish to reserve when making a park permit reservation. Garbage, recycling and/or compostable materials need to be disposed of properly and picnic areas cleaned up after use.

