

## Conservation

Flowers, trees, shrubs, shells and even rocks are part of the park's natural heritage. Please do not damage or remove them.

## History

The forest was one of the first on the island to be logged, probably because of the relative ease with which the felled trees could be skidded to the lake and floated to the mills. The notched stumps supported springboards allowing loggers to stand above the dense shrubbery so they could cut down the massive trees that dominated the area.

## Wildlife

Although not frequent, bears do visit the area. Never feed or approach bears or other wildlife.

## Park Fees

**Open all year.** Fees are collected for services from May to October. There is a winter fee (with no services provided) from November to April. Campers must be self-sufficient. Season dates and fees are subject to change – please check the website for current information.

**Check-in:** 1 p.m. for reservation holders; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for non-reservation holders. **Check-out:** 11 a.m. **Gates open** at 7 a.m. and **close** at 11 p.m.

## What You Should Know



There are 122 campsites at this park. Campsite reservations are accepted and first-come, first-served sites are also available. For reservations call 1-800-689-9025 or [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca). Maximum stay is 14 days. No electrical hookups are available.



There is a large day-use/picnicking area near the falls approximately 5 kilometres from the campground with picnic tables and a parking area. Picnicking in campsites is not permitted.



There is a wheelchair accessible washroom in the park.



Cold water taps are located throughout the park. Taps are shut off during the off season.



Only pit toilets available in the park and day-use areas. No flush toilets at this park.



During the collecting season a sani-station/dump is available and a fee is charged for the service.



Firewood may be available for purchase. Campfire pits are provided. Group campfire facilities and/or limited burning hours may be designated at some campgrounds. Fire bans may be implemented during extremely hot weather conditions. Be prepared to bring a portable stove for cooking.



There is an extensive 6 kilometres trail system in Elk Falls Park. You may walk to the Quinsam Salmon Hatchery via the Quinsam River trail, look for beaver and marsh birds along the Kingfisher and Beaver Pond trails or circumnavigate a portion of the Campbell River via the Canyon View Trail. This latter trail provides access to the information kiosk at the John Hart power generating facility and an impressive bridge crossing Campbell River. At the entrance to the canyon, in the day-use picnic area, there is a short trail to the magnificent old growth Douglas-fir forest. Another system of trails will take you to Elk, Moose and Deer Falls, found along this portion of the Campbell River. During the summer months, very little water passes through this section of the river so the falls are not as spectacular as in the winter months. For your own safety and preservation of the park, obey posted signs and keep to designated trails. Shortcutting trails destroys plant life and soil structure.



There is an adventure playground and sports field at the campground



There are no designated swimming areas.



Fresh water fishing in the Quinsam and Campbell rivers as well as saltwater/ocean fishing near the town of Campbell River. All anglers must have a valid fishing license; refer to current *BC Environment Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.



Bicycles must keep to roadways or designated biking trails.



Pets/domestic animals must be on a leash at all times and are not allowed in park buildings. You are responsible for their behavior and must dispose of their excrement.

## For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome. Elk Falls Provincial Park is located 3 kilometres north of the city of Campbell River on Hwy 28. This park gets its name from the 25-metre waterfall where the Campbell River plunges over a rock precipice into a rock-walled canyon. Other attractions include magnificent forest trails, a nearby salmon hatchery and, in autumn, salmon spawning in the Quinsam and Campbell Rivers. The campground, situated between both rivers, is located in the heart of a world-renowned fishing area. During late spring and through the summer, you can head to the tidal waters to fish the legendary chinook and feisty coho. Rainbow, cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden are stocked in surrounding lakes in the spring. From November to March the steelhead run in the Quinsam River. Elk Falls provides a convenient base camp for day tripping for destinations to Gold River, Kelsey Bay, Rock Bay, the Sayward Forest area and Quadra and Cortes Islands.

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