

Park Background

As one of the largest parks in the province, Golden Ears Provincial Park is prized for its recreational opportunities. The extensive system of trails within the park provides an excellent opportunity for hiking and horseback riding. Alouette Lake is a popular spot for swimming, windsurfing, water-skiing, canoeing, boating and fishing. The park also has three large campgrounds.

The park's lush plant growth, numerous waterways and mountainous terrain host a variety of animals, including beaver, black bear and mountain goat. Vegetation is typical of the coastal western Hemlock forest of B.C. and the mountainous backcountry is extremely rugged.

Day-use Areas

Alouette (South Beach) Day-use Area is a vehicle accessible area with a sandy beach, and roped off swimming area; canoe/kayak rentals available. Flush and pit toilets available. There are barbeque attachments available on the picnic tables; open fires not permitted.

Campers Beach Day-use Area is a hike-in area with a sandy beach and a roped off swimming area (no dogs allowed). Only pit toilets available.

North Beach Day-use Area is adjacent to the North Beach campground, accessible on foot from the East Canyon Parking Lot. There is a beach area for dogs. Only pit toilets available.



Directions to Park

Golden Ears Provincial Park lies in the Coast Mountains, 11 km north of Maple Ridge. Take Hwy. 7 or Dewdney Trunk Road through Maple Ridge. If heading west, turn right onto 232nd and if heading east, turn left onto 232nd. Turn right onto Fern Crescent and continue into park.

Enjoy Your Stay

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure the quality experience for all visitors.

- Campfires are permitted in designated fire rings only. Visitors may bring firewood or purchase at park.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste.
- Put food in vehicle at night to avoid bear problems.
- Stores are available near Maple Ridge. A food service concession is open during the summer.

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Visitor Services



Wilderness/walk-in camping is allowed at Alder Flats on the West Canyon Trail and Panorama Ridge on the Golden Ears Trail, but no facilities are provided. Parking is approximately 5 to 9 km away.

Rustic marine campsites are located on Alouette Lake at Moyer Creek, The Narrows, or Alouette River and Pitt Lake at Raven Creek, North and South Osprey Creek. These marine campsites are only accessible by boat, and have tent pads and a pit toilet. No campfires allowed.



There are two group campgrounds available for reserving by any group of 15 to 30 or more people.



There are 3 day-use beach areas.



There are hot shower buildings in the Alouette and Gold Creek campgrounds. There are no showers at North Beach campground.



A sani-station is available during the summer season.



There are wheelchair accessible toilets at all campgrounds and in the Alouette (South Beach) day-use area. Four campsites at the Gold Creek campground are paved. The Spirea Universal Access Trail is wheelchair accessible. Wheelchair access is also available to the beach from the south parking lot.



Things To Do



There are scheduled interpretive programs offered at this park.



Canoeing is very popular on Alouette Lake. Canoe/kayak rentals are available in the Alouette day-use area. Boat accessible camping is also available along the Lake.



There is one four-lane cement surface boat launch at the south end of Alouette Lake. There is overnight parking available for vehicles and trailers. Boat launch wharfs are operational between May and October only.



There are water skiing and windsurfing opportunities on Alouette Lake.



There is swimming available at all campgrounds and day-use areas. There are no lifeguards on duty.



Freshwater fishing is available at Alouette Lake, Mike Lake and Gold Creek. Appropriate licence is required.



There are over 20 km of horse trails in the park.

History

In the 1920s, Alouette valley became the site of BC's greatest railroad logging operation until a disastrous fire in 1931. The lake and its forested surroundings were also the traditional hunting and fishing grounds for the Douglas-Lillooet (Interior Salish) and Katzie (Coast Salish) First Nations peoples.

Trails

Note: One-way times and distances unless noted

Mike Lake Trail: Travel the Main Corral to Mike Lake. Horse and hiking trail.

Distance: 4.2 km Time: 2 hours Elevation: 100 m

Incline Trail follows the "Incline" that was once used by loggers as a route to skyline huge logs down to Mike Lake from the trailhead.

Distance: 1.2 km Time: 1 hour Elev: 150 m

Alouette Mountain Hiking Trail offers spectacular views from Alouette Mountain. This is a strenuous hike requiring experience and proper equipment.

Distance: 10 km Time: 5 hours Elev: 1,000 m

Alouette Mountain Fire Access Trail leads to Lake Beautiful, following the old fire access road.

Distance: 7.3 km Elev: 400 m

Viewpoint Trail offers excellent views and picturesque waterfalls in wet season.

Distance: 1.5 km Time: 3/4 hour Elev: 175 m

West Canyon Trail (Golden Ears Trail) follows an old logging grade for 3.2 km, then swings uphill before dropping down to Lower Falls.

Distance: 5 km Time: 2 1/2 hours Elev: 250 m

Golden Ears Trail leads to Alder Flats and then upward on an old logging road to steep Panorama Ridge. Listen for the squeak of pikas in the rock slides. Extreme caution is advised and proper equipment is recommended. Overnight camping areas are located at Alder Flats and on Panorama Ridge. No open fires are permitted.

**Round trip distance: 12 km
Time: 7 hours Elev: 1.5 km**