

## Welcome to the Park

Porteau Cove Provincial Park, situated on the most southerly fjord in North America, features waterfront campsites with a view over Howe Sound to the mountains beyond. Originally the site of sand and gravel mining to supply Vancouver industry, the park's name comes from the French 'porte d'eau' or 'water's gate'.

With its variety of campsites, waterfront day-use area and mooring buoys for boaters, the park is a popular destination all year and nearly always full in the summer. Porteau Cove is perhaps best known for scuba diving, with year-round amenities and amazing marine life.

## Things to Do



Strong winds in Howe Sound make for great windsurfing but conditions can change quickly.



There is ocean swimming off the rock and pebble beach - sneakers or beach shoes are recommended. No lifeguards are on duty in provincial parks.



The scuba diving is excellent, with a variety of fascinating marine life at depths of 6m to 18m.



A short walking trail leads to a lookout with a spectacular view of Howe Sound and Porteau Cove, marine waterfowl and the occasional seal.



The park offers interpretive programs that showcase habitat and park geography in the high season.



The paved, double-wide boat provides easy access for motorized boats, canoes and kayaks. It may be difficult to launch at low tide or in the winter due to driftwood. Mariners should know the ocean currents.



## Visitor Services



The walk-in campsites are ocean-front and the vehicle-accessible sites are open for winter camping.



Electrical hookups are available for a daily fee.



The shower building at the campground has hot water and electrical outlets.



Most sites provide for wheelchair access, the pit and flush toilets are accessible, and the emergency ferry pier offers paved access to view Howe Sound.



A sani-station/dump is available year-round; due to freezing, the water may be shut off during winter.



The day-use area features ocean-front picnic tables and a pebbly beach with large driftwood.

## Enjoy Your Stay

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

- Fishing and/or harvesting any marine life is prohibited inside park boundaries.
- Scuba divers are not permitted to use the boat launch and boats are prohibited in the dive area.

## Contact Information

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## Park Map and Information Guide



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A series of artificial reefs and sunken shipwrecks acts as habitat for flourishing marine life and a compelling environment for recreational divers.

The artificial reef network was constructed from chains of tires, hollow

concrete piles, concrete blocks and steel H-beams. Over 100 species make it home, including octopus, plumose anemone, lingcod and many kinds of sea star (aka starfish). Shipwrecks sunk near the reef network in 1992 are inhabited by fascinating creatures; entering the structures is not recommended.

The diving area is marked with buoys; yellow marker buoys and a dive float show the location of the shallower wrecks and reefs. Depths vary from 6m to 18m. The divers' building, with change room and showers, is open year-round.

Please protect your marine resources by leaving them as you find them - harvesting and/or harassing marine life is not permitted. Have a safe and enjoyable dive.

