

## What You Should Know



There are 175 drive-in campsites at this park. Campsite reservations are accepted; plus first-come, first-served sites are also available. Reservations are mandatory between the last week of June and Labour Day. 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 are 25 wilderness/walk-in campsites at this park. A parking lot is available for these sites.



There are group campsites and group picnic shelters available. Contact the Park Facility Operator at (250) 248-9449 for more details.



There is a large day-use/picnicking area near the beach/ocean with five parking lots, 150 picnic tables, two picnic shelters, flush toilet/change buildings, walking trails and an adventure playground. Picnicking in campsites is not permitted.



The campsite road is paved for easy access. Campsites, shower stalls, flush toilets, beach access and parking stalls in day-use area are wheelchair accessible. Contact the Park Facility Operator for more details.



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



Pit and flush toilet buildings are available in the campground, day-use area and group campsites.



There are four hot-water shower facilities at this park.



During the collecting season a sani-station/dump is available. 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 to preserve air quality or reduce fire hazards. Be prepared to bring a portable stove for cooking.



The park offers 5 kilometres of walking trails. 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 are 2 adventure playground areas in the park – one in the campground and one in the day-use area.



Ocean swimming. There are no lifeguards on duty at this park.



Saltwater/ocean fishing. All anglers must have a valid fishing license; refer to current *BC Environment Fishing Regulations Synopsis*.



Bicycles must keep to roadways. Some trails in the park allow bicycles.



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

## Cultural Heritage

Rathtreavor takes its name from the Irish family who homesteaded on this land. William Rath, a gold prospector, arrived in 1886 with his young wife and baby daughter. They built a log cabin, cleared the land and in 1895 built the barn. William died in 1903 leaving Elizabeth the farm and five children. She proved to be an industrious person, successfully running the farm and eventually operating it as a campground. The suffix 'treavor' was added to give the campground a more lyrical name. Rathtreavor Campground became Rathtreavor Beach Provincial Park in 1967 and though much has changed since William and Elizabeth first arrived, its beauty and importance will be preserved for our continued enjoyment.

## Special Notes

This is a very popular park during the summer months and reservations are mandatory between the last week of June and Labour Day. Camping space may be available at nearby Englishman River Falls Provincial Park (13 kilometres) or Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park (24 kilometres). Both of these parks accept reservations.

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

Park users should always be aware of bears and other wildlife. Never feed or approach them.

## Park Fees

**Open all year.** Fees for the drive-in campsites and fees for the walk-in campsites are collected from March to October. There is a winter fee (no services provided) from November to March. Campers must be self-sufficient.

**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.

## For More Information

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PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome to Rathtreavor Beach Provincial Park, 3 kilometres south of Parksville on Hwy 19A. A wide, sandy beach with campsites nestled among majestic old growth trees makes this 347-hectare park one of the most premier destinations on Vancouver Island. None of the campsites are on the water but they are within a 5-minute walk to the 2-kilometre stretch of sandy beach. On a low tide the ocean recedes almost a kilometer, providing an ideal place for youngsters of all ages to play. When the tide rolls in over the hot sand, the warmed water is unbeatable for swimming and saltwater fun. Visitors also enjoy the wooded upland area, self-guiding nature trail and visitor centre. Bird watching is good, especially in the early spring when large concentrations of seabirds congregate for the annual herring spawn.

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