

## Conservation

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

## Wildlife

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

## Cultural Heritage

The mounds behind the beach are believed to have been built by First Nations for defence purposes.

## Park Fees

**Open all year.** Fees are collected from May 15 to September 30. 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 22 campsites at this park. The campsite accepts motorhomes/RVs up to 21 feet maximum. 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 small day-use/picnicking area and parking area near the beach. Picnicking in campsites is not permitted.



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



Only pit toilets are available. There are no flush toilets at this park.



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.



Ocean swimming and lake swimming at Hague Lake. There are no lifeguards on duty.



Canoeing and kayaking opportunities exist.



There is a gravel boat launch at higher tides.



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



Bicycles must keep to roadways. No cycling on trails.



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 behaviour and must dispose of their excrement.



## For More Information

BC Parks

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



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PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome to Smelt Bay Provincial Park. Located on the southern peninsula of Cortes Island 15 kilometres south of Whaletown ferry terminal on Sutil Point Road, this 16-hectare park is named for the capelin fish that spawn ashore by the tens of thousands. Females lay up to 6,500 eggs in late September and early October which hatch in 2–3 weeks. The campsites overlook Smelt Bay and there is a gravel beach backed by mounds which are believed to have been built by natives for their defence.

Smelt Bay Provincial Park was established in 1973 to protect existing native cultural sites and to provide camping and day-use opportunities.

Neighbouring Mansons Landing Provincial Park was established in 1974. It is a day-use park, offering picnicking, swimming and hiking.

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