Volunteer Host Program

BC Parks is currently seeking volunteers to act as hosts at Croteau Lake. Hosting duties include:
- greeting visitors;
- keeping facilities clean and functional;
- on-site trail maintenance;
- small projects/tasks as needed;
- reporting to BC Parks on a scheduled basis.

A minimum of a one-week stay for hosts is required. Time commitments will vary depending on bookings, but hosts will likely have many hours to enjoy hiking, exploring, wildlife viewing, photography, and other outdoor activities.

Hosts must be comfortable staying in remote areas, be self-sufficient and be prepared for an isolated stay. Hosts are not required to collect fees or undertake any enforcement activities.

Hosts are provided a fully-equipped large tent on a private platform overlooking Croteau Lake. Chairs, cots, table, lantern, heater, stove, cooking pots, utensils and fuel are supplied. Hosts are responsible for sleeping bags and food.

To learn more contact Andy Smith at Andy.Smith@gov.bc.ca or call 250-337-2405.
Croteau Lake Site

The group site, completed in 2018, is located on Forbidden Plateau, 6.5 km from Paradise Meadow trailhead (approximately a two-hour hike).

The site has 12 tent pads, a small dock, a modern backcountry toilet, a bear proof food cache, and a yurt for groups to socialize in. This site is available by group reservation only, from June 15 to September 15. The Forbidden Plateau area of Strathcona Provincial Park is one of the premier hiking destinations on Vancouver Island. From this site, various hikes and peaks are easily attainable during the long summer days.

The Yurt

The yurt provides a deck, sink, shelving, white board and tables and chairs for up to 25 people. There is a barrel with a pump for non-potable water plus a container to store your own treated water. There is no power, WiFi, or refrigeration.