Welcome to the dramatic beauty of Strathcona Provincial Park. Located almost in the centre of Vancouver Island, Strathcona is a rugged mountain wilderness comprising more than 250,000 hectares. Mountain peaks, some perpetually mantled with snow, dominate the park, while lakes and alpine tarns dot a landscape laced with rivers, creeks and streams. Designated in 1911, Strathcona is the oldest provincial park in British Columbia. It was named for Donald Alexander Smith, First Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal, a Canadian pioneer and one of the principals in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.