

Conservation

Trees, flowers and shrubs are all part of the park's natural heritage. It is an offence to damage or remove these features. Please avoid indiscriminate use of axes, saws and knives. Please keep tents, vehicles and equipment confined to the gravel portion of your campsite to prevent damage to vegetation.

Park Fees

Campgrounds closed from November to April. Fees are collected for services from mid-May to the end of September only in designated sites. Campers who register for a site must occupy it. If required, contact the Park Facility Operator to confirm dates, as they may be subject to change.

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. Camping space is in constant demand and unregistered campers will be asked to vacate the site.

Facilities



Reservations are accepted and first-come, first-served sites are also available. For reservations call 1-800-689-9025 or www.discovercamping.ca. Maximum stay is 14 days. No electrical hookups are available.



Driftwood Bay group campsite offers a 25-unit site complete with picnic shelter and disabled access toilets. Site is by reservation only. Contact the Park Facility Operator for more details.



Pets are not permitted on the beach (Buttle Lake campground), and must be kept on leash at all other locations in the park.



Please exercise caution and supervise children during water activities. There are no lifeguards on duty.



Boaters are asked to beach their boats at the south end of the beach (Buttle Lake campground). Be aware of strong afternoon winds and submerged hazards in Buttle Lake.



Visitors must possess a valid freshwater fishing licence. All tributaries to Buttle Lake are closed to fishing. Please consult the current *BC Freshwater Fishing Regulations* for more information.



Firewood may be available for purchase. Campfire pits are provided. Fire bans may be implemented to preserve air quality or reduce fire hazard. Be prepared to bring a portable stove for cooking. It is an offence to leave a fire unattended or build a fire greater than 0.5 meters in height. Small fires save trees.

Special Notes

Excessive noise, loud music and loud parties are not permitted. All visitors must leave the campgrounds by 11:00 pm.

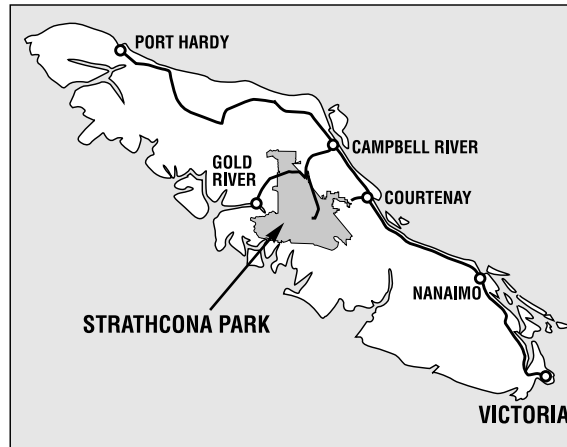
Alcohol consumption is permitted only within the boundaries of campsites with registered occupants of legal age.

The campgrounds are patrolled by the Park Facility Operator. Please bring any of your concerns to them. They will be pleased to assist you.

Information about recreational opportunities in the park and the surrounding area is available from Campground Hosts. These volunteers are in the park during July and August.

Please keep your valuables secure at all times. All losses or thefts should be reported to park staff and the RCMP immediately.

Please drive slowly in campgrounds (10 kilometres per hour) and watch for children playing. Properly licensed vehicles (motorcycles, minibikes, etc.) are permitted if operated by a licensed driver and only on roads and parking lots.



For More Information

BC Parks

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



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Strathcona – Buttle Lake & Ralph River

PROVINCIAL PARK



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.

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