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About TLC

The Land Conservancy of British Columbia (TLC) protects important habitat for plants, animals and natural communities as well as properties with historical, cultural, scientific, scenic, or compatible recreational value.

Founded in 1997, TLC is a democratic organization, membership-based, and governed by an elected volunteer board of directors. TLC relies on a strong membership and volunteer base to help maintain its operations.

TLC achieves its conservation objectives by working in a non-confrontational, businesslike manner. We work with many partners, all levels of government, other agencies, businesses, community groups, and individuals to ensure the broadest support for our activities.

About this Visitors Guide

This guide for members, donors, and visitors is intended to help you get the most from participation with TLC. It provides information on TLC's visitable properties and covenants, as well as options for becoming involved. This information is updated, but is subject to change throughout the year. We recommend that you confirm details either on our website, covenant landowner sites, or by contacting TLC's office.

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How You Can Get Involved

TLC depends on its members and volunteers to sustain our organization and to help us reach our conservation goals. Becoming a member, volunteering, or becoming a donor are all ways for you to contribute directly and help make a positive difference.

Become a Member

Becoming a member gives you the opportunity to elect our board of directors, keeping you directly involved in the governance of our organization. Memberships are made for either individuals, families, or businesses. Membership gifts can be made annually or monthly to meet your giving preferences. Gifts are fully tax-recipientable.

Become a Volunteer

TLC has many volunteer opportunities to choose from that fit your interests, skills, and experience. These include field work, site support, office support, and operations support.

Become a Donor

TLC can receive donations of land, cash, other assets, and covenants as well as bequests. These donations support our work, and many come with various tax savings and benefits. With TLC you can also make a planned gift as part of your estate - these donations can be in the form of endowment funds, RRSPs and RIFs, and more. For more details about how you can get involved with TLC, visit our website or email membership@conservancy.bc.ca.





Conservation Covenants & Properties

A covenant is a voluntary, legal agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization in which the landowner agrees to protect the land in specific ways. The promises the landowner makes will be attached on title to the land forever, regardless of who owns the land. In return, the conservation organization agrees to monitor the covenant and ensure that the intentions and objectives of the covenant are being maintained. Covenanted lands can remain privately owned and occupied, and access is not permitted unless specifically allowed under the covenant. The covenants listed in this guide are all accessible.

In contrast, TLC's properties are acquired through the transition of title from a property owner to the land trust. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways including through a bequest of property or donations toward direct acquisition projects.

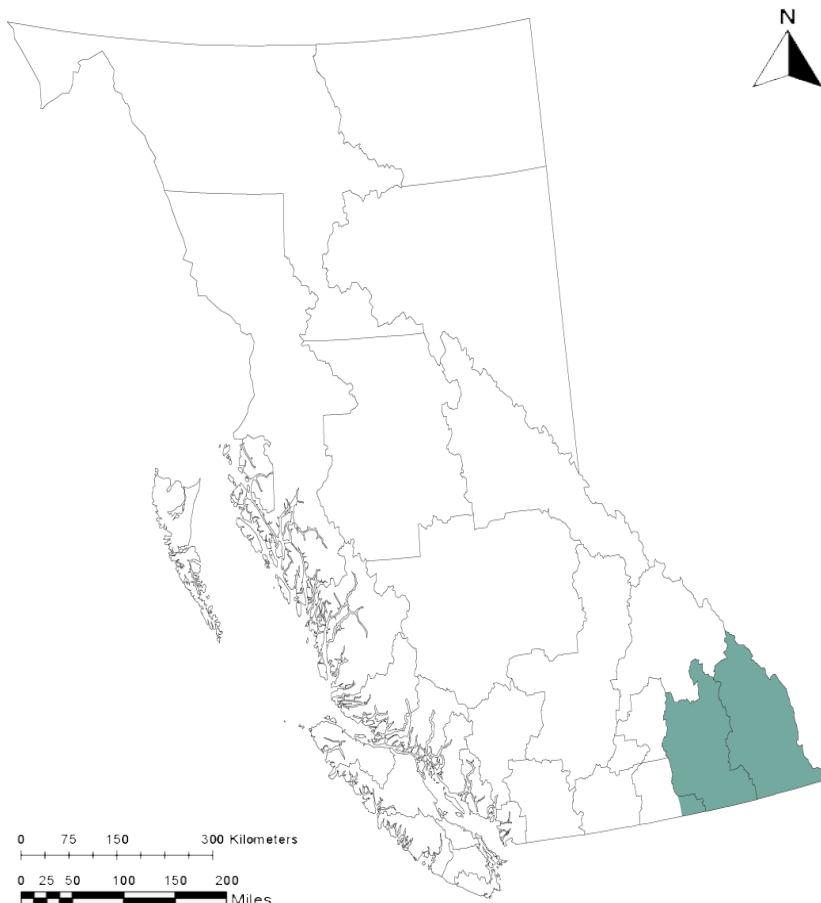
Other properties owned by TLC that are not listed in this guide include:

- Clearwater Wildlife Corridor
- Millstream Creek Watershed
- Second Lake
- SISCENEM (Halibut Island)
- Todd Road



Kootenay Region

The Kootenay Region comprises all of the area within the East Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary: Subdivision A and Central Kootenay Regional Districts in southeastern British Columbia.



Valhalla Mile



A stunning stretch of wild undeveloped shoreline in the Slocan Valley, Valhalla Mile is part of the Valhalla Provincial Park in the traditional territories of the Sinixt First Nation in the west Kootenays. This 63 hectare covenant is an important wildlife corridor throughout the park for grizzly and black bears, wolverines, cougars, deer, and many more species. The property contains mature mixed forest habitat, mountain streams, sandy beaches, and rocky bluffs.

While visiting this area, guests can enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and camping on the west shore of Slocan Lake as well as camping, hiking and mounaineering activities throughout the peaks of the vast Valhalla Range. Just north of the property, one can find ancient First Nations pictographs, and it is speculated that the shoreline here was likely a Sinixt fishing and gathering site.

Directions: The Valhalla Mile Covenant is located on the west side of Slocan Lake within Valhalla Provincial Park. It is accessible by water, forest, industrial roads, or trail. Boat launches exist in Slocan, Silverton, and New Denver, by which trail heads can then be reached. Highway 6 provides access to towns. For more info regarding visiting Valhalla Provincial Park, please visit BCParks.ca.

Fort Shepherd Conservation Area



Running for more than 8 km along the west side of the Columbia River, Teck Metals Ltd donated the 2,200 acre property in 2008 as a split receipt under the Ecological Gifts Program.



The property is on the territories of the Syilx, Ktunaxa and Sinixt First Nations, with the largest intact area of very dry, warm Interior Cedar Hemlock in British Columbia, the Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area is ecologically unique. Containing beautiful ponderosa pine brushlands, showy dogbane flowers and wildlife, the lower benches of the conservancy is home to endangered or threatened wildlife, including Canyon Wrens, Townsends's Big-eared Bats and Racers. As many as 29 rare species of wildlife have been identified and are expected to live on the property. These brushland areas provide critical refuge for ungulates (deer, moose, elk) during harsh winters. Today, partners Trail Wildlife Association help manage restoration and other projects at Ft. Shepherd.

The colonial history of the property is connected to both the Dewdney Trail and the Hudson's Bay Company, as the HBC Fort (built in 1858) was a stopping place on the route to

the Kootenay Gold Rush. The Fort was also a trading place for the Sinixt people, who used the flat benches along the Columbia River as a traditional base for fishing and hunting and continue to live in the territory today. Although the Fort was destroyed by fire in 1872, a cairn remains to mark its location on the site.

Fort Shepherd offers visitors opportunities to explore the shoreline and lower benchlands of the Columbia river by foot, horseback or bicycle with dogs on leash.

Directions: Located 6 km south-east of Trail. Parking space is available at the gated entrance. Please park your vehicle with clearance so that emergency response vehicles have space to enter the gate. Please note you must cross a 5 km walk through Teck Metals property before reaching Ft. Shepherd. There are no facilities and limited cell reception, use at your own risk. Fort Shepherd welcomes visitors from May to October.

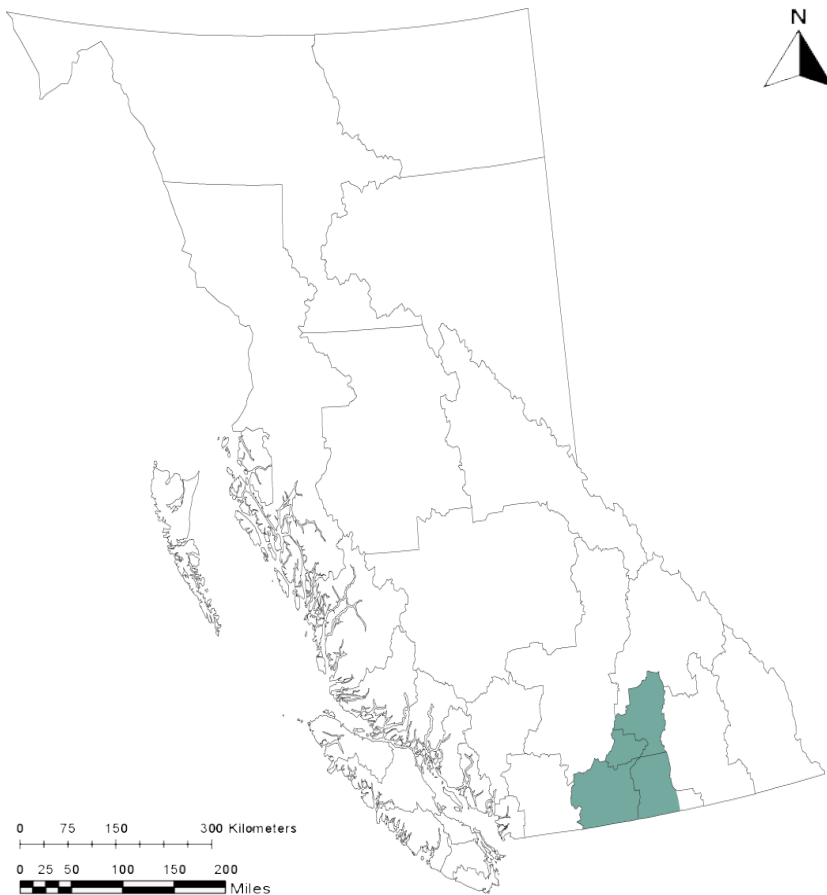
When visiting the Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area, please tread carefully and abide by the following:

- No motorized vehicle access including ORV's
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and horse access only along main road
- Please respect wildlife habitat
- Dogs permitted on leash only
- No dumping.
- Pack it in, pack it out
- No cutting or removal of plants
- No overnight camping
- No fires or smoking
- No hunting or shooting



Okanagan Region

The Okanagan Region comprises all the area within the regional districts of Okanagan-Similkameen, Kootenay Boundary Subdivision, Central Okanagan, and North Okanagan.



Skaha Conservation Area



Skaha Conservation Area is part of the Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park in Syilx First Nation and Nlaka'pamux First Nation territory on the east side of Skaha Lake, south of Penticton. It



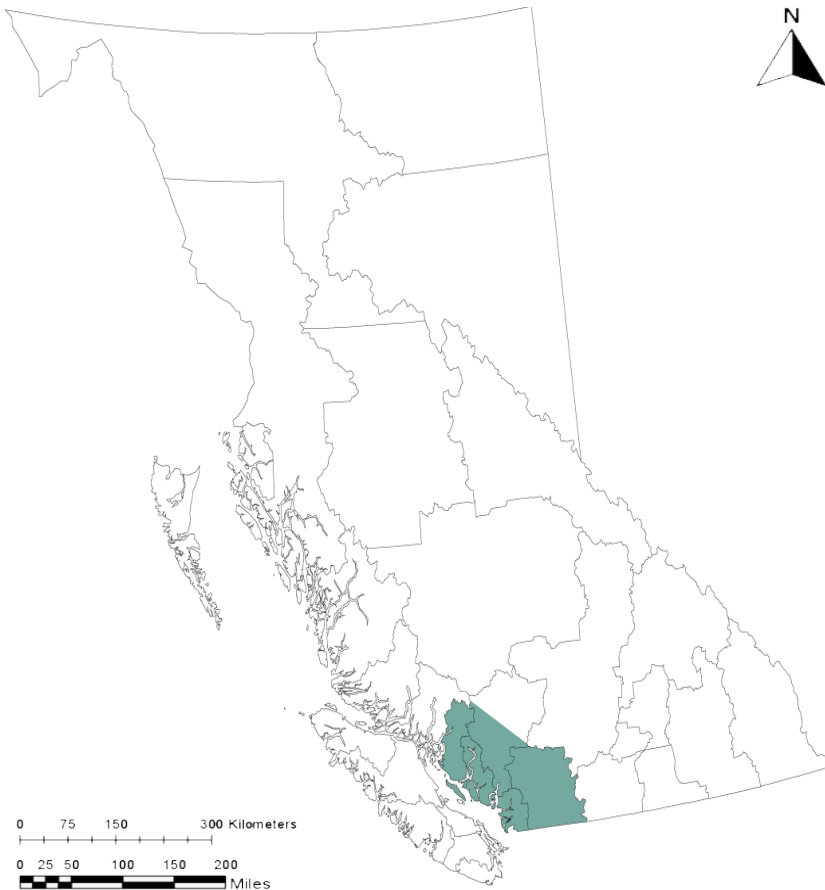
is comprised of 308 hectares of Ponderosa Pine forest, grasslands, riparian forests, and towering cliffs. The area provides habitat for many provincially or federally listed species at risk including California Bighorn Sheep, Western Screech Owl, White-throated Swift, Canyon Wren, Lewis' Woodpecker, five snake and four bat species as well as many other wildlife species. Visitors can enjoy the park through hiking, cycling and horseback riding.

The purchase of the property also secured permanent access to the neighbouring property, the nationally-acclaimed Skaha Bluffs climbing area. Over the centuries, the Bluffs have been weathered and ground down, re-compressed and covered with solid ridges and deep ravines, making them excellent for rock climbing.

Directions: From Okanagan Falls, take Eastside Road. Follow the east side of Skaha Lake and turn right on Smythe Road. Continue on Smythe Road until the Skaha Bluffs Parking Lot. For more info regarding visiting Skaha Bluffs Provincial Park, please visit BCParks.ca.

Lower Mainland Region

The Lower Mainland Region comprises all the area within the regional districts of Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Powell River, Sunshine Coast and Squamish-Lillooet (Subdivision B).



Corrigan Property



Located in the residential area of Surrey on 126th Street, this 0.47 hectare property is nestled between J.T. Brown Elementary School and a housing development. This mature, second growth western hemlock and Douglas fir mixed stand features many local species of vegetation including Salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), and Red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*). This 1 acre property provides protected greenspace in an increasingly urban area of Surrey.

This protected area provides habitat for local wildlife in an area that is rapidly losing greenspace due to urban development. It provides connectivity to forested areas to the north and south. Visitors can enjoy the nature through a perimeter walking path under the canopies of Douglas-fir and big-leaf maple trees.

Today the properties are combined as a single park by a meandering pathway for locals to take a leisurely walk around the 5 acre forest.

Directions: Accessible off of either 126th St. or 125th St. at the 58th Avenue cross street. For more info regarding visiting Corrigan Park, please visit Surrey.ca.

The Emerald Forest



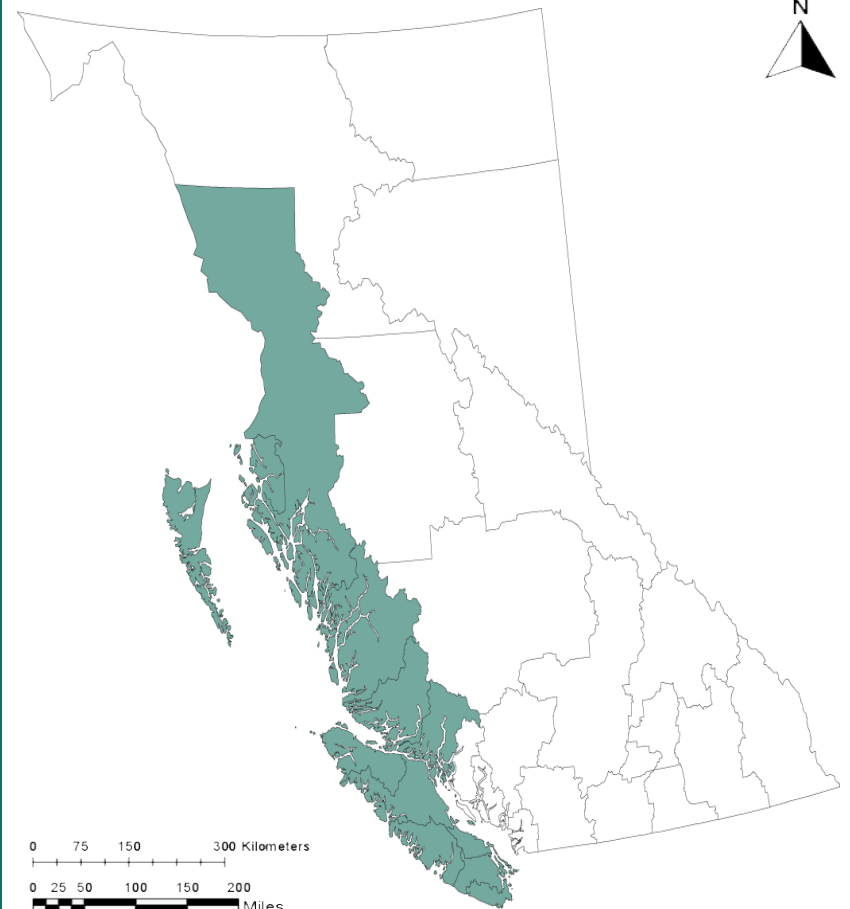
This 56.3 hectare property in Whistler is located near the Barnfield Farms subdivision. Owned and managed by the Municipality of Whistler, the area is made up of mature, old growth forests, lowland riparian zones, and wetlands. It gets its name from the green or “emerald” beauty of the area. A system of trails for walkers, naturalists, and mountain bikers is already established in the forest.

Directions: Drive past Whistler village towards Pemberton, turn left at Lorimer Road. Follow Lorimer Road until it ends. Park on the side of the road and walk across the bridge over the River Golden Dreams.



Vancouver Island Region

The Vancouver Island Region comprises the regional districts of Capital Region, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Mount Waddington, Central Coast, Kitimat-Stikine, and Skeena-Queen Charlotte.



Abkhazi Garden



The Abkhazi Garden is a heritage home and garden located in Victoria. Prince and Princess Abkhazi began creating their garden in 1946, the year they married and settled in Victoria. They immediately began to develop their one-acre property, and continued to maintain and improve the garden throughout their lives together. The garden is very discreet from the street, with only hints of what exists beyond the hornbeam hedge. What the visitor does find is a garden that embraces a natural landscape that is unique to Victoria. The garden contains rocky slopes, native Garry oaks, and vistas. The garden flows around the rock, taking advantage of deeper pockets of soil for conifers, Japanese maples and rhododendrons which have grown to an impressive maturity.



The Teahouse at Abkhazi Garden

The Teahouse offers guests a memorable experience, with exceptional food to be enjoyed in a beautiful setting. The Teahouse's

seasonal menus showcase either regional or Abkhazi-grown fresh produce. Guests can choose from indoor or patio dining (weather permitting), as well as takeaway, wedding, and catering options. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

To make a reservation for the teahouse:

Phone: (778)265-6466

info@abkhaziteahouse.com

AbkhaziTeahouse.com

Address: 1964 Fairfield Road, Victoria.

Abkhazi Garden & Teahouse hours:

April 1st to September

**30th, Monday to
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m.**

October 1st to

**March 31st,
Wednesday to
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
to 4:00 p.m.**



Ayum Creek Covenant

This 7 hectare property surrounding Ayum Creek floodplain and estuary protects one of the last estuaries left in the region at the mouth of Ayum Creek. It provides protection for a salmon spawning stream, riparian, and forest habitats. The park contains at least 107 species of native plants, including two rare species; fifty-one species of birds can be found here as well. Stream restoration on Ayum Creek has improved the stream bed conditions to provide habitat for returning salmon; coho and chum salmon return here each fall to spawn.

Ayum Creek Ecological Reserve is a CRD park that emphasizes protection of ecosystems while allowing light recreation. This area is part of the Sea to Sea Green / Blue Belt established by CRD Parks and provides a vital link in continuing the protection of Ayum Creek North from the Sooke Harbour to the Galloping Goose Linear Park and north towards the Sooke Hills. For more info about Ayum Creek Regional Park Reserve, please visit CRD.bc.ca.

Directions: Drive towards Sooke along Sooke Hwy., Ayum Creek Regional Park is located adjacent to Sooke Road, approximately 40km west of Victoria. Please stay on marked trails.



Barer Covenant

The 65 hectare Barer Covenant is situated within Mount Work Regional Park. The Barer covenant vegetation community is dominated mainly by Douglas fir but does include Arbutus, Garry Oak, Western Red Cedar (in wetter areas) and some terrestrial rock outcrops and riparian habitat. The land is ecologically significant, evidenced by its donation via the Ecological Gifts program of Environment Canada. Through our annual monitoring conducted with volunteers, TLC has observed red-legged frogs which are listed as “special concern” by COSEWIC and blue-listed by the Province.

Directions: The Barer Covenant is accessed from the Mt. Work Park via the Munn Road trail head parking lot. For more info, please visit CRD.bc.ca.



Cross Covenant

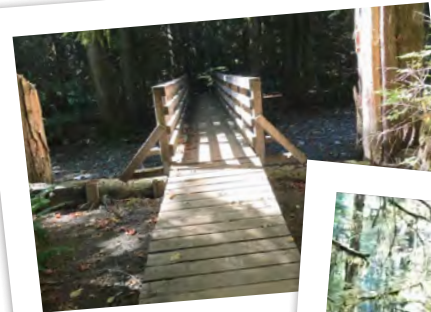


The 23.5 hectare Cross Covenant on Hornby Island is a relatively undisturbed mature second-growth forest that connects two major parklands. Terrain varies from sloping, cleared pasture with treed hillside to a small ravine and stream. There have been surges of hundreds of rough-skinned newts here. When hiking, be mindful of their migration between breeding ponds and terrestrial habitat in spring and fall. These forests provide an important component of the habitat since most adults live in and under rotting logs.

Directions: From the ferry, take Central Road to main intersection, turn right to continue on Central Road (heading to Ford's Cove). Turn right onto Strachan Road and follow it to the end, where it meets Mount Geoffrey Park. Learn more at ComoxValleyRD.ca.



Cumberland Community Forest



Second-growth Douglas fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, and the occasional white pine can be found throughout this 72.1 hectare property. Shrubs found here include dull oregon grape, salal, salmonberry, and trailing blackberry, among other species of herbs and mosses. Western dwarf mistletoe frequently inhabits the hemlock. Wildlife that one could encounter here include downy woodpeckers, minks, rough-skinned newts, black bears, and barred owls among others. The Cumberland Community Forest area is highly used by wildlife and recreationists, including hikers, bird watchers, and naturalists.

Directions: Access from Comox Lake Road at the south-west edge of the residential area of the Village of Cumberland. Learn more at CumberlandForest.com.

Gowlland Point



Gowlland Point is a 0.87 hectare conservation covenant within Brooks Point Regional Park in Tsawout and Tseycum First Nations territory on Pender Island.



Brooks Point has been classified as a Regional Conservation Area. It has great natural beauty, very high wildlife values and the site is known by the community as one of the finest recreational areas in the Gulf Islands. It is easily accessible to people of all ages. From its spectacular shoreline of wave eroded rock Mt. Baker dominates the southeastern horizon and seabirds such as harlequin ducks, surf scoters, Heerman's gulls, terns, jaegers, oystercatchers, murrets, murrelets, and auklets can be easily viewed. Pods of killer whales are often seen offshore and seal, mink, and otter are commonly sighted. The grassy headland also supports an abundance of rare native plants including one of the most profuse shows of chocolate lilies on the Gulf Islands. Visitors can follow the trails and boardwalks through its woodlands and wetlands and walk the beach at low tide. Expect to see the beautiful diversity of marine wildlife and views of Mount Baker.

Directions: Follow Gowlland Point Road past Higgs Road. Parking can be found on the right side of the road for Brooks Point Regional Park. Follow the trail to Gowlland Point. For more info, please visit CRD.bc.ca.

Havenwood Park



Havenwood Park is a beautiful example of what urban greenspace provides for urban communities particularly as large tracts of Canada's most endangered forest ecosystem are quickly becoming increasingly rare. This 16.5 hectare property is on Xwsepsum, Lekwungen, Sc'ianew, and T'Souke traditional territories and is home to several rare and endangered plant and animal species including Mossy rock / Garry oak outcrops. Visitors can walk the trails and observe beautiful wildflowers and wildlife.

Directions: From Downtown Victoria take Trans Canada HWY 1 to Sooke / Langford exit #14 onto Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP). Take VMP approx. 5km to the pull out on the right. You can also access the park from the following streets: Desmond Dr., Sun Vista, Fulton Rd., Granrose Terrace and Windthrop Rd. For more info, please visit Colwood.ca.

Hollyhock Farm



Hollyhock Farm is located on the southern shoreline of Cortes Island, in the Sayward District. This 13.59 hectare covenant is part



of a network of large, intact properties on southern Cortes Island, including Siskin Lane, Siskin Forest Park, South Chains, Treedom Ventures and Hank's Beach Forest Conservation Park, all of which are protected by conservation covenants. All of these lands represent biodiversity nodes that are connected by a southwest-northeast corridor that Columbia black-tailed deer, cougar and coastal wolf commonly utilize.

Founded in 1982 as a project of Greenpeace activists and human potential movement leaders, Hollyhock has catalyzed connection, collaboration, personal growth, and progressive social change for over 35 years. **Learn more about programming and accessibility at hollyhock.ca.**

Directions: Take the ferry from Campbell River to Quathiaski Cove, Cortes Island, then from Heriot Bay to Whaletown, Cortes Island. At Sutil Point Road junction with Highfield Road, drive east and south 0.7 km to the southern terminus of Highfield Road.

Howard Horel Nature Reserve Covenant



The Howard Horel Nature Reserve is a forested 62-acre area near Ford Lake on Salt Spring Island. Protected with a conservation covenant held by TLC and

title held by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the reserve connects to a network of protected lands creating a 300-acre protected area complete with networks of walking trails.

Access: Please visit Salt Spring Island Conservancy's website www.saltspringconservancy.ca for location and hiking trail maps. Howard Horel Nature Reserve's public trails offer easy walking along grassy old roads.

Dogs on leash are permitted. The trail is accessed via Bryant Hill Park from either the end of Mereside Road or the end of Sarah Way.



Hurford Hill Nature Park



This 10.6 hectare covenant in Courtenay - a critical link along the Valley View Greenway - consists of native, young, mixed-age tree species such as Douglas fir, big leaf maple, hemlock and red cedar. A large, clear meadow located on the north east slope of the covenant offers a vista from the forests edge. This park contains numerous trails for hiking and recreational activities.

Directions: South of Glen Urquhart Drive (cul-de-sac) with frontage along Back Road and Hurford Avenue in the City of Courtenay. For detailed trail and accessibility info, visit Courtenay.ca.



Kinghorn Covenant



The Kinghorn Covenant is a 64.7 hectare property adjacent to the previously mentioned Barer property that consists of forests, streams, and wetlands. Surrounded by other covenants and park areas, this covenant helps protect a significant area of native plant species and wildlife.

Directions: Accessed from Mt. Work Park, Munn Road trail head parking lot. For more info about Mt. Work Regional Park, please visit CRD.bc.ca.



Linnaea Farm



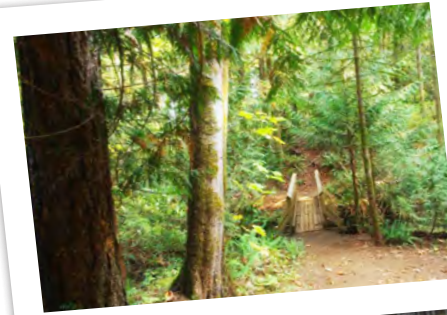
This 127 hectare covenant on Cortes Island, one of the Discovery Islands in Georgia Strait, is part of the 314 acre Linnaea Farm. This farm has provided produce, delivered milk, and hosted camps with horse-riding activities for the Cortes community. There are still trails throughout the property that are commonly used for horseback riding, hiking or simply as shortcuts for Cortes residents and tourists. These include trails to Cortes Bay, Easter Bluff, Larson's Meadow, and the lakeside trail to Hague Lake. Linnaea Farm also provides access to the pristine waters of Gunflint Lake for swimmers, boaters, and fishers.



This property is important for the research, development, and teaching of stewardship of the land and its resources within an ecological context, and their utilization in the areas of food production, crops, livestock, appropriate technology, and building maintenance techniques.

For access details visit LinnaeaFarm.org. Directions: Take the ferry from Campbell River to Quathiaski Cove, Quadra Island (approx. 10 minutes), then from Heriot Bay to Whaletown, Cortes Island (approx. 40 minutes). Linnaea farm is just past the junction of Gorge Harbour Road and Seaford Road.

Masters Greenway



The 6.1 hectare Masters Greenway covenant is composed of mixed coniferous-

deciduous mature forest, with a steep drop off from the forest to the Puntledge River. Numerous species can be found here, as the property contains wetland, riparian, and forest habitat. Tree species such as western red cedar, Douglas fir, sitka spruce, and big leaf maple can be found here, among many other species of trees, herbs, shrubs and mosses. Various bird species have been observed here, including the winter wren, bushtit, and American robin; other wildlife that may be found include bears and deer. Trails are found throughout the greenway for recreational activities.

Directions: Located in Courtenay, the main access point parking area and sign is along Powerhouse Road just north of 1st Avenue. For more info, please visit ComoxValleyRD.ca.

Madrona Farm



Located 10 minutes from downtown Victoria, the 10.9 hectare Madrona Farm produces a diversity of 105 crops, 12 months a year. In addition to the agricultural values of the site,



Madrona Farm is also an important ecological area. The wildlife ponds provide excellent habitat for a wide variety of bird species. Farming on Madrona is guided by the memory of Lawrence and Ruth, a noted naturalist who passed away in 2002, and by a commitment to environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

Native tree species that have been planted here include Douglas fir, Garry oak, arbutus, and red alder among others. Over 130 fruit trees have been planted to stabilize the farm's expansive, southwest facing slope. Madrona Farm is the happy home of many species of birds, including great horned and screech owls, eagles, and herons. A wildlife corridor has been built to connect the farm and Mount Doug.

Address: Located at 4317 Blenkinsop Road, Victoria, Madrona Farm is open for sales from Wednesday to Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visit MadronaFarm.ca for details.

Oak Haven Park



Oak Haven is a 10.2 hectare covenant in Central Saanich on the traditional territories of the Tsawout and Tsartlip First Nations encompassing the mossy rock locally

known as Benvenuto Hill. Oak Haven Park contains majestic Garry oak, large Douglas-fir, arbutus and several species of flowering shrubs. Spring-blooming Fawn Lilies, Camas, Sea Blush and Satin-flower create a vibrant, colourful display. The rich diversity of the park provides habitat for many unique species. Visitors can enjoy a quick 15 minute to the summit for spectacular views of Mt Baker and the Gulf Islands.

Directions: Take the Patricia Bay Hwy/BC-17 until Keating Cross Rd. Turn left on Keating Cross Rd, which will turn into Benvenuto Rd after 3 km. Continue for another 1 km, Oak Haven Park will be on your left. Turn left onto Garden Gate drive for the 2nd access point. Two access points: 1) Benvenuto Ave., past Knott Way, before Garden Gate Dr. 2) Garden Gate Drive between 1231 and 1217. Signs mark entrances to park. For more information about Oak Haven Park, please visit CentralSaanich.ca.



Qualicum Beach Heritage Forest



This 20 hectare property lies within the moist maritime subzone of the Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone, in the Nanaimo Lowlands Ecoregion. The area has remnants of old growth 400-year old coastal Douglas fir along with western red cedar, hemlock, grand fir, and sitka spruce. This habitat is home to rare and endangered plants including the Pipe monotropa, as well as species of birds such as the barred owl and pileated woodpecker. Streams along the coastal plain usually have few natural obstructions to fish passage, and are very important for salmon spawning and rearing.

The purpose of this covenant is to hold, use, and manage the lands as a sanctuary, dedicated to the public for the appreciation and enjoyment of nature and for the benefit of present and future generations.

Directions: Qualicum Beach Heritage Forest is located in Qualicum Beach along Island Highway West.

Sandwick Covenant



This 12.6 hectare forested covenant in Courtenay contains second growth forest, riparian, and wetland ecosystems. These four ecosystem types are described by the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory for East Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

The main tree species are western red cedar, red alder, Douglas fir, sitka spruce, western hemlock and bigleaf maple. The forest is interspersed with pockets of wetland and intersected by watercourses that are tributaries of Portuguese Creek (the upper tributaries of Portuguese Creek are locally called Finlay Creek). The land contributes to landscape connectivity and the provision of corridors for wildlife.

Directions: Access from Muir Road to the southwest of Sandwick Park, or along Veteran's Memorial Parkway and from the Wentworth Road mobile home park. Please visit Courtenay.ca for further Sandwick Park visitor info.

Sansum Point



Amongst the rain shadows of the Vancouver Island and the Olympic Mountains near Duncan, lays a coastal bluff whose moss and lichen-covered rocks create a new

shade of vibrant green. Arbutus and Garry oak trees frame breathtaking views of Salt Spring Island, Sansum Narrows, and south to Satellite Channel. This property is part of the moist maritime Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone. It contains a variety of sensitive ecosystems, including coastal bluffs, older second growth forest, woodlands and wetlands.

The 51.87 hectare Sansum Point covenant overlooks Sansum Narrows and the coast of Salt Spring Island. Further into the forest, amid the Douglas fir, Bigleaf maple and western red cedar trees, numerous wetlands support a community of wildlife.

Address: Located at 8350 Stoney Hill Road, Duncan. For more information about visiting, please visit CVRD's Stoney Hill Regional Park website: CVRD.ca/1917. Please remain on the trails.



Sooke Hills



The Sooke Hills are located west of Victoria between the communities of Langford, Metchosin, and Sooke. They form a spectacular backdrop to the City's landscape. This 2310.8 hectare property contains 610 hectares of forested hills on the northern boundary of Sooke Mountain Provincial Park; 768 hectares on the park's southern boundary; and also an area along the Galloping Goose Regional Trail at Sooke Basin.

Other features include Mt. Manuel Quimper (and many of the other Sooke Hills); three beautiful lakes – Grasse, Shields and Crabapple; and large sections of both Ayum Creek and Charters River valleys.

Directions: Take the British Columbia Highway 14 (Sooke Road). Turn right at Harbourview Road. Continue onto Sooke Mountain Park Road to parking lot. For further visitor info, please visit CRD.bc.ca.

Thetis Lake - Mt. Work Connector



This 23.86 hectare covenant provides a connection between Thetis Lake Regional Park and Mount Work Regional Park. This land has old second-growth forest, wetlands, and beautiful views.

The seven wetlands found on this covenant are fed by run-off from the adjacent rocky bluffs to the west and provide habitat for a rich diversity of wetland fauna.

This property is part of a plan that will result in a trail system linking parklands from the Gowlland Range, overlooking Saanich Inlet, through Mount Work and Thetis Lake and beyond to Mill Hill and the Galloping Goose Trail.

Directions: Follow Millstream Rd. north to Millstream Lake Rd. Turn right onto Munn Rd. Park in Mt. Work parking lot, cross the road and walk up hill to trail marked. The property starts between 5463 and 5395 Munn Rd. For further visitor info, please visit CRD.bc.ca.



Welland Legacy Orchard



The 0.3 hectare Welland Legacy Orchard, donated to the Town of View Royal by the late owner, this small but mighty orchard is home to 200 fruit trees with several dozen rare varieties of apple, quince, and other fruit trees making it one of the largest and most diverse community orchards in Canada. The covenant ensures that the park is maintained by the Town as an orchard and a local food sustainability non-profit organization is managing the site who offer workshops on gardening. Visitors can stroll through the park and watch pollinators work on the diversity of fruiting trees.

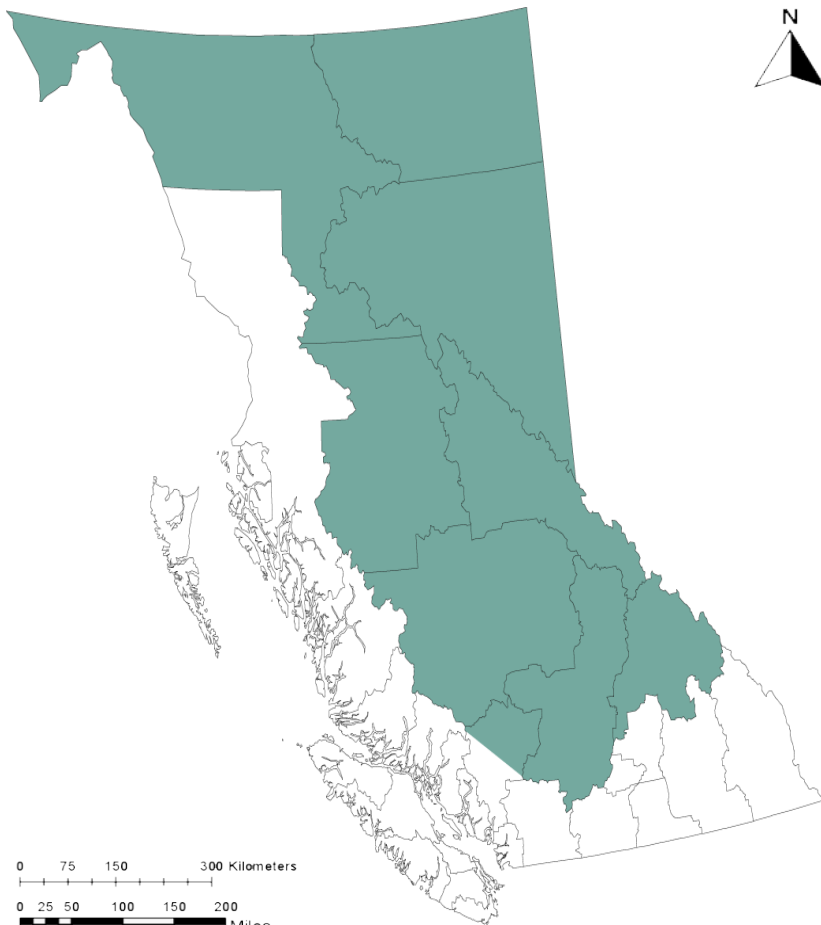
**Address:
1215 Stancil Lane,
Victoria, B.C.**

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Northern Region

The Northern Region encompasses the remainder of the province; all areas northwards of the Kootenay Region, the Okanagan Region, and the Lower Mainland Region; and all areas northeast / east of the Vancouver Island / Coastal Region.



Nimpo Lake



This one-room fishing cabin was donated to TLC by long-time Williams Lake resident and naturalist, Winnie Bennie. Located along the shore of Nimpo Lake, in the Chilcotins west of Williams Lake, the cabin has been converted for use as a rental. This small, rustic cabin sits on about 4 hectares of lodgepole pine and aspen.

The Nimpo Lake area is one of BC's premier fishing destinations. Fishing opportunities in the area are almost endless. There are so many opportunities that the avid fisher never needs to fish the same place twice. Nimpo itself hosts world class fishing for Rainbow Trout, Dolly Varden and Bull Trout. The Dean River that empties Nimpo Lake is a world-renowned fly-fishing river.

The cabin can also be used as a jumping off point for exploration of this rugged part of BC. It is located at the doorstep of Tweedsmuir Park, one of BC's largest parks. Traveling just west of Tweedsmuir Park, one can descend in to Bella Coola to immerse oneself in all that the mid-coast has to offer. If a more rugged experience is in order, Nimpo is but a stone's throw (~50 km) to Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park. This remote and roadless 112,000-hectare wilderness area protects caribou habitat as well as the northernmost occurrence of California bighorn sheep in North America.

Location: approximately 300km west of Williams Lake and about 32km from the Anahim Lake airport, which provides 2-hr long flights from Vancouver. Cabin can be rented from May 25th to the end of September at \$65/night or \$300/week with a maximum of 4 people.

Cabin facilities:

- A large room with a double bed and a set of bunk beds (no linen provided; sleeping bags recommended).
- A fire woodstove.
- Kitchen equipped with a Coleman gas stove, utensils, dining and cookware.
- Please note there is no electricity or running water.

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