

Historically Salmon-rich Fraser Delta

For thousands of years, First Nations people fished the salmon-rich Fraser delta and showed the settlers how to catch and utilize the fish. In 1873, John Sullivan Deas pre-empted the island for \$1 per acre, and built and ran a cannery that was located where the viewing tower stands today. The cannery processed more canned salmon than any other cannery on the Fraser River. The cannery ceased production about the time of the First World War. In early 1900s up to 1950s, there was a small settlement of families from Greece who were also drawn to Deas Island by the fishing industry.

Inverholme Schoolhouse (1909)

One of the last one-room schoolhouses in Delta, Inverholme was moved from East Ladner to the park in 1981 and was restored in 1982. To reserve the room for special occasions, phone 604-432-6352.

Burrville (Victorian Style House, 1905-06)

Burrville was home to three generations of Burr family until the early 1970s. It was moved to Deas Island from River Road in December 1981. The attic is a summer nursery for hundreds of bats.

Delta Agricultural Hall (1899)

The hall was moved from Ladner to Deas Island in 1989 and is now the park operation centre.

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

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Park Conditions

To report conditions or situations requiring the assistance of Regional Parks, phone or leave a message at 604-520-6442.

Further information:

Area office for Deas Island, 604-520-6442
Metro Vancouver, 604-432-6200
metrovanancouver.org

Mailing Address:

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
4515 Central Blvd, Burnaby, BC
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Deas Island

Regional Park

Delta

Stroll park trails along the Fraser River, listen to the rustle of the cottonwood trees, or watch hawks and eagles soaring effortlessly.



Trails and Recreation

Hiking



There are over 6 kilometres of trails on Deas Island, all of which are flat and easy walking. The park is connected to Ladner via the Millennium Trail, a lovely stroll or bike ride alongside the slough and river's edge. Please stay on designated trails.

Cycling



Cycling is only permitted on park roads and is not allowed on park trails.

Dogs



Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and under control at all times. Please scoop your dog's poop and dispose of it properly. Dogs are not permitted in the heritage buildings.

Fishing



Fishing from the shores of Deas Island is permitted, subject to obtaining a Tidal Sport Fishing License. Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada for information on licences and restrictions, pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish.

Water Sports



Please obey the Deas Slough Recreational Use Schedule posted in the park. The float at Deas Slough is for canoes, kayaks and other human-propelled watercraft only. The Delta Deas Rowing Club offers paddling programs. For more info, go to deltadeas.com.

Picnicking



Picnic tables and toilets are located at the Riverside and Fisher's Field picnic areas. Picnic tables are also located next to the rowing club. The group picnic area at Fisher's Field can accommodate up to 100 people and can be reserved by calling 604-432-6352.

Accessibility



The Inverholme Schoolhouse; Riverside Picnic Area paved path, 7 picnic tables and washroom; and viewing tower lower platform are all wheelchair accessible.

Fire Restrictions



Fires are permitted only in the designated fire rings. Seasonal restrictions may apply.

No Liquor and No Cannabis



Liquor and cannabis are not permitted in the park.

No Smoking



Smoking is not permitted in regional parks, except in designated areas marked by signs. These areas allow the use of tobacco and e-cigarettes, but not cannabis.

No Vegetation Removal



To protect park habitats, vegetation removal is prohibited. Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

Enjoy the Park Safely

Regional parks are natural areas and can present hazards for the unprepared. Look and listen, and be aware of your surroundings. Be prepared for changing conditions. Please obey all signs and enjoy your visit.

Emergencies



In case of emergency, phone 9-1-1 for fire, ambulance, and police services.

General Information

Park Hours

The park is open at 7 am. Park hours are posted at park entrance. Earliest closing is 5 pm.

Park Programs

For information on programs, field trips and events, go to metrovanancouver.org and search 'nature programs.'

Ecological Restoration Team

Help remove invasive plants and replant native species in regional parks. To volunteer for hands-on work parties, go to meetup.com and search 'regional parks.'

DEAS ISLAND REGIONAL PARK

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK

From Hwy 91, take the River Rd Exit and go west along River Rd (8 km).

From Hwy 99, at the south end of the George Massey Tunnel, take Exit 28 (River Rd North) and go east (2.5 km).



- Information
- Parking
- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Drinking Water (May to Sept.)
- Viewpoint
- Bus Stop
- Group Campground
- Gate
- Historic Building
- Horse Unloading
- Hiking Trail
- Hiking/Equestrian Trail
- Service Road
- Regional Park
- Marsh
- Tree Line
- Beach

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail	Distance to Return	Time to Return	Terrain	Comments
Dyke Loop Trail	1.1 km	40 minutes	Flat	Through meadow and forest. Look for hawks, coyotes and rabbits at the edge of the field and forest.
Island Tip Trail	2.4 km	60 minutes from Fisher's Field	Flat	A walk over the George Massey Tunnel, through dunes and along the river's edge. Island Tip offers a small sandy beach.
Tinnmaker's Walk	1.2 km	40 minutes	Flat	Easy walk from viewing tower along the tree-lined dyke, with some views of the river. Watch for warblers, chickadees and downy woodpeckers.
Slough View Trail	1.4 km	45 minutes	Flat	Through dunes and forest, along the dyke with views of Deas Slough. The place to find evening primrose, thatcher ant mounds and digger wasps.

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