

Kanaka...A Name From The Past

Hawaiian labourers, known as “kanakas” in their native language, were employed on Hudson’s Bay Company ships transporting goods to Europe in the late 1800s. Upon arrival in the Fraser Valley, many decided to stay and make their homes on the lower section of the creek, earning its name “Kanaka Creek.”

The Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre

The centre features the Bell-Irving Hatchery, George Ross Learning Room, Roof to Creek Learning Landscape, outdoor education spaces and exhibits. Drop by its outdoor exhibits or join scheduled programs to explore nature, watershed conservation and salmonid enhancement.

Bell-Irving Hatchery And Fish Fence

The hatchery and fish fence allow monitoring and enhancement of chum, coho, and pink salmon populations in Kanaka Creek and Lower Mainland watersheds. The fish fence operates from the end of September to the beginning of December each year. Fish are caught, counted, and the majority released to spawn naturally in the creek. Please do not disturb fish at the fence.

KEEPS

The Kanaka Creek Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS) is a Metro Vancouver Parks Partner group committed to environmental education, conservation, stewardship and enhancement of the Kanaka Creek watershed and Kanaka Creek Regional Park. To get involved, visit www.keeps.org and contact KEEPS.

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

Find out how you can donate to the parks you love at MVRPFoundation.ca.

Further information:
Area office for Kanaka Creek, 604-530-4983
Metro Vancouver, 604-432-6200
metrovancover.org

Mailing Address:

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks
4515 Central Blvd, Burnaby, BC
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Kanaka Creek

Regional Park

Maple Ridge

A burbling creek descends through rich mountain forests, majestic sandstone canyons and impressive falls, finally ending in a peaceful estuary.



Trails and Recreation

Shared Trail



Observe proper trail etiquette: pedestrians yield to equestrians, cyclists yield to pedestrians and equestrians. To minimize erosion and habitat damage, please stay on designated trails.

Cycling



Cycling is permitted on the Fraser Riverfront east of the Spit Trail and on the Trans Canada Trail.

Horseback Riding



Equestrians are permitted on the Les Robson/North Fork Loop, Turkey Trot and Lower Thorn Hill trails; and Trans Canada Trail from Tamarack Lane to Kanaka Way and east towards 240 St.

Fishing



A Tidal Water Sport Fishing Licence is required downstream of the railway bridge. Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1-877-535-7307 or visit www.canada.ca (search Pacific Region Fishing Information). Fishing elsewhere in the park requires a Non-tidal Angling Licence. Call 1-877-855-3222 for details or visit www2.gov.bc.ca (search freshwater fishing).

Dogs



Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed and under control at all times. Even well-trained dogs can frighten or injure park wildlife and visitors. Please scoop up your dog’s poop and dispose of it properly.

Accessibility



The Fraser Riverfront trails, washrooms and picnic tables are accessible. The hatchery is accessible with assistance. Check our website for details.

No Camping, No Liquor, No Cannabis and No Smoking



Camping, liquor and cannabis are not permitted in the park. 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 and mushroom 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, be aware of your surroundings and avoid using headphones. Know your limits, be prepared for changing weather conditions, and obey all signs. Visit our website for tips on personal safety.

Emergencies



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

Hazards

Watch for authorized vehicles conducting dyke or park maintenance on the Fraser Riverfront. Swimming in the river is not recommended; the water is fast flowing, murky and unsafe. Steep cliffs occur in many places along Kanaka Creek, especially at Cliff Falls. Stay well back from the edge.

Bears



Bears are known to pass through the park from time to time. If you encounter a bear, stay calm and slowly back away. Do not approach or try to feed a bear, or leave any garbage.

General Information

Park Hours

In general, parks are open during daylight hours. Park hours are posted at park entrances; earliest closing is 5 pm. Gates are locked when the park is closed.

Public Programs and Facility Reservations

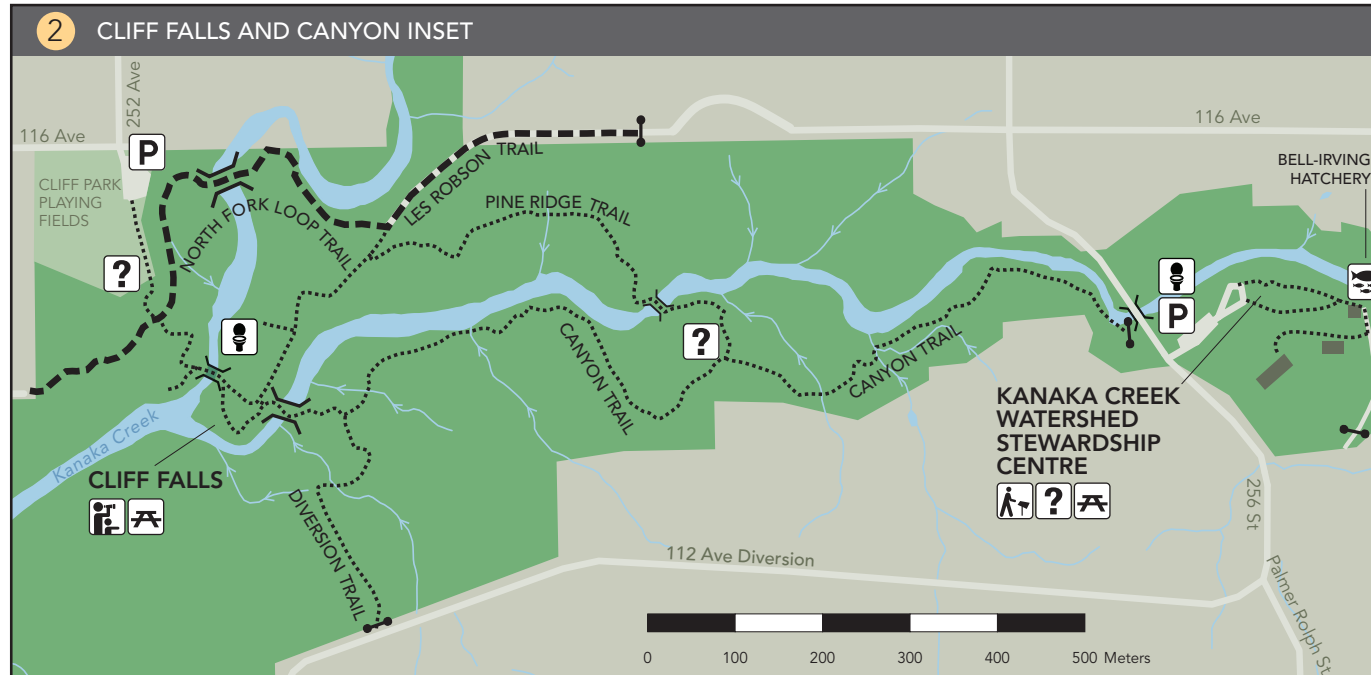
For information on programs, field trips and events, go to www.metrovancover.org or call 604-432-6359. To book a regional parks facility for your next social or corporate event, call 604-432-6352.

Park Conditions

To report conditions or situations requiring the assistance of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, phone or leave a message at the Park Area office: 604-530-4983.

KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK

- Information
- Picnic Area
- Gate
- Hiking Trail
- Parking
- Canoe Launch
- Creek
- Hiking/Cycling Trail
- Toilets
- Viewpoint
- Regional Park
- Hiking/Cycling/Equestrian Trail
- Hatchery
- Interpretive Sign
- Trans Canada Trail
- Hiking/Equestrian Trail



REGIONAL KANAKA CREEK PARK



TRAIL INFORMATION		Comments	Terrain	Time One-Way	Distance One-Way
Trail	Canyon Trail	This unique sandstone canyon boasts spectacular falls on the north and south arms of the creek.	Some challenging hills	30 minutes	1.2 km (from hatchery)
	Riverfront Trails	Observation towers provide outstanding wildlife viewing opportunities over the oxbow's peaceful waters.	Flat	1 hour	3 km