

Historically Salmon-rich Fraser Delta

For thousands of years, aboriginal 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, Built 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, Built 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.

Pacific Parklands Foundation

Pacific Parklands Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of Metro Vancouver's regional parks. For information or to make a donation, call 604-451-6168 or visit www.pacificparklands.com.

Further information:
Area office for Deas Island, 604-520-6442
Metro Vancouver, 604-432-6200
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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 must be leashed. Even well-trained dogs can frighten or injure park wildlife and visitors. 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, www.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 www.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 Smoking

 Liquor is not permitted in the park, except by special permit in the Inverholme Schoolhouse. Smoking is not permitted in regional parks, except in designated areas. Signs mark the designated areas.

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

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.

Park Programs and Facility Reservations

For information on programs, field trips and events, go to www.metrovanancouveronline.org or call 604-432-6359.

Rules and You

Help ensure the future of our region's natural treasures. Please follow park regulations, established to protect park habitats, wildlife, and facilities. You can make a difference!

Park Conditions

Park conditions are posted on www.metrovanancouver.org. To report conditions or situations requiring the assistance of Regional Parks, phone or leave a message at the Park Area office: 604-520-6442.

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).



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.

