

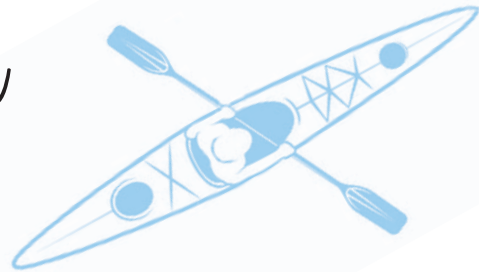
On the Water

Kayak

Enjoy View Royal from the water! Drop the kayak in and explore what our beautiful waterways have to offer.

The Gorge Waterway is a serene place to paddle, with calm protected waters. It is also part of a federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary and is a delight for bird watchers. Access by kayak is from Shoreline Drive, Chancellor Avenue, or the Gorge Waterway Park just over the Craigflower Bridge.

The Esquimalt Harbour gives you an opportunity to explore Cole and Richards Islands, Millstream Creek, Six Mile Bridge, or further out in the beautiful Esquimalt Harbour. The Harbour can be accessed from Portage Park or the Stewart Avenue access.



Thetis Lake

Thetis Lake is the largest CRD park in View Royal. This beautiful forested park can be enjoyed year round. It offers a large beach area that's great for swimming with washrooms and change areas. This active lake is widely used for paddle boarding, kayaks, fishing, and floating. It also offers amazing hiking trails, off leash dog areas, and opportunity to see wildlife and spectacular lake views.

There is plenty of parking, so come spend the day with the family, enjoy an afternoon hike or morning jog with the dog.

Fishing

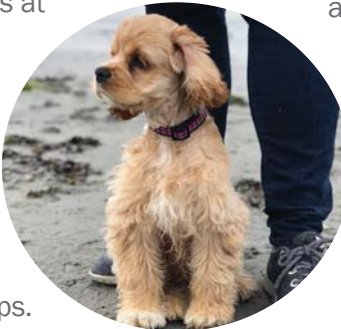
Take a break and enjoy the beautiful scenes while you throw your hook in the water! Portage Inlet as well as the Esquimalt Harbour are home to Cutthroat Trout and Chum Salmon.

Head down to the Craigflower Bridge Fishing Platform. A brand new fishing platform was installed in 2016. People can be found lined up waiting for the fish to bite year round.



Heritage

View Royal is rich in history! Craigflower Manor, a National and Provincial historic site, was part of the early settler history of the region and was built in 1856 for the Hudson's Bay Company. Cole Island and its brick and mortar buildings were used as an ammunition depot as early as 1859 for the Royal Navy. View Royal is also home to two historic "road houses" or pubs that were stagecoach stops. Early industrial history of the region can be viewed at the Hart Road Lime Kiln which is slowly undergoing restoration works. This structure was in use from the early 1900's to the 1940's by the Atkins family who manufactured lime (a key ingredient in concrete) at the site.



Dogs

Mutt Manners! All dogs should be on leash when on the street or in a park in on leash areas. Dogs need to be under control and on the trail at all times.

Owners should always be prepared to clean up after their dogs. Please bring bags with you as bags may not always be available.

Please take extra caution in off leash areas to ensure that your dog(s) stay in the off leash area so there is no disturbance to wildlife and natural environments.

For concerns about dogs, please call CRD Animal Services at 250-478-0624.

Trails

View Royal is at the core of the region with trails to explore and connections to the surrounding communities. Portage Park offers access to the beach and to the Humpback Commuter Trail. For a few moments of serenity during your busy day, Eagle Creek Park has a short chip trail next to a quiet stream. The new Chilco Trails system is complete and is ready to be enjoyed. The Chilco Trails will get your heart rate up and you will be rewarded with incredible views from the viewing platform at the top!

By foot and by bike, View Royal makes it easy to get around. Shortcuts like the Heddle Trail, MacLennan Trail, Suzanne Place pedestrian pathway and pedestrian routes to Nursery Hill Park contribute to walkability and liveability in our community.

Check out the map on the back to find local and regional trail access. Get to know this wonderful community and the beauty it offers.

Accessibility

Looking to spend an afternoon in the park but need accessibility for wheelchair, walker, or strollers?

View Royal Park offers a paved loop and parking lot for access. Portage Park has paved access and also connects to the Galloping Goose Trail if you would like to enjoy a longer walk or a picnic in the park.



Sports

Helmcken Centennial Park is home to some great ball diamonds. Baseball games and tournaments are a fixture during the summer months.

View Royal Park has a paved walking loop with outdoor exercise equipment. There is a new playground for the kids to enjoy while you get in that workout.

At Chancellor Park there is a new half court with basketball hoop and hockey net.

Kids at Play

View Royal offers a park in every neighbourhood. The Parks amenities table lets you know where the playgrounds are located in View Royal.

In 2018, View Royal installed three new playgrounds at Portage Park, View Royal Park and the newest one at Helmcken Centennial Park which features a 100ft zipline!

Pack a lunch and head down to the park for the afternoon, or take the dog and the kids to go run and play together right in your own neighbourhood.



Parks

	Shoreline Access	Viewpoint	Off Leash Dog Area	Picnic Area	Sports Facility	Walking Trail	Play Area	Community Garden	Parking	Natural Area
Aldersmith			✓	✓		✓				✓
Burchill										✓
Burnside / Watkiss						✓				
Chalmers Court							✓			
Chancellor						✓				✓
Chilco			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Duffus Trail	✓					✓				✓
Eagle Creek						✓				✓
Edwards	✓					✓				✓
Evelyn Heights			✓	✓				✓		
Francis View										✓
Game Nature			✓			✓				✓
Garry Oak Meadows						✓				✓
Glenairlie										✓
Helmcken Centennial	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	
Highbank						✓				✓
Jalan		✓								
Kelvin Grove										✓
Knockan Hill		✓	✓			✓				✓
Knollwood						✓				
Marler						✓				✓
Mellor	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓
Newstead				✓			✓			
Nursery Hill						✓				✓
Parkcrest										✓
Parson Bridge	✓	✓				✓				✓
Portage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Richards Island	✓									✓
Robin Hill						✓				
Seabird	✓	✓								
Stoneridge Wetland						✓				✓
Thetis Lake	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
View Royal			✓				✓	✓	✓	
Welland Legacy										✓

Westshore Parks & Recreation

Westshore Parks and Recreation offers a variety of activities, amenities and programs including:

- Aquatics

Fitness

Trails

Golf

Ice Rinks

Library
- Grass & Turf Fields

Lawn Bowling

Baseball Diamonds

Lacrosse Box

Beach Volleyball Courts

Senior's Centre
- Basketball Courts

BMX Track

Velodrome

Playgrounds

Tennis Courts

For more information on programs, registration and facilities see the website at:

www.westshorerecreation.ca



View Royal Parks & Trails Guide

