



Goldstream Provincial Park

Goldstream Provincial Park is a lovely natural reserve, it is an ancient Douglas fir and cedar forest with beautiful waterfalls. From October to December you can witness the annual salmon run, when salmon lay their eggs in the river. Traditionally known as SELKTEĒ (Selektel), this location was important to hunting, gathering, and fishing for the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) and Malahat Peoples.

During our trip to Goldstream Provincial Park, please stay on the marked trails and be careful around streams, waterfalls, and fast-moving water. Wear closed-toe shoes and clothing suitable for the weather. **Do not** cross the highway. While Mt. Finlayson is located in the park, we will not have time to hike the mountain.

You may be in crowds and will have some time without a group leader, stay in a small group and be aware of public health risks.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Goldstream Nature House
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Water Fountains
- Seasonal Concessions Stand (open in the summer)

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Bug spray (if needed)
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Do not** cross the highway
- **Be careful** around streams, waterfalls, and fast-moving water



Fort Rodd Hill

Fort Rodd Hill is an outdoor historic site with old military buildings, built in the 19th century to defend the Esquimalt Naval Base. This site features preserved gun batteries, underground magazines, command posts, as well as the historic Fisgard Lighthouse.

This historic site is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Songhees/ləkʷəŋən and Esquimalt/Xwsep̓səm nations. It was used for harvesting shellfish and cultivating camas - a native flower to these lands that are important to the Indigenous communities.

During our trip you will be able to explore the site and artifacts preserved here. Please wear closed-toe shoes that are comfortable for walking, and dress for the weather. Some paths may be slippery or rough, so move carefully and stay in the marked visitor areas.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Welcome Centre
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Water Fountains
- The Canteen (open in the summer)

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** as some paths may be slippery or rough
- **Stay** in the marked visitor areas



Sidney by the Sea

Sidney by the Sea is a coastal town with oceanfront walkways, beaches, and local shops. Explore this quaint harbour town that is known for its Salish Sea views and maritime atmosphere.

Sidney is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) Peoples, including the Tsartlip, Tseycum, Tsawout, and Pauquachin Nation, who have inhabited the land from time immemorial (long-standing, past memory). The area is traditionally known as SET,TINES ("chest sticking out") and was a rich landscape used for fishing, gathering camas, and villages.

During our trip you will be able to explore this local town, enjoy the ocean views and local shops. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, bring sunscreen or a hat if the weather is sunny!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the town.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Local shops, restaurants, cafes, etc.
- Some Public Restrooms
- Parks
- Waterfront Walkway

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** on piers and near the water
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore



Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary

The Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary is a non-profit conservation area located on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) and Songhees/ləkʷəŋən Nations. It is a habitat for over 200 species of migratory birds and wildlife, and was traditionally used for hunting, fishing, and gathering for the Indigenous communities.

During our trip you will be able to explore the sanctuary, including the Nature House and walking trails. This trip will provide a public nature education and great siteseeing of local wildlife.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, bring sunscreen or a hat if the weather is sunny!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the sanctuary.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Nature House
- Gift Shop and Library
- Public Restrooms
- Trails
- Benches

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** around wildlife while exploring and watch for uneven ground.
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore
- **Do not** feed wildlife



Beacon Hill Park

Beacon Hill Park is a urban green space in downtown Victoria that offers beautiful gardens, a Garry Oak ecosystem, a petting zoo, and sports.

Located on the Songhees/ləkʷəŋən and Esquimalt/Xʷsepsəm Nations land, this area was once covered in a local flower called camas which is essential to Indigenous diets. It's original name was míqən (or MEE-qan) and was an essential area for harvesting camas, trade, and a burial location for the Songhees/ləkʷəŋən and Esquimalt/Xʷsepsəm nations.

During our trip you will be able to explore the gardens, participate in the petting zoo, and enjoy the wildlife in the park. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, bring sunscreen or a hat if the weather is sunny!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the park.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Beacon Hills Children's Farm (includes a seasonal petting zoo)
- Public Restrooms
- Water fountains
- Gardens and ponds
- Walkways, picnic table, and bencher
- Outdoor activities

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** around wildlife and water
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore



Witty's Lagoon

Witty's Lagoon Regional Park is protected area known for its sandy beach, tidal lagoon, and bird habitat. The park features Sitting Lady Falls, nature trails, a nature center, and panoramic views of the Juan de Fuca Strait.

Located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Ka-Kyaaken band, this area was a great resource for fishing, shell fishing, and harvesting.

During our trip you will be able to explore the nature trails, nature center, and beach. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, bring sunscreen or a hat if the weather is sunny!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the park.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Nature House
- Beach
- Trails
- Public Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Sitting Lady Falls

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** near the water and when swimming
- **Be careful** of pointy rocks and barnacles
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore



Fisherman's Wharf

Fisherman's Wharf is a vibrant, working harbour located near downtown Victoria. This hidden gem is full of shops, restaurants, activities, and floating homes.

Located on the Songhees/ləkʷəŋən and Esquimalt/Xʷsepsəm Nations land, this area is a rich harvesting ground for fishing and collecting shellfish.

During our trip you will be able to explore the local shops, restaurants, and beautiful views. If you are lucky, there is even a chance of seeing ocean wildlife such as seals and fish. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, bring sunscreen or a hat if the weather is sunny!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the wharf.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Local shops, restaurants, cafes, etc.
- Public Restrooms
- Waterfront docks
- Seating areas
- Seal sightings

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks (if needed)

Risks:

- **Be careful** on piers and near the water
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore



Craigdarroch Castle

Craigdarroch Castle is a stunning Victorian-era home built between 1887 and 1890 by coal baron Robert Dunsmuir to show off his wealth. It is a National Historic Site known for its intricate woodwork, luxurious furnishing, and rare stained glass. The castle is built on the Songhees/lək^wəŋən and Esquimalt/X^wsepsəm Nations traditional land.

During our trip you will be able to explore the castle and learn more about its historic importance. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather!

Please stay in small groups as you explore the castle.

Arrive on time for the bus, and if you are not returning with the group, tell the program staff before you leave.

Things To Know

Amenities:

- Visitor Centre - public restrooms are located here
- Gift Shop
- Self-guided tours, audio guides, and interactive games

What to bring:

- Closed-toe shoes (good for walking)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen and a hat

Risks:

- **Be careful** of the space around you as it is a historical site
- **Stay** in small groups as you explore