

Vancouver Island Nature Viewing Region

Parksville/Qualicum Area

Moorecroft Regional Park, Nanoose



View from Vesper Point: photo by Krista Kaptein



White Fawn Lily: photo by Krista Kaptein

Most of Moorecroft is managed under a Conservation Covenant for the purpose of ecological protection & enhancement including rehabilitation of the Coastal Woodland and Garry Oak ecosystems on Vesper Point. This area is rich in biodiversity and is populated by numerous at-risk species of plants, mammals, reptiles, birds, butterflies and other insects.

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Geographical Description	On the north side of the Nanoose Peninsula.
Area/ Trail Length	34.4 ha. Over 2 km loop trails.
Seasons to Visit	Year-round. Spring for flowers & songbirds.
Habitat	Second-growth forest, meadow, riparian, wetland, rocky shoreline, intertidal.
Viewing Highlights	<p>Views of Georgia Strait, water birds, sea lions, possibly otter.</p> <p>Variety of habitats including Garry Oak ecosystem. Spring flowers including white fawn lily, red-flowering currant.</p> <p>Nesting birds including Bald Eagle, Rufous Hummingbird, Dark-eyed Junco. Songbirds including Yellow-rumped Warbler, Brown Creeper.</p>

Other Features	Cabins & structures from former children's camp.
Main Access	Take Northwest Bay Road (off either Hwy 19 or Hwy 19A) to Stewart Road. Follow Stewart Road to the end (1563 Stewart Rd)
Secondary Accesses	
Cautions	Some areas & trails are closed due to conservation & rehabilitation work.
Jurisdiction	Managed by the Regional District of Nanaimo under a Conservation Covenant held by the Nature Conservancy of Canada.
Regulations	Dogs on leash. No motorized vehicles, no camping, no fires. Entrance gate closed between 9pm-7am.
Facilities	Pit toilets, occasional picnic tables.
Other Recreational Activities	Swimming, paddling, scuba diving.
Other Connections	
History	Established in 1934 as a summer camp for girls by Gertrude Moore, operated continuously by her until 1954, when her failing health necessitated the decision to sell the waterfront property. The United Church of Canada purchased the property for \$50,000, and continued to run it as a camp. In 2011 it was purchased by the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Nature Trust of BC for \$4.8 million.
FMI Links	Arrowsmith Naturalists Regional District of Nanaimo: Moorecroft Regional Park Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas