

Vancouver Island Nature Viewing Region

Comox Valley Area

Rosewall Creek Provincial Park



Northern Flicker:
Bill Heybroek drawing



Rosewall Creek: Krista Kaptein photo



Devil's Club: Krista Kaptein photo

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Rosewall Creek Provincial Park, situated three kilometres south of Fanny Bay, is a fine place to enjoy nature year-round. Fall colours of the bigleaf maple trees are spectacular; and autumn is also a good time to see Coho salmon spawning in the creek, and an abundance of fungi in the forest. In the spring, many attractive wildflowers bloom along the floodplain. This 54.3-hectare day-use-only park has two picnic areas that overlook the creek and forest. A short wheelchair accessible loop follows along both sides of the lower river. Another longer trail, which goes beyond the park boundary through Ministry of Forest lands, leads under the highway and upstream to two beautiful waterfalls. American Dippers frequent the creek. There are some large western redcedars and Douglas-firs along this section of trail, and some spiny devil's club. Keep a lookout for Pacific Wrens, Pileated Woodpeckers and Steller's Jays. The upper trail is not maintained by BC Parks.

[Site Map](#)

Geographical Description	Along Rosewall Creek 1.5 km upstream from the mouth at Mud Bay in Baynes Sound.
Area/ Trail Length	Provincial Park: approx. 55 ha. Approx. 400 m. wide, flat accessible trails east of road overpasses. West of road overpasses: rough trail, some roots; 1.8 km to western park boundary, 3 km one-way to waterfalls.
Habitat	Park: riparian 2nd growth forest, wet floodplain channels of creek.
Highlights	American Dipper in creek, coho spawning.
Best Season	Autumn for fish, year-round for woods.
Main Access	3 km south of Fanny Bay, from the Cook Creek interchange off Hwy #19 or Hwy #19a; approximately 2 km from the interchange; on Berray Rd.
Secondary Accesses	
Cautions	Caution at eroding riverbank. Trails can be wet in winter & flood occasionally; trails may be unsafe during strong winds.
Jurisdiction	BC Provincial Park. Wavell Rd. beach accesses: Ministry of Transportation. Intertidal zone: Provincial MOE; Fish & fish habitat: Federal DFO.

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Birds American Dipper, Belted Kingfisher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Dark-eyed Junco, Pacific Wren, Chestnut-backed Chickadee.

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Mammals Beaver.

Reptiles

Amphibians

Fish Coho salmon.

Insects

Trees Large redcedar; Douglas-fir, amabilis fir, grand fir, western hemlock, red alder, bigleaf maple, western yew near powerline, several large black cottonwood, young cascara, Pacific dogwood.

Shrubs Snowberry, salmonberry, Oregon grape, red huckleberry, salal, devil's club, rose sp., trailing blackberry, ocean spray, twinflower.

Flowering Plants Vanilla leaf, pearly everlasting, foamflower, heal-all, cow parsnip, trillium.

Ferns, Lichens, Sword fern, bracken fern, maidenhair fern, licorice fern.

Mosses Lungwort (*Lobaria pulmonaria*), beard lichens (*Usnea* sp), reindeer lichen (*Cladonia portentosa*)

Step moss (*Hylocomium splendens*), palm tree moss (*Leucolepis acanthoneuron*), Oregon beaked moss, finger-licking-good moss, neckera sp., broom moss, hanging moss.

Other Species

Invasive/Non-native species

Mushrooms *Russula* sp., polypore sp, witches' butter.

Geology River floodplain, marine till over sand exposed at eroding riverbanks.

Regulations Dogs on leash, cycling on roadways only, fishing allowed, no camping, no fires.

Facilities Accessible trail along both sides of lower creek; pit toilets, picnic tables, interpretive sign.

Other Features Several road overpasses. Many large cedar stumps from logging days.

Other Hiking trail to waterfall, west along Rosewall Creek on Ministry of Forests Lands beyond powerline.

Connections Rosewall Hatchery 800 m. east on Berray Rd.

1.3 km north to beach access at Wavell Rd.

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