

Lower Mainland Nature Viewing Region

Fraser River North Area

Harrison Bay & Kilby Provincial Park (Harrison Mills)



Harrison Bay: photo by Bill Kinkaid



Harrison River from Highway 7: photo by Bill Kinkaid

The Harrison River is a wide, slow moving river flowing the short distance from Harrison Lake to the Fraser River. It has a large complex of wetlands and a lake-like widening referred to as Harrison Bay. Kilby Provincial Park is located on a peninsula on the east side of the bay and provides camping, picnicking, interpretive signs and boat launch.

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Geographical Description	Fraser Lowlands.
Area/ Trail Length	
Seasons to Visit	Year round; birding activity best autumn through spring.
Habitat	Marsh and swamp wetlands, riparian, sandy lake shore.
Viewing Highlights	Large numbers of Bald Eagles feed on salmon runs in the area October through January. Fraser Valley Bald Eagle Festival every November includes numerous natural history and cultural activities in the area, and opens several viewing areas otherwise closed to the public.
Other Features	Kilby Historic Site has a preserved pioneer store and other heritage buildings.

Main Access	Kilby Provincial Park, on Kilby Road 2.5 kilometres from Highway 7.
Secondary Accesses	Limited access to the shore south of Lougheed Highway near the Sasquatch Inn and by Harrison Bay Store to the west. No other easy public access except during Bald Eagle Festival.
Cautions	Respect all private properties. Beach and waterways are not patrolled so use at your own risk; watch for industrial traffic (tugboats, log booms) etc. Strong winds blow up the Harrison River often create standing waves hazardous to small boats. Mobile phone service is not reliable in this area.
Jurisdiction	BC Parks, private land, First Nation
Regulations	Camping and fires only at the provincial campground. Dogs on leash.
Facilities	Pit toilets, picnic tables, boat launch. Nearest gas and food are in Lake Errock village (6km west) or in Agassiz.
Other Recreational Activities	Boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming (no lifeguards)
Other Connections	None.
History	
FMI	Kilby General Store and Farm 604-796-9576
Links	BC Parks BC Parks iNaturalist Project Kilby Store and Museum Bald Eagle Festival Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club Chilliwack Field Naturalists Fraser Valley Birding Page Nature Trust of BC Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas