

Lower Mainland Nature Viewing Region

Fraser River South Area

Brydon Lagoon & Hi-Knoll Park (Langley-Surrey)



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A managed system of estuarine marshes in the upper reaches of the Nikomekl River, and a restored sewage lagoon.

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Geographical Description	Fraser Lowlands.
Area/ Trail Length	Trail around the lagoon is approximately 550 metres, taking about 12 minutes at a brisk pace or up to 45 minutes leisurely birding.
Seasons to Visit	<p>January to March is exciting to watch overwintering ducks, especially fish eating birds such as Common Mergansers, cormorant, and Canvasbacks, Wood Ducks, and Bufflehead- up to 14 different species of ducks.</p> <p>Spring: nesting ducks, common songbirds in the surrounding woods and others as Common Yellowthroat on the nearby Nickomekl floodplain.</p> <p>Summer: Canada Geese living on the pond during their molting period.</p> <p>Late fall: Chum salmon return to spawn at nearby McLennan Creek which flows into the Nickomekl River.</p>
Habitat	Freshwater marsh and riparian wetlands, alder and cottonwood woods; Hi-Knoll Park has bigleaf maple and Douglas-fir woods.

Viewing Highlights Approximately 140 species of birds recorded in the lagoon area.

A Bald Eagle nest has existed for many years on a trail near 194th Street and 53rd Ave. It is visible from 192nd St. The eagles have consistently fledged 2 youngsters.

Hi-Knoll Park is good for spring wildflowers, including locally uncommon fawn lilies (*Erythronium* sp.). There are a pair of Barred Owls nesting each year in the area.

Other Features

Main Access Parking area on south side of 53rd Avenue east of 198th Street.

Secondary Accesses Parking at entrance to Hi-Knoll Park on Colebrook Road (50th Avenue) west of 196b Street.

Cautions Use caution near bank of lagoon and in marshes.

Jurisdiction City of Langley Parks. Hi-Knoll Park is City of Surrey.

Regulations No swimming, fishing, camping or fires. Dogs on leash. No bikes.

Facilities None at lagoon; picnic tables and flush toilets at Brydon Park at northwest corner of 53rd Avenue and 196th Street.

Other Recreational Activities

Other Connections Connects with Hi-Knoll Park in Surrey west of 196th Street.

History Brydon Lagoon began as a sewage settling pond in 1963 in the city of Langley and was used until 1975. After Langley City joined Greater Vancouver Regional sewage system, the Langley Field Naturalists began to take an interest in the lagoon as an area with high wildlife value. They petitioned Langley City to designate the area as a Nature Park which occurred in 1985. The Langley Field Naturalists, using a grant from the Public Conservation Assistance Fund, began their work of enhancing the habitat and building a nature trail around the lagoon.

FMI Brydon Lagoon :City of Langley Parks Department 604-530-3131.
Hi-Knoll:City of Surrey 604-591-4011

Publications “Brydon Park Nature Lagoon” brochure, produced by the Langley Field Naturalists in 1987, is still useful today. The drawings in the brochure were created by the late Glenn Ryder, an accomplished Langley naturalist. To obtain a copy, please request through www.langleyfieldnaturalists.org

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