

Lower Mainland Nature Viewing Region

Sea-to-Sky Area

Porteau Cove Provincial Park



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A significant marine scuba diving destination on the shore of Howe Sound featuring underwater and intertidal areas, with scenic views.

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Geographical Description	Georgia Basin.
Area/ Trail Length	56 hectares (4 hectares of upland and 52 hectares of foreshore)
Seasons to Visit	Year round.
Habitat	Coastal western hemlock/western red-cedar, rocky intertidal, natural and artificial reefs
Viewing Highlights	Exploring rocky beaches at low tide . Exploring underwater by diving. Spectacular coastal views. Marine mammals such as harbour seals, birds including Black Oystercatcher, Harlequin Duck, Horned Grebe and other waterbirds.
Other Features	

Main Access	Parking lot on Highway 99, 34km north of Horseshoe Bay and 20km south of the Cleveland Avenue intersection in Squamish.
Secondary Accesses	
Cautions	<p>The park is accessed by a level crossing of the CN Rail line; use caution when crossing.</p> <p>Bears and cougars are rare but be watchful.</p> <p>The wharf, rocky shore and tide pools can be slippery, especially in cold or wet weather.</p> <p>Diving and swimming are at your own risk. Diving should only be done by or under the supervision of qualified scuba divers.</p> <p>Cell phone service is not reliable in this area.</p>
Jurisdiction	BC Parks.
Regulations	Camping and fires only in designated campsites. Dogs on leash and are not allowed in beach areas. Fishing and shellfish harvesting are not allowed within park boundaries.
Facilities	<p>Flush toilets and picnic tables near parking lot; note that divers are to use the changerooms on the east side of the railway tracks only.</p> <p>Basic services and food in Lions Bay and Britannia Beach; all services in Squamish and Horseshoe Bay.</p>
Other Recreational Activities	Canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing, swimming.
Other Connections	
History	John Deeks settled here and began working a gravel pit in 1908. A small village grew on the site but died out during the Great Depression.
FMI	Sea to Sky Park Services 604-986-9371
Links	<p>BC Parks</p> <p>BC Parks iNaturalist Project</p> <p>Nature Vancouver</p>