

Lower Mainland Nature Viewing Region

Metro Vancouver Area

Boundary Bay & Mud Bay Parks (Delta-Surrey)



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Boundary Bay is a part of the internationally recognised Fraser River Estuary (Boundary Bay, Roberts Bank, Sturgeon Bank) Important Bird & Biodiversity Area. A large area of sandy beach, mud flats and tidal marshes. (Note that the Centennial Beach section is covered separately).

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Geographical Description	Georgia Basin
Area/ Trail Length	Total 14.5km one way from 17th Avenue to Mud Bay Park.
Seasons to Visit	Year round; best birding is in winter and in late summer migration.
Habitat	Sandy beach, intertidal mud flats, tidal marsh.
Viewing Highlights	Large numbers of overwintering waterfowl and raptors Large numbers of migrating shorebirds, particularly in spring and late summer; best viewed an hour before or after high tide. Intertidal marine habitat.

Other Features Delta Heritage Air Park at the south end of 104th Street features many vintage small aircraft.
Beach Grove Park is a nearby small park with red alder and black cottonwood, good for owls, woodpeckers and passerines.
Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (OWL), on 72nd Street south of the Boundary Bay Airport, is a major rescue centre for injured raptors. Open to the public only on scheduled Open House days.

Main Access Public parking is allowed only at Beach Grove Park in the west, at the south end of 64th, 72nd, 104th Streets, and at Mud Bay Park in the east (accessed via Colebrook Road and 127A Street).
Cyclists may also access the dykes from 21st Avenue and 88th, 96th and 112th Streets. Do not park a car on these roads, or you are likely to be towed.
Bus 601 to 56th Street and 16th Avenue in the west or 614 to Beach Grove Road; the only other transit service is bus 310 which serves Boundary Bay Airport(2.5 km from Churchill Drive to the south end of 72nd Street) and Matthews Exchange (2.4 km from the stop on Hornby Drive to the south end of 96th Street).

Secondary Accesses

Cautions Watch for cyclists and horses on the dyke.
Respect all private properties and farmlands
Farm vehicles use these roads and dykes; please be patient.
Watch for hunting activity September to March.
Please stay on the dykes to ensure your own safety and to avoid disturbing wildlife. The foreshore marsh may look deceptively dry but can be very wet and it can be easy to get stuck.

Jurisdiction City of Surrey Parks (Mud Bay Park), Metro Vancouver Parks (Boundary Bay Regional Park), Corporation of Delta Parks (Beach Grove Park)

Regulations No camping, fires or alcohol. Observe local signs regarding dogs on leash.

Facilities Flush toilets at Beach Grove Park, pit toilets at Mud Bay Park, port-a-potties at Delta Air Park and sometimes at other locations.
Picnic tables at Beach Grove Park and Delta Air Park.
Restaurant at Boundary Bay Airport.

Other Recreational Activities

Other Connections	Use Beach Grove Road to connect to Centennial Beach portion of Boundary Bay Regional Park . At very low tide, you can continue east from Mud Bay underneath the railway trestle but use extreme caution.
History	Boundary Bay has long been affected and threatened by agricultural, industrial, recreational and residential development, and by nearby roads, rail lines and airfields. Waterfowl hunting has always been popular in the area. Boundary Bay Regional Park was established at Centennial Beach in the 1970s and was expanded to include the dyke further east along the bay in the 1990s.
FMI Publications	Metro Vancouver Regional Parks West Central Office 604-520-6442 A Nature Guide to Boundary Bay, by Anne Murray. Published by Nature Guides BC, 2006. Tracing Our Past - A Heritage Guide to Boundary Bay, by Anne Murray. Published by Nature Guides BC, 2008.
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