








## ABOUT

Porteau Cove Provincial Park is situated on the eastern shore of Howe Sound, 38 km north of Vancouver. To get there follow Hwy 99 north from West Vancouver. Follow the signs for Porteau Cove Provincial Park (not Porteau Road which is 2km south of the park). Turn left off of the highway into the park.

Porteau Cove is the perfect waterfront camping destination with a great pebble beach to go exploring and enjoy the stunning views of Howe Sound. Fishing (outside of the Provincial Park boundary) and boating are also very popular in the area. There are two paved boat launches with day parking for trailers in the park.

One of the park's main attractions is the tidal and inter-tidal marine life of the park's foreshore areas. There is a good diversity of marine species, both along the shore and underwater. A scuba diving area has been developed with sunken ships and artificial reefs that have greatly enhanced sub-tidal marine life.


## FACILITIES AND SERVICES


-  Firewood is available for purchase from a Park Attendant.
-  Washroom facilities are located across from the day use area parking lot and near the walk in sites and lagoon.
-  There is a day use area with picnic tables located near the entrance to the park.
-  There are two cement boat launches located west of the day use area.
-  Drinking water is available throughout the park.
-  A sani-station is available in the park. The sani-station is located across from campsite number 27 as you exit the campground.
-  There is a shower building available to registered campers in the campground, and a cold water outdoor diver's shower in the day use parking area (closed in winter months).

*You can purchase ice at the gatehouse.*


*A BBQ Propane Cylinder purchase and exchange program is now available in the park. Buy into the program or exchange your empty cylinder at the Gatehouse.*

## THINGS TO DO

 **Kayaking and Canoeing** Canoeing and kayaking are available in ocean area; know the ocean currents. The nearest kayak/canoe rentals are just 20 minutes north of the park at the Squamish Adventure Centre.

 **Hiking** There is an easy walking trail to a lookout that overlooks Porteau Cove and Howe Sound. There is a slight elevation gain with a series of rock and wooden steps. The walk to the lookout is approximately 300 metres. For your own safety and the preservation of the park, obey posted signs and keep to designated trails.

**Windsurfing** The strong winds of Howe Sound can create excellent windsurfing opportunities. A very popular windsurfing area known as the "Spit" is located in Squamish at the confluence of the Squamish River and Howe Sound.

 **Diving** A series of man-made reefs and two sunken vessels provide excellent scuba diving opportunities. Depths vary from 6m to 18m (20' to 60'). Be cautious of changing tides and strong inflow and outflow winds. Penetration of vessels is not recommended. The diving area is marked by a series of marker buoys. Various fascinating marine life has established itself throughout the dive area. Harvesting or harassment of marine life is prohibited within the park's marine foreshore. Diving from a boat is prohibited within the park boundary.

There are steps that lead down to the water's edge that are located in the main parking lot. Please use proper etiquette when changing into and out of dive gear in the parking lots, and avoid gear sprawl that inhibits vehicular traffic. Commercial diving, such as providing instruction and guiding, is prohibited unless authorized by a Park Use Permit.

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## Park Map and Information Guide

**WELCOME.** Porteau Cove has been very popular with Squamish and Vancouver residents for many years. The name "Porteau" (porte d'eau) when translated from French to English means "water's gate" and dates back to 1908 when John F. Deeks began mining the extensive sand and gravel deposits to supply Vancouver. A small community of employees lived here until the beginning of the Depression, enjoying good housing, a schoolhouse, tennis courts, and daily ferry service from the Union Steamship Company. The ferries, Lady Cynthia and Lady Cecilia operated between Vancouver and Squamish until the railway (then the Pacific Great Eastern) was extended from Squamish into North Vancouver.

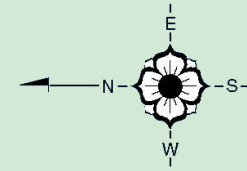


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# Porteau Cove PROVINCIAL PARK



LEGEND		
	Tent/Vehicle Camping	
	Sani-Station	
	Tent Camping	
	Showers	
	Toilets	
	Viewpoint	
		Trail

## ENJOY YOUR STAY

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Fires are permitted in designated fire rings only. Visitors may bring firewood or purchase from a Park Attendant.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste. Please be advised that dogs are not allowed on the beach, picnic areas and in playgrounds.
- Anything with an odour could attract wildlife to your site. Place garbage in bins, avoid cooking inside tents and tent trailers, and store all food supplies, including coolers, in your vehicle.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Reservations** for many BC Park campgrounds can be made in advance through the BC Parks camping reservation system at [camping.bcparks.ca](http://camping.bcparks.ca) or by telephone at **1-800-689-9025**.

Our two **Olympic Legacy Cabins** at Porteau Cove are available to rent year-round. For more information call **604.986.9371** or visit [www.seatoskyparks.com](http://www.seatoskyparks.com).

For more information about camping in the Lower Mainland visit [www.campingrvbc.com](http://www.campingrvbc.com) or [www.gocampingbc.com](http://www.gocampingbc.com).

