



# Community Profile

# COMOX/ COURTENAY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

[www.city.courtenay.bc.ca](http://www.city.courtenay.bc.ca)

[www.comox.ca](http://www.comox.ca)

## *the Region:*

### Vancouver Island

#### The Island with Everything

Just off the coast of mainland British Columbia and a ferry-ride from Vancouver lies Vancouver Island, known for its mild climate and scenic beauty. Marine parks with abundant sealife, alpine lakes and top notch mountain ski resorts offer visitors endless recreational opportunities combined with safe and peaceful community living.

#### Location: off southern BC mainland

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Canoeing • Cross-Country Skiing • Cycling • Diving • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horesback Riding • Kayaking • Mountain Biking • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding • Whale Watching • White Water Rafting

#### Recreation for students:

• Aboriginal Heritage • Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

#### Why Vancouver Island?

- Beautiful region - mountains and ocean views
- Excellent recreation - skiing/snowboarding, wildlife viewing etc.
- No where else does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!

#### COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION:

- Victoria
- Comox / Courtenay
- Ladysmith / Nanaimo
- Parksville / Qualicum Beach
- Saanich / Sooke

[www.vancouverisland.travel](http://www.vancouverisland.travel)

#### Small Town

### "From Alpine to Ocean"

The sister towns of Comox and Courtenay lie in Comox Valley - the centre of a rich agricultural area on Vancouver Island. The adjacent ski slopes of Mount Washington Alpine Resort make it a popular winter sports centre. The Comox Recreation Commission offers 130+ different recreational programs each quarter featuring arts programs, sports, recreation and culture. The area is also home to Vancouver Island's largest provincial park and one of its largest mountain bike trail systems.

- Located on Vancouver Island
- Population: Comox 12,000 / Courtenay 22,000
- 225 km (2.5 hours driving) from Victoria

#### Notable features:

- Friendly village lifestyle and relatively new community for international students
- Public transit joins both communities for recreation and entertainment
- Downhill skiing/snowboarding close by
- Vancouver is accessible by Ferry (Comox to Powell River)
- Both communities combine culture, sports, education, breathtaking scenery and outdoor recreation

#### Main Attractions:

- Courtenay museum: [www.courtenaymuseum.ca](http://www.courtenaymuseum.ca)
- Mount Washington Alpine Resort: [www.mountwashington.ca](http://www.mountwashington.ca)
- Forbidden Plateau Ski Area: [www.trails.com](http://www.trails.com)
- Comox Glacier
- Courtenay Youth Music Centre: [www.cymc.ca](http://www.cymc.ca)
- Crown Isle Golf Course: [www.crownisle.com](http://www.crownisle.com)
- Strathcona Provincial Park: [www.vancouverisland.com/parks](http://www.vancouverisland.com/parks)
- Comox Valley Sports Centre: [www.rdcs.bc.ca](http://www.rdcs.bc.ca)

**Libraries:** 2 public libraries - one in each town

**Shopping Malls:** 3 (Driftwood Mall, Washington Park (Courtenay) + Comox Mall (Comox), including clothing and music stores plus fast food eateries.

**Movie Theatres:** 2 multiplex (Courtenay)

**Public Transit:** Public bus system servicing all Comox Valley.

Direct Sea Ferry [1 h 15 min] from Comox to Powell River which is famous for SCUBA diving. Vancouver is a further 130 km by bus.

**Transit to school may include:** Public bus / School Bus / Walking

#### Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
High	5	7	9	12	16	19	22	22	18	13	8	6
Low	-1	1	2	4	7	10	12	12	9	5	2	1