



Community Profile

PARKSVILLE BRITISH COLUMBIA

www.city.parksville.bc.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 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

Small Town

“Enchanting seaside village that will capture your heart”

Bordered by ocean and sheltered by mountains, Parksville boasts one of the finest climates in Canada and is favoured as one of the most popular summer family vacations destinations of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. As a growing and progressive community, residents place a high value on their community's spectacular natural setting, surrounded by beautiful beaches, mountains, lakes and rivers. Indeed, the town has been dubbed by some as “the Jewel of Vancouver Island”. If you like the beach, you'll love Parksville!

- Located in “Oceanside”, on the east coast of Vancouver Island
- Population: approx. 11,000
- 37 km northwest of Nanaimo and 12 km east of Qualicum Beach

Notable features:

- Often identified as a “twin city” with Qualicum Beach - so students may be placed in either community
- Numerous golf courses
- Average water temperature of ocean is 12 degrees C
- Much of the city's economy is tourism. Other important industries include fishing, forestry, and service enterprises
- Six B.C. provincial parks are located within thirty minutes drive, providing every recreational activity imaginable including kayaking, caving and horseback riding
- Parksville is the new home of the *SS Minnow*, the boat in the fictional 1960s television comedy “Gilligan's Island”

Main Attractions:

- Parksville Community Park
- Parksville Beach: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com
- Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park: www.vancouverisland.com/parks/?id=405
- Craig Heritage Park & Museum: www.parksvillemuseum.ca
- Brant Wildlife Festival: www.brantfestival.bc.ca
- French Creek: www.vancouverisland.com/Regions/towns/?townID=4021

Libraries: 1 branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library

Shopping Malls: small boutique stores only

Movie Theatres: closest theatres are located in Nanaimo

Public Transit: Pubic bus system, serviced by the Nanaimo Regional Transit System. Train service daily to Victoria.

Transit to school may include: Pubic Bus / School Bus / Walking

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	6	8	11	13	17	21	24	24	21	14	9	6
Low	-2	-1	1	3	6	9	11	11	8	4	1	-1