



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

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Small Town

"Gateway to Victoria"

Located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island, Saanich (named after the Saanich First Nation tribe) is largest of the core municipalities making up Greater Victoria and has traditionally been known as the gateway to the downtown core. As a "bedroom community" serving Victoria, Saanich enjoys both urban amenities as well as rural and agricultural traditions. With numerous recreational facilities and golf courses, parks and trails, family-oriented programs and services most residents agree that our Saanich is a wonderful place to live, to work and to play.

- Population: approx. 108,250
- approx. 10 km from central Victoria
- Considered part of the Greater Victoria Area

Notable features:

- Many residents work in nearby Victoria, establishing Saanich as a "bedroom community" of the capital
- Long shoreline with many sandy beaches
- Cadboro Bay is the place to view the mythical sea creature - "Cadborosaurus"
- Many commuter and scenic bike paths throughout Saanich
- One of the most mild climates in Canada
- Ideal placement for students who would enjoy hiking or mountain biking on local trails, or kayaking or sailing in the local waters
- Shares a school board with Sooke, so students may be placed in either community

Main Attractions:

- Cadboro Bay: www.cadborobaytoday.com
- Dominion Astrophysical Observatory: www.astro-canada.ca/_en/a2104.html
- Close proximity to the City of Victoria, and all its amenities

Libraries: 4 branches of the Victoria Public Library

Shopping Malls: closest malls are located in Victoria

Movie Theatres: closest theatres are located in Victoria

Public Transit: Public bus system servicing all Greater Victoria Area

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

Average Temperatures: [° c]

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High	6	8	10	13	16	19	22	22	19	14	9	7
Low	0	1	2	3	6	9	11	11	8	5	2	1