

Chapter 1 : Saanich Peninsula

Saanich Saanich Peninsula & Sidney. The Saanich Peninsula is a long, scenic headland northeast of Victoria. Once primarily a farming region, the peninsula is a beautiful destination with pastures, rolling hills and water on all sides.

Saanich Peninsula attractions Greater Victoria has a population of , yet here on the Saanich Peninsula there is tranquillity among the hills and lakes, fruit and hobby farms. The Saanich Peninsula is a neck of land on the south east coast of Vancouver Island, measuring about 30km 19 miles from north to south. Just south of this is the pleasant town of Sidney. South of this are the gentle rolling pastoral scenes typical of the peninsula until you pass Elk Lake to reach the suburbs of Victoria at the southern end. Driving tours or Victoria cycling tours easily encompass hills and valleys, lakes and beaches, wineries and fruit stands, gardens and farms, golf courses and trails, from Victoria to Sidney. We have maps and local concierge information available at our Saanich Peninsula bed and breakfasts. Saanich Commonwealth Place and Matticks Farm are nearby. Butterfly Gardens above right is a tropical paradise to stroll amongst hundreds of fluttering butterflies and moths. There are also over 60 birds, tortoises and frogs too. Summer evenings after 1st May are illuminated, open until 9pm. It is well worth a visit, perhaps combined with visiting gardens and wineries on the Saanich Peninsula. Consequently it is quite a busy town yet it has a slow relaxed atmosphere. Its population of under 12, includes many seniors who enjoy the mild climate, pedestrian-friendly Beacon Avenue with its shops, galleries and restaurants and an amble on its waterfront and fishing pier. For visitors Sidney really does offer a wide range of activities: Recreation Take a horse-drawn carriage tour of the town. Go on an air tour by plane or helicopter. Browse through gift shops and art galleries. Watch the world go by from a coffee shop. Find a restaurant or pub for lunch or dinner. Museums Sidney Museum focusses on whales. BC Aviation Museum - originals and replicas of the past century. Saanich Historical Artifacts Society is an outdoor heritage museum over nearly 30 acres. Attractions Take the 15 minute ferry trip to Sidney Spit, a small uninhabited island. Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, www. Mineral World and Scratch Patch - sea shells and semi-precious gems and minerals. Marine activities Go on a sea cruise around the nearby islands and the harbour. Salt-water fishing, especially for salmon, and crabbing. Explore the coves by kayak. Dive to explore wrecks. Potter around a marina.

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Victoria's ecosystem is part of a temperate rainforest, but step inside Butterfly Gardens, and you're immediately transported into a tropical www.nxgvision.com 12, square foot building was constructed specifically to house tropical plants and animals.

Experience this invigorating journey on bicycle or plan a fun road trip by car. Vantreight Farms supply many local markets and restaurants with naturally grown, organic produce. Venture further along Oldfield Road to Sun Wing for their specialty – beautiful, ripe tomatoes. Enjoy a personal tasting at the wine bar or sip a glass of award-winning wine on the patio overlooking the vineyard and surrounding Peninsula farmlands. Sample casual West coast cuisine and enjoy a great selection of local craft beers and regional wines in the Marine Pub, or delight in dinner featuring seasonally inspired ingredients harvested from the sea or grown fresh on Vancouver Island. Pair wine with your selection, choose from a wide array of the finest local wines. The eastern leg continues on a culinary theme north along West Saanich Road. The views are stunning and the ambiance is comfortable in a modern-medieval surrounding located at the base of Mt. Taste delicious hard ciders then sit on the deck with a tasting plate looking out towards the ocean and Mount Baker. Learn about the tradition of cider making on this organic farm. Visit the Deep Cove Market featuring unique and delectable culinary creations. Sip on a Saltspring Island coffee or latte and savour an array of locally baked treats. Stop in and enjoy Muse Winery, a small self-sustaining 3-acre boutique winery. Through the Spring and Summer, Bistro Muse features foods from local farmers, growers and fishermen. The building itself is cottagey and cozy, featuring leaded glass windows and rich wood floors. Take McDonald Park Rd. Wineries and farm markets often have seasonal hours. Check individual websites for detailed hours of operation. Credits Article by Dale M. Ryan Dale Ryan is well respected in the arenas of public relations, sales and marketing, serving in senior positions with a number of major Island-based corporations. Her appreciation of and interest in the Saanich Peninsula is apparent in her articles.

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Saanich Peninsula. Relax on the Saanich Peninsula on southern Vancouver Island where the city of Victoria is located in the south and the town of Sidney in the north.

Far from a boring small-town however, Sidney is riddled with things to do. For those fonder of the indoor things in life, the town is also known for its great shopping, books, restaurants, cafes and aquarium. As quaint as it is rich in activity, there is plenty to be discovered in this small, harbour town set on the Salish Sea. Outdoor Adventures Photo by: Paul Williams Kayaking Just a few paddle strokes away from some of the Gulf Islands and islets; a kayaking adventure out of Sidney is almost a necessity. The nearby Sidney Spit and islands make for the perfect locations to camp and extend the adventure into a multiday kayaking excursion. The small town has plenty of kayak rental companies. It also means there are more than a few fishing charters that will take guests out onto the water. Try your hand at catching dinner for yourself. Lingcod, Salmon and Halibut are on the list for prized fishing possessions and make for a great meal. For those keen on trying out fishing, but who would like to keep both feet planted firmly on shore, crabbing off of the Bevan Pier is always an option. With a lot of patience and a dash of luck, fresh crab legs could be on the dinner menu. Just be sure to have the proper fishing licenses. Eileen Seto Whale Watching The waters around both Victoria and Sidney are home to a number of pods of Transient Orcas; they call the place home all year round. Pick a charter and prepare for a day of adventure on the water, while searching for these ocean beauties. Aside from Killer Whales, there are plenty of other whale breeds and marine life to be seen. Any day on the water is a day well spent. Activities Under the Sea Diving Labeled as some of the best cold water diving that can be found, the waters surrounding Vancouver Island are rich in marine life. Sidney is not afraid to take advantage of these claims, and numerous dive charters and schools exist in the tiny town. Nearby wrecks and man-made reefs are home to numerous of these marine creatures, and they make for a fantastic day of underwater exploration. Conservation information, plenty of exhibits, touching pools and even a Coast Salish art collection wait to educate visitors. Leisurely Outdoor Activities Photo by: A sculpture and historical walking tour take guests along the waterfront. A trail of new facts and the stunning view lead the way. The Lochside Trail runs nearby, which is a perfect destination for those on two wheels, or who are looking to enjoy a scenic jog. As a bonus, the Sidney Spit is another local gem just minutes away by boat. Once there, you will find yourself inside a unique National Park with pristine beaches and a number of hiking trails to enjoy. Gardens and Golfing Sharing the same temperate climate as Victoria means the numerous gardens and golf courses the two areas share are constantly open and in blossom. Visit any of the golf courses for a round nearly any time of the year. If you prefer greenery in the form of gardens to golf courses, the Butchart Gardens are a quick, minute drive away from downtown Sidney. Well worth a visit, the Butchart Gardens always have something on display and are an infamous, household name. The Sidney Night Market While quaint and quiet by day, the town turns into a bustling festival hotspot on summer Thursday nights during the Sidney Night Market. The night market is a summer highlight that demands to be attended should your trip overlap with the season. You may not have a choice; after all, it completely shuts down the main street. Twelve bookstores exist within a four-block radius, right in the middle of the quaint town. Booktown was established in and is one of just a few that exists in the entire world! Aside from books, the two main streets, Bevan Avenue and Beacon Avenue, are riddled with cute boutiques and other options. Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries Sidney is tucked into the coast of the Saanich Peninsula, which is called home by more than a few local wineries, breweries, a distillery and even a cidery. Their tasting rooms are constantly open, coaxing visitors in to sip their day away to some of the finest artisan products the area has to offer. Not to mention, most have a stunning view of the ocean. Hop onto a winery or brewery tour to ensure you can kick back and try it all.

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tour nearby Saanich Peninsula wineries and parks near Saanich Commonwealth Place Our home is a short walking distance from the oceanfront beach, Cordova Bay Village and Mattick's Farm for shops and restaurants.

How about a trip outside of Victoria to the Saanich Peninsula? So get in the car, hop on the bus, or get on a bike, and come see all that the peninsula has to offer. This 12, square foot building was constructed specifically to house tropical plants and animals. Butterfly Gardens is open daily from After about 15 kilometers, turn left on Keating Cross Road. Parking is available on-site. At Sayward Road, get off and transfer to the 75 Saanichton. A trip to the peninsula is also a great opportunity for a bike ride. If you follow the Galloping Goose trail out of town see the Hidden Gems Itinerary , you can exit the trail onto Interurban road after the Uptown junction. All in all, this ride should take about one hour to one hour and a half. Bicycle rental is available from a number of locations, including Cycle Treks in the inner harbour, who also offer a number of guided and self-guided tours , which include tours of the Saanich Peninsula. You might even want to split your visit to Butchart Gardens up with an early morning visit, and then head out on the shuttle to see the rest of the peninsula before returning to the gardens for dinner or afternoon tea. Or at Seaport Place, you can visit Victoria Distillers. And for something a little different, mix things up with a visit to the Sea Cider Farm and Ciderhouse at Mount St. Michael Road, just off of the Pat Bay Highway. If you happen to be in the area on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, be sure to stop at Victoria Distillers for tour and tastings. They welcome the public to their waterfront distillery to take in all aspects of spirit production through various tour packages. Pacifica Paddle Sports With two great locations on the Saanich Peninsula just outside Victoria, BC they maintain the largest fleet of rental kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards on the West Coast. Book lovers should be sure to leave some time to stroll through the streets of Sidney. This quaint little town is home to one of the largest collections of used bookstores in all of Canada. Pacifica Brentwood Bay features access to beautiful Tod Inlet and Finlayson Arm, making it an ideal waterway for those looking to paddle in sheltered waters and view seals, eagles, herons, and an abundance of inter-tidal marine life. The facility offers an easy launch ramp, letting you enter and exit your boat easily and without getting your feet wet! Nestled in the heart of Canoe Cove Marina, Pacifica Swartz Bay location features a world class paddling environment set against the most beautiful coastal and Gulf Islands views. Join our A-list and keep in touch.

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Cycling around the Saanich Peninsula is like your favourite food - it's satisfying, it's equally as enjoyable with a small intimate group or a large gathering of friends, you can modify it to suit everyone in your group, and it is equally as fun when enjoyed rapidly, or at a more leisurely pace.

Government[edit] The Saanich District Council is the governing body of the municipality of Saanich. The council consists of the mayor and eight councillors [7]. Neighbourhoods[edit] Saanich is divided into twelve Local Areas for planning purposes. A primarily rural community in a valley situated west of Mount Douglas. Represented by the Blenkinsop Valley Community Association. A small village located at the eastern edge of Saanich, bordering on Oak Bay near the University of Victoria. The community also includes the upscale waterfront neighbourhood of Ten Mile Point. A suburban community located in western Saanich. A seaside community in northern Saanich. A large suburban community to the north of the University of Victoria. A suburban community in the centre of the municipality. Represented by the North Quadra Community Association. A large urban and suburban community surrounding the urban core of Saanich. A suburban community at the rural edge of Saanich. The largest Local Area by area, this part of Saanich is sparsely populated and mostly rural. The urban centre of the District of Saanich. Contains Uptown and the municipal hall. An urban and suburban community stretching between the City of Victoria and the University of Victoria. An urban and suburban community along the Gorge in western Saanich. Represented by the Gorge Tillicum Community Association. Saanich is also home to both major campuses of Camosun College , the original Lansdowne campus, and the Interurban campus. Demographics[edit] As of , the District of Saanich has a population of , The total number of occupied dwellings is 46, with an average of 2. With a land area of Surrounding municipalities and communities[edit] Places adjacent to Saanich, British Columbia.

Chapter 6 : Saanich Peninsula - Wikipedia

Saanich Penninsula, Sidney and Victoria. Saanich Peninsula & Sidney. The Saanich Peninsula is a long, scenic headland northeast of Victoria. Victoria, British.

Chapter 7 : Saanich Peninsula and Sidney BC Hotels - Info Victoria

Victoria council asked to ban horse-drawn carriages. Central Saanich Christmas tree farmer passes unexpectedly. Peninsula News and Black Press Group Ltd.

Chapter 8 : Sidney-by-the-Sea - Victoria, B.C. - Discover Sidney on the Saanich Peninsula

Saanich Peninsula is located north of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. It is bounded by Saanich Inlet on the west, and various straits of the Strait of Georgia on the east, chiefly Haro Strait.

Chapter 9 : Mobile Marine Mechanic in Victoria BC and Saanich Peninsula

VICTORIA SAANICH PENINSULA WINERY MAP & TOUR Victoria Wine Tour Overview. The Saanich Peninsula in Victoria is often referred to as Canada's 'Provence' thanks to its mild climate, beautiful landscapes and rolling hills which surrounded by several freshwater bodies including ponds and lakes.