



QUALICUM BEACH

BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- www.qualicumbeach.com
- Located in "Oceanside", on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island
- 36 km northwest of Nanaimo / 147 km northwest of Victoria
- Population: 8,500
- Shares school district with Parksville

Notable features:

- Often identified as a "twin city" with Parksville - so students may be placed in either community
- Eight provincial parks, five regional district parks and hundreds of kilometers of hiking trails and shorelines give Oceanside an ambiance and excitement all year round.
- Ocean water temperature average is 21C
- Sports, leisure, entertainment, photography, picnics, swimming, dining, paddling, sailing and some of the best bird-watching opportunities in North America all exist in Qualicum Beach
- Many festivals and art shows year-round

Main Attractions:

- Little Qualicum Falls Provincial Park: www.vancouverisland.com/parks/?id=7
- Milner Gardens & Woodland: www.viu.ca/MilnerGardens
- Coombs Village (in nearby Parksville)
- The Village Theatre: www.echoplayers.ca
- The Power House Museum
- The Vancouver Island Paleontology Museum: www.vips-fossils.com
- The Heritage Forest of Qualicum Beach
- Butterfly World & Gardens: www.nature-world.com

Libraries: 1 branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library
Shopping Malls: small boutique stores only. Shopping centres in Victoria or Nanaimo

Movie Theatres: closest theatres are located in Nanaimo
High Schools: 1 Public High School in each Qualicum Beach and Parksville

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

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

Small Town

AT THE HEART OF 'OCEANSIDE'

Qualicum Beach is an attractive seaside town on the east coast of Vancouver Island. It is a small town with a large, ocean-side community park and many fabulous, sandy beaches that stretch along the ocean. Qualicum Beach has a charming town centre and its proximity to provincial parks offers many recreational year-round opportunities. Qualicum Beach is alive with a museum, art galleries, fascinating shops, cultural attractions and eco-tourism events throughout the year.

Average Temperatures: [° c]

Ave	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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





PARKSVILLE

BRITISH COLUMBIA > VANCOUVER ISLAND

- www.qualicumbeach.com
- Located in "Oceanside", on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island
- 37 km northwest of Nanaimo / 150 km northeast of Victoria
- Population: 11,500
- Shares school district with Qualicum Beach (12 km east)

Small Town

ENCHANTING SEASIDE VILLAGE TO 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!

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
- Rathrevor Beach Provincial Park: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com
- Craig Heritage Park & Museum: www.parksvillemuseum.ca
- Brant Wildlife Festival: www.brantfestival.bc.ca
- French Creek: www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com

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www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com

Discover: Vancouver Island



Vancouver Island... the Island with Everything!

www.vancouverisland.travel

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 western shore of mainland British Columbia

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, kayaking, wildlife viewing, whale-watching, surfing and more!
- No where does climate allow you to you to ski and kayak in the same day!
- Wide choice of communities - from urban centres to charming smaller towns



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YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



WILDLIFE VIEWING
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VICTORIA: CAPITAL CITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

