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From tidal beaches to farmlands.

Surrey is located at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim, Metro Vancouver, and the United States. The city stretches from the Fraser River in the north to the US border, and from the Pacific Ocean to vast farmlands. This central location provides convenient access to 2 international airports and 2 international border crossings.

The City of Surrey is the largest city by land area at 316.2 km and the second most populated in Metro Vancouver, with a population of 568,322.



DRIVING

Bellingham to Surrey - 1 hour
Seattle to Surrey - 2.5 hours
Calgary to Surrey - 11.5 hours



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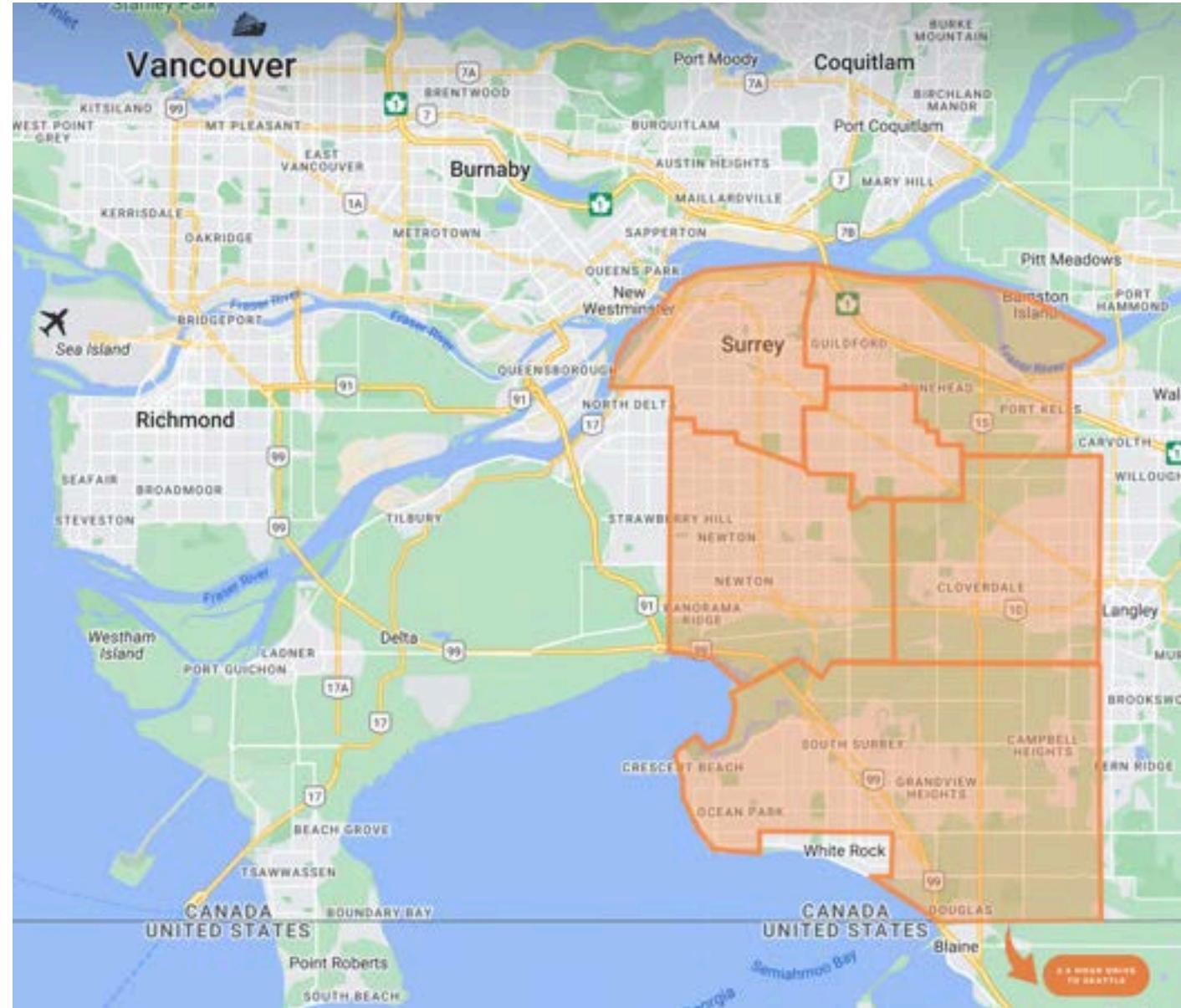
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FLYING

Distance to international airports
Vancouver (YVR) - 33 km / 40 minutes
Abbotsford (YXX) - 41 km / 40 minutes
Bellingham (BLI) - 56 km / 60 minutes
Seattle-Tacoma (SEA) - 225 km / 2:45 hours

We would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we work, play and learn, are on the unceded shared territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the ḡíçáý (Katzie), ḡwá:ńłə́h (Kwantlen), and SEMYOME (Semiahmoo) nations. Discover Surrey is committed to reconciliation with our local First Nations through meaningful engagement and education.



SURREY STATS

WHAT'S NEW?

HERE'S WHAT'S TRENDING IN SURREY



Authentic Flavours of Nigeria in Surrey at VanSuya

- Owner, Ekaose Nwadiana's journey to creating VanSuya included calling Mum for recipes and watching YouTube videos to learn how to cook the food he, and his customers, love.
- Located in North Surrey, VanSuya serves food inspired by Nigerian street food like Beef Suya (grilled beef kebab), Jollof Rice and BBQ, with the ultimate goal of bringing that home away from home feeling to guests.

Local Baker star of Season 3 of Netflix Series "Is It Cake"

- Chef Jujhar Mann of Surrey's Mann & Co Bakeshop was the break-out star of the third season of "Is It Cake".
- As a nod to his recent TV appearance, the shop introduced a series of stuffed cookies highlighting the unique South Asian fusion flavours that he used on the show.

Forest to Fork: A Feast for the Senses

- A new tour by Chew on This Tasty Tours introduces visitors to the abundant green spaces, rich cuisine and culture of Surrey.
- Start your BC Rainforest to Rockies experience with a trip into the forest to participate in the destressing ancient practice of forest bathing.
- Participants meet local entrepreneurs and chefs, who share their stories, skills and secrets.

Surrey is home to Canada's largest whisky collection

- Newly opened Skye Avenue Kitchen & Lounge boasts the fifth-largest whisky collection in the world and Canada's largest, with over 4,500 bottles.
- Wednesdays at Skye Avenue are "Whisky Wednesdays" where guests enjoy Whisky Flights - "three glasses, three stops: a curated expedition from Skye Avenue, offering a tantalizing glimpse into the diverse world of whisky craftsmanship."

Combine Cafe & Bar returns to agricultural roots and a celebration of ingredients

- Surrey's newest restaurant is a testament to home-grown ingredients meeting international inspiration. Fresh, farm-to-table food is on offer from dawn until dusk.
- The restaurant is committed to supporting local growers and ethical suppliers, and creating unforgettable dining experiences where history, hospitality and deliciousness collide.

Way Back Brewing Company

- Way Back Brew Co., Surrey's newest craft brewery, draws inspiration from 1970s and early '80s California, infusing retro vibes into its marketing and ambiance. Think roller skates, surfboards, and the iconic Farrah Fawcett on a skateboard.
- The brewery currently offers five different beers ranging from lagers to IPAs, accompanied by craft cocktails showcasing libations from Vancouver-based partner Resurrection Spirits.

STAY IN SURREY

SURREY'S ACCOMMODATORS ARE WORKING HARD TO DELIVER TOP NOTCH EXPERIENCES

Civic Hotel, Autograph Collection

- Recommended by the Michelin Guide as standing out for “style, service, and personality”.
- The lobby features a dramatic David Robinson sculpture of a life-sized canoe suspended from the ceiling, while each of the 16 floors of the hotel represents a different region in the province, highlighted with unique images and artwork.

Stay by the seaside in a short-term rental

- Surrey has an abundance of short term rentals, some of which are charming cottages located in the South Surrey seaside neighbourhoods of Crescent Beach and Crescent Park.

Savour the flavours of the Spice Trail

- The Comfort Inn & Suites Surrey offer guests the opportunity to experience Surrey's Spice Trail with a [special vacation package](#).

Wellness at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel

- Stay at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford and book a wellness treatment at Sueno Spa conveniently located in the hotel.

Who's renovating?

- The Four Points by Sheraton's new restaurant Fixin's Bar & Grill is now open, and room renovations will begin fall 2024.
- Watch for the new rooftop deck at the Civic Hotel to open this summer for private event bookings. Located on the 22nd floor, it features nearly 360-degree views of Surrey and neighbouring communities. The Civic will also be undergoing room renovations this winter.
- Sheraton Vancouver Guildford will be doing a lobby renovation this winter.
- Sandman Hotel & Suites, Hampton Inn & Suites and Comfort Inn & Suites will all be undergoing room renovations.



CULINARY

SURREY'S DIVERSITY MEANS ITS CULINARY SCENE IS TRULY WORLD CLASS

We're proud of our burgeoning culinary scene. It's delectable, diverse, and dying to be discovered. It's one that's unique to Metro Vancouver because of its mixture of urban culture, international influences, and vast farmland. The food community in Surrey is broad and connected, from farmers, to farmer's markets, to local markets, to the best restaurants in Vancouver.

Global cuisine is a big part of the scene

- In fact, you could throw a dart at a map and chances are, you'll find that type of cuisine in Surrey.
- In May 2023, **Food & Wine Magazine** named Surrey as one of the next great food cities in the world for our diversity of global cuisines.
- It only makes sense when you consider Surrey is an ever-growing melting pot, that some of its cuisines would also eventually mix together to create something spectacular.
- Local lifestyle and food writer, Raj Thandi of [Pink Chai Living](#) has released a collection of chai blends inspired by her love of chai and global flavours. The Surrey Special, a nod to the city she calls home, is a classic Punjabi chai blend – spiced with notes of fennel, clove, cinnamon and cardamom.

West Coast = Best Coast

- Surrey's combination of urban centres, sprawling farmland and coastal waters means that many menus feature fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.
- You'll find everything here, from local seafood and traditional West Coast fare to contemporary French bistro food and classic fine-dining.

Discover the culinary hidden treasures spread across the city

- When it comes to hole-in-the-wall restaurants, you could write an entire book dedicated simply to the mom-and-pop restaurants that call Surrey home.
- Strip malls and industrial areas are favourite locations for some of these hidden treasures, including [Apna Chaat Express](#) and [YL's Curry Bowl](#), and as an added bonus there is always ample parking.



SPICE TRAIL

**A GREAT DINING EXPERIENCE IS ABOUT THE WAY IT MAKES YOU FEEL...
ON THE SPICE TRAIL, YOU'LL FEEL LIKE FAMILY.**



About the Spice Trail

- The Spice Trail was created as a Discover Surrey initiative to leverage Surrey's South Asian and multicultural cuisine while also supporting our restaurants during the pandemic.
- The City of Surrey is world-famous for welcoming people from across the globe and, as a result, has become a mosaic of ethnicities. This is reflected in the number of multicultural retail stores and restaurants offering regional dishes from around globe.
- In July 2023, we celebrated the 2 year anniversary of the Spice Trail!
- Discover Surrey wants visitors from within Metro Vancouver and beyond to consider the city an affordable "urban alternative" to Vancouver.
- To leverage the existing culinary diversity in Surrey and encourage diners to go outside their comfort zones and enjoy incredible food.
- Many don't realize how affordable it is to eat really great food, simply by exploring Surrey.
- The self-guided Spice Trail includes **more than 60 restaurants, cafes and retail stores across Surrey's six neighbourhoods**, including North Surrey, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey and Cloverdale. It's then broken down again by ethnicity, vegetarian options, and style, such as South Asian street food.

Discover "Street Food"

- We've developed an entire Street Food Trail within the Spice Trail.
- Street food is an experience. Often these small packets of food can be a gateway to experience the unique flavours of a global cuisine.
- Street food is the food of the people – no bells and whistles, just immense, intense flavour. And here in Surrey we are lucky enough to have access to many amazing street food options.

Discover Chai:

- Chai literally translates to "tea" so if you're saying chai tea, you're basically saying "tea tea".
- Learn about chai, and where to find the best in Surrey.
- Try the pink chai. It's creamy, smooth and a little spicy, and the pink colour comes from a reaction between the chai, baking soda and salt!

Discover Spice Trail cocktails:

- What would a tour of the world's most inspired culinary experiences be without a signature cocktail to match? Surrey's Spice Trail is home to innovative bartenders who incorporate the flavours of their region to perfection! From a classic margarita to the exotic tastes of Southern Asia, these cocktails are next level!

Discover Golgappas

- Golgappa (or pani puri) is a popular Indian chaat (snack), and a serious flavour bomb!
- Crispy, hollow spheres of fried bread are filled with potatoes and chickpeas, then served with chutney and flavoured "water," meant to be eaten whole.
- Traditionally served at roadside stands, golgappa is also available at many sit-down restaurants on Surrey's Spice Trail, along with a few standing golgappa bars.

AGRITOURISM

SURREY IS HOME TO NEARLY 500 FARMS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN OVER MULTIPLE GENERATIONS

With more than a third of Surrey located in the Agricultural Land Reserve, agritourism is a natural fit, especially when considering how it contributes to and impacts this city's burgeoning food scene. Between farm tours and farmers markets, you can easily spend a day, or even a weekend, getting back to the land.



The Honeybee Centre rents thousands of honeybee colonies to local fruit growers

- Beekeeping operations are focused on the pollination of fruit crops, and the production of several varieties of speciality honey.
- The bees pollinate close to \$100 million worth of fruit annually!
- Private tours of the centre are available as are beekeeping courses.
- Suit up like a beekeeper and participate in a hive opening and inspection.
- The annual **Honeybee Festival**, complete with beekeeping demos, bee beards and an artisan market, takes place in July.

Rondriso Farms and Pumpkin Patch is a traditional family farm

- Rondriso Farms is a family affair, which includes 3 boys and a dog named Cooper.
- This traditional family farm is committed to naturally-raised beef and pesticide-free produce.
- The Tamis family bought the farm in 2002 and started with 11 cows. Since then they have added a general store, a large variety of vegetables, chickens and the pumpkin patch, which is open to the community every October.
- Rondriso Farms produce is available at local farmers markets and through its Localicious Produce Box program throughout the summer, fall, and winter.

Berry picking season starts at Surrey Farms

- Surrey Farms' first market, built in 1989, consisted of a 5-foot-by-5-foot box
- The family still owns the tractor used during those early days, a 1989 Ford 5610.
- Since its start, the farm has expanded from just over 60 acres of land to more than 400 acres.
- The bright red Surrey Farms fruit stand has become a trademark of South Surrey.
- Surrey Farms is known for growing the best strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and blackberries in the region, and is one of the only farms offering a u-pick experience.

FARMERS MARKETS

FROM PEROGIES TO BOK CHOY, SURREY'S MULTICULTURAL ROOTS ARE ON DISPLAY AT LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

It has never been more important to know where your food comes from, and Surrey's family-friendly, farmers markets allow you to do just that. By meeting growers, producers and makers face-to-face, you also have the opportunity to speak to vendors, many of whose roots span the globe.

Surrey Urban Farmers Market relocated to a site with an outdoor pool, so take the kids!

- The Surrey Urban Farmers Market has relocated to the Royal Kwantlen Park.
- The park includes a playground, picnic area, small skate park and an outdoor pool.
- The market runs from June to October and each week they host live entertainment, community workshops and kids activities while providing a unique and memorable shopping experience that allows guests to meet face to face with farmers, producers, artisans and entertainers.

Meet the "Perogy Lady" and other talented makers at the Clayton Market

- The Clayton Market is a community-based market that takes place bi-weekly throughout the summer.
- Ms. Betty-Anne, the "Perogy Lady" is famous for making and selling her home-made perogies.
- Market organizers strive to bring the community together to celebrate and support the local farmers, makers, bakers and emerging brands. Enjoy live music, special events and kids' entertainment.
- The market is part of the Collective Markets family, a curated collection of local, handmade markets featuring some of BC's most talented artisans.

Explore Cloverdale's rich history during Cloverdale Market Days

- This open-air market takes over the charming streets of Cloverdale with 150 vendors and food trucks where you can purchase fresh and prepared goods, browse artisans and take part in family-friendly activities.
- Cloverdale Market Days takes place monthly from June to September.

The perfect picnic starts with a stop at the White Rock Farmers Market

- Every good picnic starts with artisanal cheeses, sausage, bread and maybe even a little wine, making this market your one-stop-shop.
- Besides food, you can shop for art, gin, vodka, wine, cider, whisky and jewelry — and get your palm read.
- Awarded "Best Large Market" in British Columbia in 2015.



GLORIOUS GARDENS

BLOOMS, BLOOMS, EVERYWHERE, THERE ARE SO MANY SIGHTS TO SEE!

If there's one thing that's sure to make someone to smile, it's beautiful flowers. Surrey has a plethora of views and gardens to enjoy countless riotous and colourful blossoms. We can't guarantee instant gratitude and happiness, but we can be sure that no matter which of Surrey's gardens you choose, you'll see smiles all around you!

Darts Hill Garden Park - Darts Hill Garden is the result of over 70 years of work and dedication guided by the clear vision of Francisca Darts. Francisca became involved with local gardening clubs, and gradually transformed the land she owned into a collection garden. The park spans 7.5 acres of orchard trees, magnolias and rhododendrons.

The Glades Garden - Over 15 acres of cultivated and developed land make up The Glades Garden. There are currently over 1,600 mature rhododendrons, azaleas and companion plants. Lydia and Murray Stephen transformed the original 5 acres The Glades sits on, which were once blackberry shrubs and stumps. Murray wished to recreate the rhododendron gardens from his home in Scotland, so he and his wife created the beautiful garden oasis.

Bear Creek Display Gardens - Spring and Summer months bring a bounty of colour to the Bear Creek Gardens. With a collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, heather, heaths, and ornamental grasses, as well as bedding and bulb displays.

Fleetwood Park Display Garden - Known for its impressive tulip displays and a meditative labyrinth, Fleetwood Gardens are beautiful during any season of the year. Early spring promises beautiful white magnolias and pink camellias in bloom, and groves of over 50 red maples are in bloom in May. A large pergola, covered with wisteria and clematis forms a stunning central walkway,

Hawthorne Display Garden - Springtime is the ideal time to visit Hawthorne Gardens. This garden is known particularly for its flowering trees and shrubs, like rhododendrons, azaleas, dogwoods, magnolias, and flower cherry trees that bloom into the early summer months.

Holland Park Gardens - Hidden within Surrey's urban centre, Holland Park is a true oasis from the hustle and bustle of the downtown core. Featuring an absolutely stunning water feature, this garden is known for its blooming river, with arrangements of blooms appearing to float along the water.



WINE COUNTRY

SPEND THE DAY UNCORKING SURREY'S WINE COUNTRY AND ENJOY ITS VINTAGE VARIETALS



Surrey's burgeoning wine country is living proof that there is no need to travel beyond our border for a truly sophisticated tasting experience. Surrey is home to several wineries, quickly gaining reputations for producing fine wines for both entry-level wine enthusiasts and refined connoisseurs. Whether it's a special occasion or a spontaneous day trip, Surrey is a great option for a day of wine tastings and tours.

Enjoy Napa Valley wines in Surrey at Gate 22 Winery

- Formerly known as Cavallo Winery, the winery underwent a rebrand in late 2023.
- Grapes are sourced from established vineyards, chosen based on their specific climate, to curate wines that are truly outstanding.
- Winery and tasting room is open every day.
- Private tours are available.

You can help harvest grapes at Vinoscenti Vineyards this fall

- Surrey's only land-based winery, vines are located on 13 acres along the banks of the Serpentine River.
- Take a guided tour of the winery and vineyard and sample flights of wine in the tasting room.
- Offers certified wine education classes.
- Wine lovers can take part in harvest festivities at Vinoscenti in the fall, when you can try your hand at harvesting grapes and enjoy live music, along with great food and, of course, wine.

1st R.O.W. Estate Winery celebrates the best of B.C.

- Creates wine from their own grapes and the best of the Okanagan.
- Acclaimed winemaker, Efi Perel, follows the tradition of blending old-world techniques with new-world technologies.
- Numerous awards for their wines in various categories.
- Private tours and tastings are available by appointment.

Book a tasting at Storehouse Winery, Surrey's newest winery

- Prides themselves on sourcing grapes from the most prolific wine-growing regions in the world.
- Grapes are processed, aged and bottled locally and the results are rich, bold and fruit-forward.
- Try the Smooth Red, Riesling or Reserve Barrel 84 a blend of Chilean Malbec and Carmenere grapes.

LIBATIONS

FROM MAKERS OF MOONSHINE TO THE MOST CONSUMED SPIRIT IN THE WORLD, SURREY'S SPIRIT SCENE HAS IT ALL!

From American-style moonshine to award-winning gin and Baijiu, the world's most consumed spirit, Surrey is upping its game when it comes to libations, making it a great day trip from Vancouver. A short SkyTrain ride from Vancouver will link you to Surrey's city-wide transit system.

Mainland Whisky serves up American-style moonshine

- Mainland Whisky produces small-batch corn whisky and whisky liqueurs using all organic ingredients and recipes influenced by American moonshine.
- Sit at the 15-foot bar and check out the ever-changing cocktail list while watching classic movies on a vintage-style projector screen.
- Their popular liquors include Time Machine, Corn Whisky and Cherry Whisky Cordial and guests love their Whisky + Donut flights!

Central City Brewers & Distillers are brewing award-winning spirits

- From the Canadian barley used in their whisky to the selected Rocky Mountain Berries used in their Gin, every ingredient has been extensively planned and researched.
- Lohin McKinnon combines the brewing prowess of internationally renowned Brewmaster Gary Lohin, and the distilling talents of Head Distiller Stuart McKinnon.
- Made from molasses and aged for 4 years in premium oak barrels, Sparrow Rum is a Canadian craft take on an aged Caribbean style amber rum.
- Queensborough Omakase Japanese Style gin is a premium hand crafted Japanese Style Gin. Omakase, referring to the Japanese expression for chef's choice, is a reference to the distiller's selection of Japanese botanicals.

Vancouver Makgeolli brews the oldest alcoholic beverage in Korea

- Makgeolli is a rice-based drink brewed from rice and a fermentation starter called nuruk. Think of it as a sparkling, but cloudy, rice wine with a sweet, tangy flavour.
- Sold in a variety of flavours, including Citron, Strawberry and Green Grape, the Chestnut flavour is by and far the favourite with a subtle sweetness and strong chestnut taste.
- Lee Bros Winery has been brewing as Vancouver Makgeolli for the past 15 years, and have a menu of flavours including the popular Chestnut.



ALE TRAIL

HOME TO THE GODFATHERS OF CRAFT BEER, FIND OUT HOW WE BREW IT “SOUTH OF THE FRASER”

Surrey has collaborated with our neighbouring communities Richmond, Delta and White Rock to celebrate just how well we brew it “South of the Fraser” with an Ale Trail to call our own.

Way Back Brew Company is a nostalgic vibe

- The new kids on the block, Way Back Brew Company provides a nostalgic experience, capturing the essence of 70's and early 80's California's retro culture in a Surrey setting.
- The brewery currently offers five different beers ranging from lagers to IPAs, accompanied by craft cocktails showcasing libations from Vancouver-based partner Resurrection Spirits.
- While a pizza kitchen is in development, the brewery ensures patrons won't go hungry by hosting regular food trucks.

Russell Brewing Company paved the way for today's brewers

- Russell began brewing beer in Surrey in 1995; forging the way for the craft movement by making small-batch unpasteurized “Real Beer” with natural ingredients.
- Bright and spacious, the tasting room has an impressive lineup of brews available in classic flights, table flights (12 samples to share with the table), glasses and growlers.
- The menu was designed by local restaurateurs, White Rock's Wooden Spoon and Vancouver's Pawn Shop, and includes tacos, an amazing nacho platter and guac & chips.

Central City Brewers & Distillers celebrates Canadiana

- Central City Brewers is home to the Red Racer Roadside Diner permanently housed in a vintage Airstream trailer.
- Massive state of the art, 65,000 square foot brewing facility.
- Their Red Racer craft beer has gained an almost cult-like following among the hip beer devotees of Metro Vancouver.
- Street Legal, a de-alcoholized beer, is traditionally brewed before having the alcohol removed in a state-of-the-art cross-flow filtration system, which preserves the flavour of the craft beer and produces a product with only 0.5% alcohol.



ARTS & CULTURE

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A DAY TO EXPLORE SURREY'S VIBRANT ART SCENE



Surrey's Arts & Culture Map lays it all out there:

- Surrey's cultural venues & heritage sites
- Indigenous art and public art displays
- Arts, culture and heritage events and more

Walk this way (or take the SkyTrain) to take in the North Surrey Public Art Walk

- Discover public artwork in parks, along pathways, on SkyTrain pillars and civic buildings in Surrey's City Centre.
- This route is flat and wheelchair accessible with two SkyTrain stations along the way.
- Follow the recommended stops, or choose your own route.

Visit [WestCoastCurated.ca](https://www.westcoastcurated.ca) for the most innovative, original, and thought-provoking art happening on the West Coast of British Columbia, and all the cultural happenings that colour our corner of the world.

Support Black art and artists at the Black Arts Centre

- The Black Arts Centre is an artist-run centre, cultural hub and community space owned and operated by Black youth in Surrey.
- BAC exists to support and celebrate Black art and artists across disciplines at a local, national and international scale.

Purchase heirloom seeds and relive the past at the Historic Stewart Farm

- The site consists of eight heritage buildings, with the 1894 Farmhouse as its focal point.
- There are seven additional buildings, including the Pole Barn, Threshing Shed, along with heirloom gardens and orchard.
- The farm, located within Elgin Heritage Park along the Nicomekl River, offers exhibits, tours, programs and special events year-round.

Museum of Surrey links the past with its very multicultural present

- The iconic 1881 Town Hall and Anniedale School were also relocated to the campus, where they underwent restorations to be used once again.
- Exhibits and programs always relate to the residents of Surrey with subject matter that includes Indigenous learning, immigration, Surrey's diverse communities, and sustainability.

Discover Surrey's public art in parks, on pathways and on SkyTrain pillars

- Surrey is home to more than 100 public artworks, with more added every year. Some examples include:
 - The Sea Captain, which hangs from the roof of Surrey Central station, is a large wooden sculpture inspired by a pipe from the early 19th century, carved by an unnamed master from Haida Gwaii.
 - Search for the life-size sculpture of a mule deer in a wooded area of Darts Hill Garden. The work was created through an unusual fabrication technique using sheets of recycled bronze instead of a mold or the casting of molten metal in a foundry.

Creativity and inspiration flow at the Surrey Art Gallery

- Visitors can book a time to sketch in the art gallery. A drawing bench and drawing board are provided, and visitors can bring their own supplies.
- Since opening in 1975, they have displayed the work of more than 10,000 local, national, and international artists.
- The gallery has plans to shift programming and embrace the digital world by supporting artists in residence, maker labs, exhibit halls and a theatre.
- The second-largest public art gallery in Metro Vancouver, the Surrey Art Gallery is located within the walls of Surrey's arts & culture hub, the Surrey Arts Centre.

INDIGENOUS ART

INDIGENOUS LEARNING CENTRE SUPPORTS CULTURAL PRACTICES

The City of Surrey is known for its vibrant and diverse population, but did you know it's now home to the largest Indigenous community in B.C. and, with that, an ever-growing presence of Indigenous art, much of it dedicated to welcoming all newcomers.

Surrey sits on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish Peoples

Surrey was built on the traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations, each of which is celebrated through the Indigenous art installations, totems, paintings and sculptures found across the city.

Much more Indigenous art can be found across Surrey and a complete guide can be found [here](#).

Explore Métis culture and language at the Amelia Douglas Institute

- The [Amelia Douglas Institute](#), a cultural hub for Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), invites visitors to explore and learn about Métis culture.
- The gallery, which is open by appointment only, features a range of art and cultural exhibits.
- Currently on display until July 31, 2024, "Prairies to Pacific" is an educational exhibition that delves into the historic and contemporary contributions of Métis in BC through historical records and personal testimonies.

New learning house just one of Surrey's Indigenous milestones

- [Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House](#): opened in June 2023 at Elgin Historic Park.
- A venue for learning, the South Surrey Indigenous Learning House provides space to support Indigenous cultural practices, including carving and other creative disciplines.
- Totest Aleng is situated on the unceded, traditional and ancestral lands of the Salish peoples, including the ǵíćǵ́ (Katzie), ǵʷɑ:ńłǵ́ (Kwantlen), and se'mya'me (Semiahmoo) nations.
- The venue neighbours Historic Stewart Farm and provides interesting reflection on the sites' two parallel heritages.
- A second Indigenous Learning House will be built in North Surrey.

New (2025) Nicomekl Riverfront Park informed by the richness of its context

- Public artworks will reflect the park's natural environment, its history and public spaces will incorporate Indigenous art and interpretive elements.

Art installation honours the diversity of newcomers to Surrey

- [The Rivers that Connect Us](#), is a striking art installation comprised of five-metre-tall, illuminated paddles raised to the sky, which welcome visitors to the Museum of Surrey.
- Created by artists Drew Atkins, Phyllis Atkins and Aaron Jordan, the welcoming gesture honours the diversity of newcomers arriving in Surrey and the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

Water Guardians designed by renowned Coast Salish artist Susan Point

- The [Water Guardians](#) sculpture at Hazelgrove Park is a red umbrella sculpture by Susan Point featuring Coast Salish-style frogs.
- The sculpture celebrates the design of the park, which features a water play area, a Metro Vancouver water reservoir and city pump station, and an open vegetated channel designed to naturally cleanse and filter stormwater runoff.



THEATRE

SURREY IS HOME TO A THRIVING ARTISTIC COMMUNITY

If you're looking to witness the creativity coming out of our vibrant city, there's no shortage of outstanding performing arts venues and theatrical troupes. From performances in parks and gardens to world-class concerts and entertainers, there's something to suit everyone's taste.

Surrey Civic Theatres Summer Performances

- Over the summer months, Surrey Civic Theatres lines up a variety of performances and activities for people to enjoy in Surrey's picturesque gardens.
- **Surrey SPARK Stages** offer year-round events, activities, and programs to introduce young people to the magic of the performing arts.

Royal Canadian Theatre Company

- Bring new and interesting stories to the stage at reasonable prices for all. They firmly believe that every person deserves to be a part of live performance and were the first company in the Fraser Valley to host relaxed performances in Surrey and New Westminster.

Pivot Theatre Company

- Committed to producing theatre experiences which are inclusive, equitable, and relevant, and to respect and nurture each member's creativity as they support the surrounding community.

Big shows at the Bell Performing Arts Centre

- The Bell Performing Arts Centre, with a seating capacity of 1,052, is the largest professional theatre in the Fraser Valley.
- Shows range from big name performers like Ron James, Mary Walsh and Menopause the Musical to local South Asian dance competitions.

Live Tunes live on in Surrey

- Grab a sleeve of a craft brew and enjoy the show at one of [Surrey's many pubs and restaurants](#) who host open mic nights, live bands, and even a little karaoke if you want to jump in on the action.



FESTIVALS

LET'S CELEBRATE ... SURREY STYLE!

Surrey is a city with a lot to celebrate, from cultural diversity and heritage to breathtaking scenery and tantalising cuisine. Our festivals and events bring the community together and provide visitors with a taste of what Surrey has to offer.

Calling all cowboys and cowgals

- The **Cloverdale Rodeo & Country Fair** is Surrey's longest running festival. The rodeo celebrated 76 years in 2024, while the Country Fair marked 133 years.
- 96 of the world's best cowboys and cowgirls compete in a unique Invitational Rodeo Format that ensures the sports premier athletes are showcased throughout five (5) Rodeo performances.
- Bands 54/40 and the Chris Buck Band headlined the 2024 Rodeo & Country Fair.

Western Canada's largest Canada Day celebration

- Surrey's **Canada Day** celebration is held in Holland Park and is a day full of free, family-friendly entertainment, amusement rides, exhibitor booths, an Indigenous Village, food trucks and a spectacular fireworks finale.

Celebrate South Asian youth culture

- **5X Fest** is Canada's largest South Asian youth culture celebration. It's a multi-day, multi-venue festival showcasing music, visual art, fashion, and culture.
- The 5X Block Party in June is the event's flagship music festival showcasing Surrey's finest, including a concert, food vendors, art installations, and a vendor village.

A cultural kaleidoscope

- **Surrey Fusion Fest** is a two-day celebration mid-July, that brings together cultural and community groups from around the world and more than fifty recording artists and performers.
- A visit to each pavilion is an opportunity to sample authentic food from each country, learn about their economies, and discover their arts and crafts.
- Awarded Best Public Event by the International Live Events Association (ILEA) - Vancouver Chapter and Best Cultural Event by the Canadian Event Awards in 2023.

Light up the night this winter

- Every winter, Surrey is home to 2 seasonal light festivals.
 - **Lights at Bear Creek Park** - Designed to bring light during a time of year when daylight is in short supply, the park will be transformed into a free illuminated nature trail experience.
 - **Surrey Tree Lighting Festival** - Every December Surrey's Civic Plaza shines bright with a dazzling collection of light displays, activities and the lighting of Surreys' official Christmas tree.



SHOPPING

THE EXPRESSION "SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP," DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE SURREY'S SHOPPING SCENE

Locally produced coffee? Check. Best chocolate bar in the world? Double-check. Imported gourmet olive oils and environmentally friendly clothing? Yup! The second largest shopping centre in BC? OK, you see where we're going with this. So, whether you want to spend the day shopping for local gifts or hours poking around at the always popular Potters Nursery, Surrey has it all.



Historic Cloverdale

- Rich in history with a small-town feel, the streets of Cloverdale are lined with boutique shops and beautifully manicured hanging flower baskets.
- Cloverdale's downtown core is abundant in small, independently owned shops and businesses. From vintage treasure hunting at [Retro Mod Consignment](#) to unique home decor finds at [La Belle Vie](#), stylish clothing at [The Heart](#), and beautiful plants and gift items at [Thrive Greenery & Gifts](#), you can bounce from shop to shop all day long and find something completely new every time.

Stampede Tack & Western Wear

- Founded in 1966 and still run by the same family today, Stampede Tack, in Cloverdale, is the ultimate stop to find the perfect Western-themed apparel.
- From your boots (they have over 3,000 pairs in stock) to your belt to your cowboy hat, they've got everything you need to get yourself, your family, and your home outfitted western-style.

Mink Chocolates

- Your search for the world's best chocolate bar is over, Mink Chocolates took the title in 2014. Try your best to choose just one of their 30-plus chocolate bar varieties.
- Visit their fondue bar or try s'mores you can roast at your table.

Payal Plaza

- Uncover a diversity of South Asian trinkets, clothing, jewelry, shopping and dining options at the Payal Plaza Shopping Centre in Newton.
- Spanning four big-city blocks, Payal Plaza features the largest selection of Indian shopping in the entire province!

Potters Nursery

- During most of the year, Potter's Nursery is one of Surrey's best garden centres featuring a wide range of plants, bulbs, pots and garden ornaments. But at Christmas, the space transforms into Western Canada's largest Christmas Store with 28,000 square feet of fairy lights, stockings, life-size Santas, snowmen and every kind of Christmas ornament conceivable.

Shopping Centres

If you're looking to shop 'til you drop, but are craving bigger, more familiar names, then don't worry. We've got glitzy shopping centres carrying well-known brands that are sure to satiate the most devoted mall rat. Visit Central City Shopping Centre, Grandview Corners, Guildford Town Centre, The Shops at Morgan Crossing or the Semiahmoo Shopping Centre.

BEACHES, WATERWAYS & PADDLING

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE WATER AND, IN SURREY, THAT SOMETHING COULD VERY WELL BE YOU.

Sandy beaches and calm waters await at Crescent Beach

- Head out on a kayak or stand-up paddleboard and explore Semiahmoo Bay and the Nicomekl River.
- Enjoy swimming, beach volleyball and scenic views from the pier and nature trails.
- At Sullivan Point, you can play beach volleyball and picnic on the large grassy area.
- Beach wheelchair means Crescent Beach is accessible to all. This special wheelchair has chest straps and a seatbelt and can be used with the assistance of an attendant, friend or family member.

Blackie Spit Park provides spectacularly unobstructed views of local mountain ranges

- Boardwalk provides an accessible route and designated pedestrian corridor through the sensitive environmental area north-west of the Spit.
- Part of the Pacific Flyway the park is included in an "Important Bird Area" as part of Fraser River Estuary.
- Located in the Crescent Beach neighbourhood of South Surrey.
- The park is named for the dramatic spit that extends into Mud Bay at the mouth of the Nicomekl River.
- At the north end of the parking area, you'll find the only off-leash dog swim area in Surrey.

Brownsville Bar Park in North Surrey offers 300-metres of waterfront access

- Brownsville Bar Park is one of the only locations on the Fraser River with a sandy beach.
- The park offers great views of the Fraser River and New Westminster.
- You'll find a walking loop, beach and lots of open green space ideal for a picnic.
- The park is at the end point of the Tannery Greenway, making it a great destination for a bike ride.

Gone fishing at the Surrey Public Wharf

- The Surrey Public Wharf is located on the Fraser River at the north end of 130 Street.
- The wharf offers public boating access and lots of opportunity for fishing.
- Don't forget your tidal water fishing licence.



BEACHES, WATERWAYS & PADDLING

SURREY'S FLOATING NATURE TRAILS MEANDER THROUGH WILDLIFE AREAS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Nicomekl River

- This leisurely float is ideal for all paddling abilities.
- The river takes you past farmers fields, waterfront homes, mountain views, the Historic Stewart Farm and the birding areas of Blackie Spit and Crescent Beach.
- A popular launch spot is Ward's Marina in Elgin Heritage Park.
- Highlights include navigating past moored yachts and under the Burlington North Santa Fe railway wooden trestle bridge.

Serpentine River

- This circuit is good for the novice or active paddler.
- Depending on changing tides and currents, this route can be difficult to navigate and, at lower tides, some portaging may be necessary.
- Because the route is entirely enclosed between drainage dykes, this float is particularly quiet and calm.

Yes, you can go whale watching from Surrey, thanks to White Rock Sea Tours & Whale Watch Vancouver

- Tours depart from Crescent Beach Marina.
- White Rock Sea Tours has a 90% sighting success rate, be sure to have your camera ready!
- Keep an eye out for transient orca whales, humpback whales, grey whales, minke whales, sea lions, harbour porpoise, seals and more!
- The adventure includes stops for lunch at scenic locations, including Saturna Lighthouse Pub, Port Browning, Poet's Cove Resort, and Port Sidney (all family-friendly).



BIRD WATCHING

NO PITH HELMET REQUIRED, BUT BINOCULARS ARE A MUST FOR BIRD WATCHING IN SURREY

At certain times of the year, Surrey is home to more than 300 species of migratory birds, so grab your binoculars, camera, notebook and [field guide](#) – you won't be disappointed. Centrally located in "the heart of BC's Pacific Flyway", Surrey, and the surrounding region, is a major north-south stop for migratory birds. Surrey is on the South Fraser [BC Bird Trail](#) and joins Richmond and Delta with a curated itinerary to encourage birders of all levels.

Book a **guided bird walk** or tour with nature photographer [Kris Cu](#) and explore Surrey's key birding areas and learn how to spot Surrey's feathered friends. Whether you're new to birdwatching, or a seasoned pro, Kris will share tips and tricks for how to make the most of your bird watching adventures.

To help you identify what birds you're looking at, it's helpful to download a birding app like Merlin or BirdNET to your phone. Once you've spotted your birds, be sure to enter your sightings into [eBird](#), a global citizen database-driven bird watching resource. Not only can you upload your finds, but you can also use eBird to discover what birds to look out for in Surrey's bird-watching spots.

Search for bald eagles in [Green Timbers Urban Forest](#)

- Green Timbers Urban Forest includes 183 hectares of wetland, lakes, a fishing dock, grassland, meadows and nature trails.
- You can walk or cycle through the forest on your search for the many bird species that call the park home, including woodpeckers.

Try and spot amphibians and reptiles in [Surrey Lake Park](#) before the kingfishers beat you to it

- Some of the waterbirds you might see include great herons, green herons, buffleheads, marsh wrens and kingfishers.
- The lake is an important habitat for many amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and mammals.
- Also, home to forest-dwelling birds including black cap chickadees, spotted towhees, cedar waxwings and pileated woodpeckers.

Impress your friends with tales of the yellow-rumped warbler you spotted at [Blackie Spit](#)

- Tidal marsh and eelgrass beds make Blackie Spit an important stop for migrating and wintering waterfowl and shorebirds.
- Keep your eyes peeled for northern flickers, brown creepers and yellow-rumped warblers, among many more.



BIRD WATCHING

Watch out for alpha predator birds at Elgin Heritage Park

- The park's large trees make it popular with eagles, owls and hawks.
- Elgin Heritage Park is right on the banks of Nicomekl River, offering beautiful views of the water.
- You must stay on the trails because waterfowl and shorebirds at this park are very sensitive to disturbance.

Search for the endangered White Fan Lilly at Hi-Knoll Park

- The White Fan Lilly is also known as Dog's Tooth Violet.
- Hi-Knoll Park is a habitat for birds such as mallards, swallows and common snipe who enjoy the swampy area.

Mud Bay Park offers spectacular views of Boundary Bay and all the birds that love it

- Mud Bay Park is another great spot for migrating and wintering waterfowl as well as shorebirds since there are tidal marshes and eelgrass.
- The nature trail is nearly three-kilometres long and takes about 1.5 hours to walk.

If you're lucky, you might spot an Olive-sided flycatcher at Redwood Park

- The more than 50 different species of trees that make up the park attract numerous birds.
- Twin brothers David and Peter Brown spent their lives collecting exotic tree species and planting them on their land in Surrey.
- In 1893, that land became Redwood Park, where the brothers lived out their lives in a tree house.

Serpentine Fen is home to 130 different species of bird

- Take your binoculars for bird watching, especially in the fall.
- The walk through the nature reserve is 90 minutes.
- The Serpentine Wildlife Management Area is managed by Ducks Unlimited.

Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest shares space with wildlife and birds

- The urban forest is a 130-hectare park and home to many different birds, coyotes and black-tailed deer.
- Owls, hawks, woodpeckers, chickadees and wrens are just a few of the birds you'll be adding to your notebook.



GOLF SURREY

POLISH YOUR CLUBS AND FIND OUT WHY THE GRASS REALLY IS GREENER ON SURREY'S GOLF COURSES

If you're partial to a round or two of golf, then you've come to the right place. Surprised? People associate good golf with Surrey because we have the highest density of golf courses out of any community in Metro Vancouver or the Fraser Valley! With all this green space, it seems fitting that Surrey is home to some of the best golf courses in the Metro Vancouver area.

And what makes Surrey's golf great? Well, a great course is a good start. A history of consistency, good conditions and top-notch amenities also contribute to forming a solid reputation. And did we mention that you can golf year-round?

Designed by world-renowned course designers, Surrey's golf courses can accommodate any skill level, price point, or course style preference.

Tee off in the footsteps of champions at Northview Golf and Country Club

- Northview's story starts with the King himself. Arnold Palmer, The King of Golf, that is. The golf trailblazer and retired professional designed two courses at Northview, infusing the green with his personality and playing style.
- In 1996, Northview hosted the PGA Tour, which marked the tournament's return to Canada's West Coast for the first time in 30 years. They would continue to host the PGA Tour for seven consecutive years.

Golf one of British Columbia's first golf courses at The Hills at Portal Golf Course

- Formerly named Peace Portal Golf Course, the Hills at Portal was established in 1928 and has achieved a 4-star rating by Golf Digest and a "Top 100 Public Course in Canada".
- Their location in South Surrey, which typically has less rain and more sun than the rest of the province, has earned them the moniker of "sunniest course this side of the border".

Morgan Creek Golf Course's story starts in 1995 with mastermind Thomas McBroom

- The beautifully laid-out and manicured course is the brainchild of the award-winning Canadian golf course architect.
- It's on Golf Digest's list of "Best Places to Play" and was voted the PGA of BC's "Facility of the Year" in 2008.



CYCLING

WHETHER YOU'RE INTO 29ERS, FIXIES OR SINGLE SPEEDS, WHEN IT COMES TO BIKE ROUTES, SURREY HAS IT ALL

The City of Surrey has gone to great lengths to ensure cyclists of all skill levels can find their happy place to ride, whether they're into 29ers, Fixies or Single Speeds. Dubbed "The City of Parks," Surrey's expansive network of parks, trails, gardens and green spaces spans a whopping 6,000 acres, all available by bike.

Rent an eBike for a Scenic City Adventure

- The City of Surrey recently introduced a public bike sharing program with Bird Canada.
- Use the app to rent your eBike at various locations around North Surrey and Guildford, and explore neighbourhoods and parks.

A complete guide to cycling in Surrey, including a detailed map, can be found [here](#).



Port Mann to Surrey City Centre bike route is linked by pedestrian bridge

- The Port Mann to Surrey City Centre bike route is linked by a new pedestrian bridge.
- The new Bon Accord pedestrian bridge links the Fraser Heights neighbourhood through a ravine.
- Cyclists looking for a moderate ride with a higher level of difficulty will enjoy this route.
- Though centrally located, this route takes advantage of the less busy roads along the way.

Barnston Island Regional Park is only available by ferry

- Located on the Fraser River, which makes for some beautiful views and great picnic spots, a ride around the entire island is 12-kilometres.
- The ferry is free and runs continually by demand.
- The route is quite flat, making it family-friendly.

Tynehead Regional Park connects to Green Timbers Urban Forest via scenic greenway

- Easy parking at both parks and a variety of options makes these routes popular with all cyclists.
- A scenic greenway connects the four-kilometre bike path of Tynehead Regional Park with the two-kilometre loop of Green Timbers Urban Forest.
- Mostly flat with a few hills along the connecting greenway.

Mud Bay Park offers water views to pedestrians and cyclists

- This bike route doesn't loop, so if you keep riding, you'll end up in the neighbouring City of Delta.
- Includes a long and wide gravel road, ideal for a walking or cycling.
- Located in an isolated area off Highway 99, so bring your own water.

Swap those video games for a ride along the family-friendly Ocean Park bike route

- This family-friendly bike route starts in South Surrey at the Semiahmoo Shopping Mall and runs to the neighbourhood of Ocean Park. The route is largely flat and well-marked, so it's an enjoyable trip for the entire family.

WALKING & HIKING

SOME OF SURREY'S HISTORICAL WALKING TRAILS WERE CREATED BY TRAVELLING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The City of Surrey includes 1,600 hectares of natural forest, grassland and shrubland, so it is safe to say that there is no lack of walking or hiking paths, no matter your skill level. It should also come as no surprise that there are too many trails to include here, so for a complete list, visit surrey.ca. As well, a flipbook of nature trails and parks can be viewed [here](#).

Bear Creek Park offers family-friendly walks

- Look down from the trails and pathways to spot streams and salmon spawning in October and November. And look up to spot owls and eagles.
- Frogs and salamanders are frequently seen from the pathway.
- Once you've finished your walk, the kids can ride the Bear Park Train or play a round of mini-golf.

Blackie Spit Park was once home to a prosperous oyster company

- Coast Salish peoples once used the area as a place to rest, collect food and repair tools.
- Twice a year, the park is home to more than 300 species of migratory birds.
- Keep an eye out for harbour seals and other marine mammals.
- Dogs and bikes are not permitted due to its sensitive nesting areas.

Hunt for fairies or climb into a tree house at Redwood Park

- Deaf twin brothers David and Peter Brown were gifted 40 acres of land each for their 21st birthday. Instead of farming as was expected, the brothers began their collection of trees — grown from seedlings they collected in California in 1893.
- Redwood Park is now home to the largest stand of giant Redwood (Sequoia) trees north of the 49th parallel.
- A collection of hundreds of fairy houses donated by visitors and locals make up a magical kingdom at the base of these towering trees.

It's easy being green in Surrey's urban rainforests

- Surrey's expansive network of urban rainforests, and green spaces, span a whopping 6,000 acres.
- Check out Surrey's BIG trees! Although most of Surrey's forests are second growth, you can still find some impressive giants if you know where to look! [Green Timbers Urban Forest Park](#), [Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest Park](#), [Port Kells Park](#) and [Godwin Farm Biodiversity Preserve Park](#) all are home to green giants.

Crescent Beach has a rich history as a resort town

- Crescent Beach dates back to 1909 when development of the Great Northern Railway first made the beach easily accessible to the public.
- In 1912, Crescent Beach was promoted as a resort area and included a trendy hotel, pier and train station.
- In 1913, dikes, now used as a waterfront pathway, were built to prevent flooding and allow for development of the surrounding land.

The Semiahmoo Trail was originally used as a path by First Nations peoples

- This historic trail was later used by miners avoiding head taxes and licensing costs.
- In 1872, the provincial government widened the trail to accommodate wagons and formalize the route between Blaine and Fort Langley.
- When the Peace Arch Highway was surveyed in 1932, the portion of the trail south of the Nicomekl River was shifted eastward and the trail was left in a natural state.

The Serpentine Fen is home to 130 different species of birds

- Take your binoculars for bird watching, especially in the fall.
- The walk through the nature reserve is 90 minutes.
- The Serpentine Wildlife Management Area is managed by [Ducks Unlimited](#).



FAMILY FRIENDLY

WE CAN'T OFFER FREE BABYSITTING, BUT SURREY IS DEFINITELY KID APPROVED!

Brimming with family fun, Surrey is a great place for young families. From beautiful parks armed with playgrounds and water parks, to lots of family-friendly restaurants and activities, there's always an option for little ones, no matter what community you may find yourself in.



The Surrey Nature Centre is nestled among the trees at Green Timbers Urban Forest

- Dedicated to educating our young ones about the importance of green spaces.
- The Surrey Nature Centre has plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to keep young minds buzzing.
- Pick up a Discovery Backpack full of activities, from the Surrey Nature Centre to take things to the next level.
- Fishing rods are also available to rent (for free!) to be taken to the lake in the park for an afternoon of fishing.

The Honeybee Centre is a "hive" of activity

- Learn about the intriguing world of honey bees in a way that few get to experience: through the hands-on exploration of an active, living beehive.
- Book a private hive tour at the Honeybee Centre and gain a better understanding of the importance of honey bees in our ecosystem.
- Tours include suiting up in protective gear, lighting a bee smoker and getting up close and personal with more than 40,000 bees!

Time to play — parks, playgrounds & pools

- Bear Creek Park boasts both an outdoor pool, expansive water park, adventure playground, beautiful gardens and a miniature train.
- If you have a climber and jumper in your family, head to Hazelgrove Park. Kids can bounce between the parkour course and cooling off in the spray park.
- Unwin Park is home to an amazing 12,000 square foot, universally accessible playground. Play elements, slides with transfer benches, and a variety of swings are all connected by a double-wide accessible ramp system.

Take a step back in time at the Historic Stewart Farm

- Located in South Surrey at Elgin Heritage Park, the Stewart Farm authentically tells the story of the Stewart family, early pioneers to Surrey farming.
- The homestead, barn and grounds depict rural life around the turn of the century.
- Events are hosted seasonally, and drop-in tours are available.

Ride the rails through history on board Surrey's Heritage Rail

- Take a ride on BC Electric Railway Interurban street car #1225.
- Restored by volunteers, each trip lasts just under one hour round trip, and passes through idyllic farmlands to Sullivan Station, travelling across Highway 10.
- Tour the Car barn, see the restoration process of fellow BCER cars, and learn a little bit more about each of these locomotives and nuggets of history!
- Trips run every weekend from late Spring to early Autumn.

Game on at Central City Fun Park

- For a good old-fashioned arcade experience, head to Central City Fun Park, Metro Vancouver's largest indoor amusement park!
- Spend the afternoon playing mini-golf, roller skating, bowling, checking out the classic arcade games and trying your hand at a virtual reality game.

SPORTS

FROM HOCKEY TO AQUATICS, SOCCER TO SOFTBALL – CHOOSE SURREY FOR YOUR NEXT SPORTING EVENT

Sport Surrey has an extensive track record of successfully hosting major international sporting events such as the Wickenheiser Female World Hockey Festival, the Vancouver Goalball Grand Slam, the SX International Cup, and the Canada Cup International Softball Championship and look forward to hosting your best event yet!

Surrey's expansive sporting facilities create an active community that foster world-class athletic performances. We have an array of modern, world-class facilities, including soccer fields, baseball diamonds, ice hockey rinks, tennis courts, aquatic centres, and much more.

Play ball at **Softball City**

- Softball City is ideal for hosting tournaments with four championship calibre diamonds and seating for over 1500 spectators, in addition to separate umpire facilities.
- There's also a fully licensed Sports Grill with a 232 seat outdoor patio overlooking all the action, a pro shop, separate umpire facilities, batting cages, and more.

Take to the ice at the **Surrey Sports & Leisure Centre**

- The arena contains 3 full-size rinks that are equipped for sledge hockey events.
- The facility has hosted provincial skating events and is a popular site for many Fraser Valley hockey tournaments.

Sticky Wickets, Googlies and Jaffas rule the cricket pitch

- West Newton Community Park is a 3.8-hectare (9.4 acre) park in west Newton,
- Completed in 2014, this park offers a range of amenities, including a regulation-size grass cricket pitch with space for spectators, a pavilion, clubhouse, a washroom building, and an asphalt walking loop.

Watch the ancient game of **Kabaddi**

- India's fastest-growing sport, Kabaddi has arrived in Surrey. Dating back almost 5,000 years, this wrestling-style sport is played by two 12-person teams who compete with the goal of receiving the most points.
- Matches are currently played at Kabaddi Park, a great open space in Newton.

Make a splash at **Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre**

- LEED-certified pool was constructed with regional, provincial, national and international sport hosting events in mind.
- It has a 10-lane, 50m FINA-standard Olympic size competition pool with a full set of dive towers up to a height of 10 meters.
- Has received the highest rated certification, the RHF Accessibility Certified Gold, from the Rick Hansen Foundation for accessibility.



ACCESSIBILITY

THE CITY OF SURREY IS RECOGNIZED AS A CANADIAN LEADER IN ACCESSIBILITY

A haven for outdoor adventurers and city slickers alike, Surrey boasts a wealth of green spaces and a quirky mix of urban and rural. No matter your style of exploration, or your unique set of abilities, there's an abundance of activities to discover for every kind of explorer.

In 2023, Sport Surrey, a partnership between Discover Surrey, the City of Surrey and the Surrey Hotel & Motel Association, was recognized for Access and Inclusion at the BC Tourism and Hospitality 2023 Awards. The award recognizes an individual, organization or consortium in BC that has made a significant contribution toward creating inclusive and welcoming experiences for everyone. Through the work of Sport Surrey, Surrey is evolving to become the most accessible and diverse sport-hosting city in Canada.



Beach Wheels

- During the summer months, between 11 am and 7 pm, beach goers can [borrow a beach wheelchair](#) from the lifeguard station at Crescent Beach, thanks to a generous donation from the Self-Advocates of Semiahmoo.
- The wheelchair is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is perfect for navigating the sand to get down to the water.

Sensory Friendly at the Museum of Surrey

- The Museum of Surrey is a free, fully accessible venue in every sense: intellectually, culturally, and physically. Visitors of all abilities can visit and enjoy access to exhibits, shows and interactive areas.
- The first Sunday of every month has a dedicated Sensory Friendly time with reduced noise, dimmed lighting, quiet activities, and a sensory-friendly space.

Everyone can play at Unwin Park's accessible playground

- The 12,000 square foot playground includes accessible play elements, slides with transfer benches, and a variety of swings, all connected by a double-wide accessible ramp system.
- Created assistance from the Jumpstart Inclusive Play program.

Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™

- The City of Surrey has received the distinct honour of being [recognized as an industry leader](#) in Canada for commitments to accessibility by incorporating Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) ratings and certifications through policy.
- Surrey became the first city in Canada to commit to building and retrofitting all future civic facilities to achieve RHFAC Gold. With over 40 RHFAC ratings to date, Surrey boasts the most rated sites of any municipality in Canada.

Look up and stay grounded on the BC Bird Trail

- Located along the Pacific Flyway, a major north-south flyway for migratory birds in North America, Blackie Spit, with its tidal marsh and eelgrass beds is an important stop for migrating and wintering waterfowl and shorebirds.
- The boardwalk and trail is hard-packed gravel and mostly flat, with spectacular, unobstructed views and lots of opportunities for bird watching.