

NATURAL VALUES

Tribune Bay Park features Douglas-fir forests, Garry oak woodlands and wildflower meadows, as well as sensitive foreshore and marine habitats. The forested property intended to be added to Tribune Bay Park features a wet meadow-swamp complex that transitions to a dry mature forest from south to north. From east to west, the land transitions from a forest to a beach upland meadow. There is a mix of young and older trees as well as uncommon species such as cascara, Pacific crab apple and black cottonwood. As well, several invasive plant species occur within both properties of the Tribune Bay addition.

Objective	Proposed Management Strategies
Maintain and enhance the natural values of the park	1. Where new campsites are developed, establish smaller or walk-in campsites to minimize the disturbance of natural values where possible. 2. Develop a plan for removal and control of invasive plant species. 3. Ensure that the design of any new facilities (e.g., campsites, trails) considers the ecology and hydrology of the site, as well as anticipated climate change implications on forest composition and health. 4. Enhance or restore natural values of the campground property where possible.
Foster stewardship of the park's natural values	1. Provide information to visitors about the ecological values at Tribune Bay. 2. Encourage low-impact, responsible recreation through signage and other outreach opportunities. 3. Consider collaborating with community partners to promote nature stewardship and responsible recreation to island visitors.



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Hornby Island has a rich history, including thousands of years of Indigenous use and more recent colonial use. The presence of archaeological sites above the high tide line indicates traditional Indigenous use of Tribune Bay and the surrounding uplands for millennia, likely for shellfish harvesting, plant and berry gathering, and hunting. European settlers came to Hornby Island in the early 1800's to farm and harvest forest products. More recently, tourism is the main economic activity on the island, with Tribune Bay as one of the greatest attractions.

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Improve understanding, awareness, and protection of cultural values	1. Work with local First Nations to identify information that supports the protection of Indigenous cultural values in this and other nearby parks. 2. In partnership with First Nations, consider the addition of interpretive signage to provide educational resources to visitors about the Indigenous cultural values at Tribune Bay. 3. Ensure new amenities do not negatively impact any identified cultural values.



CAMPING

Camping has become more popular than ever. More than 3.5 million campers stayed in B.C. provincial parks during the 2022 camping season, and the demand continues to grow. The record number of visitors has resulted in new investments to make the BC Parks experience even better. The two private properties adjacent to Tribune Bay Park were purchased by the Province with the goal of protecting recreational opportunities and other park values.

Objective	Proposed Management Strategies
Maintain and improve camping opportunities at Tribune Bay while respecting the unique character of the former campground and Hornby Island in general	1. Provide a a variety of camping opportunities with improved facilities, while respecting the unique character of the former campground and Hornby Island. 2. Incorporate principles of universal design and green building where possible. 3. Reduce density of the existing campground to improve privacy between sites. 4. To maintain a similar overall number of campsites and to promote active and car-free transportation, develop smaller or walk-in sites on the land north of Shields Road. 5. Examine new approaches to manage noise, smoke and vehicle congestion.



RECREATION

Tribune Bay Park is a very popular destination, particularly in the summer months, when visitors are attracted to the crescent-shaped sandy beach and the warm, shallow water. Its natural beauty is enjoyed year-round, especially by many locals who enjoy walking in the upland trails or on the beach, often with a dog. The Park provides a significant contribution to the tourism and economic opportunities on the island. The newly acquired lands include the former Tribune Bay Campground, which will now be transitioned to a public BC Parks campground.

Objective	Proposed Management Strategies
Promote walking, hiking and cycling	1. Develop (or enhance) a trail system with appropriate infrastructure to connect the campground and community amenities to the beach. 2. Add signage and maps to improve visitor safety and awareness of appropriate uses of the park and trails.
Provide opportunities for dog-walking that do not impact the park's conservation and recreation values	1. Work with the local community to explore options for providing limited opportunities for allowing dogs on the beach if conservation values can be maintained. 2. Consider seasonal, temporal or spatial restrictions to minimize any potential negative impacts to wildlife or other beach users. 3. Use an adaptive management approach to monitor interactions between dogs, wildlife, ecological values and beach users and adjust the approach as required.
Contribute to Hornby Island's sustainable tourism economy while respecting transportation and community impacts	1. Reduce congestion along Shields Road and at the Co-op by enabling camping access from the existing park road, which will be improved. 2. Work with community partners to promote transportation options that encourage active and car-fee access to minimize greenhouse gas emissions and reduce impacts on ferry traffic. 3. Consider working with partner agencies to support initiatives to promote safe and sustainable recreation.



BEACH & FORESHORE

Much of the foreshore (approximately the area between the high tide line and low tide line) in Tribune Bay is already within the park. In order to provide consistent management of the beach to promote a safe and pleasant experience for all park users, BC Parks is considering adding the foreshore in front of the forested parcel into the park. BC Parks has consulted with First Nations, community members, other government agencies and stakeholders regarding this potential foreshore addition.

Objective	Proposed Management Strategies
Protect foreshore and marine values throughout the park	1. Recommend adding foreshore adjacent to the newly acquired land to the park. 2. Consult and collaborate with federal agencies regarding concerns arising from moorage/boat access. 3. Continue to support water quality testing in the bay and consider working with other jurisdictions to implement measures to improve water quality if required. 4. Work with partner agencies to understand potential impacts of recreational activities on ecological values in the marine and foreshore areas.
Provide consistent management of activities throughout the park to promote appropriate and safe use of the beach and foreshore	1. Install signage clearly indicating park boundaries and permitted uses of the foreshore area. 2. Develop and implement a recreation strategy that provides specific guidance regarding activities on the beach, including fires, swimming, dog walking and boat access. Monitor and assess need for changes over time.