

ENTRANCE

Gowlland Point Road

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# BROOKS POINT REGIONAL PARK



## Legend

- B** Bicycle Rack
- A** Access Points To Beach
- Chocolate Lily locations
- Camas Lily locations
- Oak Tree locations
- Building locations



# BROOKS POINT REGIONAL PARK TOUR GUIDE (MAP ON REVERSE)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS GUIDE TO THE RACK WHEN YOU LEAVE THE PARK.**

*Encompassing a rare and threatened coastal ecosystem, Brooks Point Regional Park is here for you to appreciate. Realize that the final Park makeup is still under consideration by the CRD. Under review is the critical middle section on the map overleaf.*

## Be respectful of the plants and creatures that live here when you

- Ⓟ Stay on the trails at all times.
- Ⓟ Keep your dog under control.
- Ⓟ Stay aware of FIRE DANGER.
- Ⓟ Leave your bike in the Rack provided (at Gowlland Beach Access).
- Ⓟ Respect neighbouring properties.
- Ⓟ Leave no trace of your visit and take out litter.

### **j Old-growth Coastal Douglas-fir**

Found on the right (West) a short way in from the entrance of the trail, this enormous tree is tall, straight and is 5.5 meters or 18 feet around at the base. It has a burn scar on its west side from a fire in the 1890's.

### **l Red-osier Dogwood**

In early summer these red-branched native shrubs grow behind the evergreen blackberries on the East side of the last boardwalk. They have numerous bunched white flowers.

### **o Navigational Beacon**

This marks Gowlland Point and its rocky foot for kayakers, boaters, sailors, naval and commercial marine traffic in Boundary Pass. After dark its flashing light is a visible reminder of the treacherous tidal currents in this international waterway.

### **k Seasonal Creek and Wetlands**

Around, under, and East of the first boardwalk, these are home to salmonberry, red alder, slough sedge, sword fern, and the nocturnal singing Pacific Tree Frogs.

**m Harvest Brodiaea** In late summer it has 3 to 5 violet petals. The flowers appear on dry brown stalks.

**Hooker's Onion** In summer the narrow, flat, swirling leaves appear close to the ground before the deep pink stiff umbels with their oniony scent. These spread from here across the rocky headland to the West.

**p Wildlife Tree** This old-growth fir has been identified with a yellow tag as it is well used as a fishing perch for Bald Eagles. Fish remains such as jaws and spines are often seen below or near the tree. It also provides perches, shelter and insect food for many other species of birds.

**n Sea Viewpoint** From here you can observe Harbour Seals and River Otters in the bay below as well as Black Oystercatchers, Harlequin Ducks, Mergansers, and Buffleheads in season.

Saturna Island is our closest neighbour in view. Mt. Baker (Komo Kulshan in Salish) is to the Northeast. East and South are the San Juan Islands (USA). To the West is Vancouver Island. Orcas of J, K, and L Pods can be seen in Boundary Pass, often close to Brooks Point.



## Other Feature Sights

**Chocolate Lilies** are chocolate brown and pale green mottled, bell-shaped flowers. They are thickly concentrated here and have spread through the park. Their seedpods are visible at other times of the year. Please stay on the path when taking photos and keep dogs on the path to protect these delicate wildflowers.

**Common Camas** are intense blue, six-petaled, star-shaped flowers. First Nations peoples once cultivated them for their edible bulbs. Camas have returned to the site in front of the cabin after many years absence due to lawn mowing.

**Garry Oaks** The stand of native oaks crowns the hill and is at the heart of a sensitive and endangered ecosystem. These trees are slow-growing and quite old. Please avoid walking close and admire them from the trails.