

Most popular of B.C.'s provincial parks is

CULTUS LAKE

More than 300,000 people visited Cultus Lake park last year—more than visited any of British Columbia's other provincial parks, yet Cultus lake is one of the smallest parks in Canada. Stretching for four miles along the shores of Cultus lake, seven miles south of Chilliwack near the U.S. border, the park is about the same size as Vancouver's famed Stanley park. There are actually two parks on the lake—a municipally supervised area of 622 acres for camping and picnicking as well as the 1,600-acre provincial park on the southwest side of the lake. The park's natural beauties have been largely untouched, except for loads of sand that have been dumped on the shale swimming beaches. The waters of Cultus lake are sparkling cold and mountain-fed, bordered by groves of giant fir and hemlock. Twenty-five miles to the south the snow-capped peak of 10,778-foot Mount Baker, in the state of Washington, is visible on a cloudless day. The park's nine campsites and cabins, Sunnyside playground area, beaches and picnic sites are open to holidayers from May 24 to Labor day.

Something doing here for everybody

Handy to Cultus lake's campgrounds and picnic areas are a self-service groceteria, meat market, post office, lunch counters, water supplies and restrooms.



Picnicking: There are 248 tables in 5 areas that can accommodate 1,000 people at a time.

Swimming: As well as two sandy beaches, there is an enclosed shallow pool for children under lifeguard supervision. Daily lessons are offered and paddleboards can be rented.

Boating: Rowboats and canoes are available for rent. There are 4 boat-launching ramps at Jade Bay.



Waterskiing: The sport is very popular on Cultus lake, but no skiing ramps have been installed yet.

Hunting, fishing and camping trips



—from overnight to several days' duration —can be arranged.

Fishing: Lake fishing is good in May and September. Kamloops trout, cutthroat, Dolly Varden, Steelhead and Kokanee are caught in Cultus' cold waters.

Hiking: Well-marked trails through forests of Douglas fir, hemlock, cedar, birch, maple and spruce, are fascinating sources of nature lore. B.C.'s emblem, flowering dogwood, as well as trillium, tiger lily, and flowering currant are found. Black bears, deer, bobcats, opossums, weasels, mink, otter and squirrels can be spotted from trails.



Camping: 54 units with electricity, water and cooking facilities at Delta Grove; 94 at Maple Bay; 96 at Clear Creek; 59 at Entrance Bay.

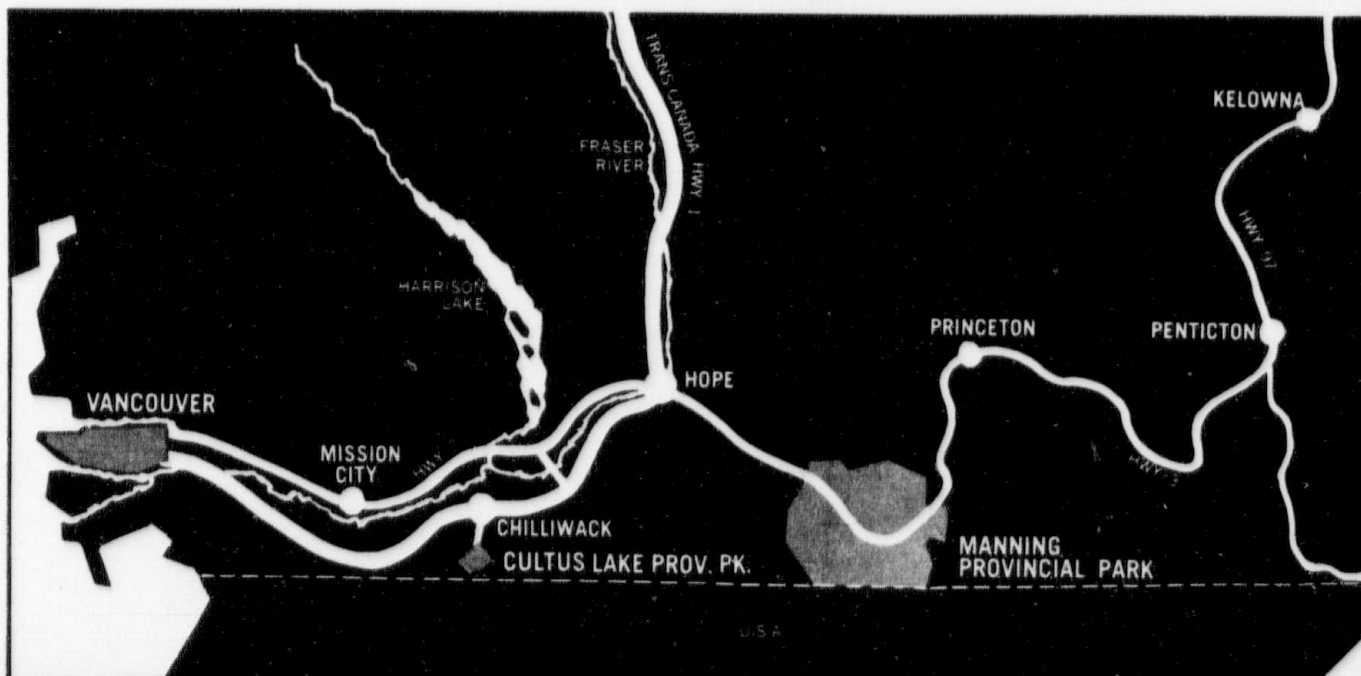


Best way in is by road

Manning Provincial park straddles Highway 3 near the U.S. border midway between the British Columbia cities of Hope and Princeton. Cultus Lake park is 7 miles south of Chilliwack, the cherry city in the Fraser valley.

From Vancouver Cultus Lake park is an 80-mile drive east on Highway 3; Manning park is a 180-mile drive along the Trans-Canada (No. 1) highway to Hope, then Highway 3.

From the state of Washington and southern points, Route 97 meets Highway 3 at the Canadian border town of Osoyoos (many vacationers from eastern Canada travel west through the U.S. and return through the Canadian Rockies and the Prairies).



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