

The Parks of West Vancouver

West Vancouver excels in the beauties of nature. At one time it was as one huge park combining most every kind of scenery—mountain, vale and sea. As its population grew, and with the consequent development of settlements of habitation, the foresightedness of our councils in making provision for park purposes has been well displayed. Today West Vancouver is a group of separate districts with the greatest density of population established between 10th Street and 27th Street, and the park effect so pronounced in the earlier days is rapidly giving way to metropolitan conditions. Hence it is good to know that West Vancouver is in possession of more natural parks than any other section of Greater Vancouver. Many admirable park sites have been laid aside for park purposes to take care of present and future needs. These are fittingly located in different sections of the municipality, and much care has been exercised in choosing these sites, to take full advantage in locating them at the most advantageous points.

Below we give a list of the parks and park sites of West Vancouver. It will unquestionably be a surprise to many of our readers to know there are so many.

AMBLESIDE PARK between Thirteenth Street and the Indian Reserve and South of Marine Drive covers about 25 acres. Last year it was used as a sports ground. This year the cleared section will be more extended, and though the land is low lying it can be used for sports purposes in the dry weather. Ambleside Park, will it is expected, ultimately be part of a scheme of Beach development which will include the property bought last year from the Gintzburger estate.

HOLLYBURN RIDGE—A large tract of land on the Ridge has been set aside as a park area. This is forested with yellow cedar, and has tiny lakes dotted along the plateau. At some time in the future it is anticipated that the Ridge Park will be one of the district's great attractions. It will unquestionably increase greatly in intrinsic value.

INGLEWOOD PARK—A five acre site between the school and 20th Street on the north side of Inglewood is being held for future needs.

IRWIN PARK—This site at Dundarave, about four acres in extent was secured from ex-Alderman Irwin of North Vancouver after whom it is named. Irwin Park is used as a sports and recreation ground. Recently many suggestions have been made for its improvement and development to better serve the youth of the district and it is almost a foregone conclusion that some action will ultimately have to be taken in this respect.

WEST BAY—At West Bay is located a park which is in possession of a very fine bathing beach and which is very popular with swimmers. It is well sheltered from the prevailing winds and the beach is unencumbered with rocks.

SHERMAN—A small park site has been allocated at Sherman which is about a mile west of West Bay and a short distance east of Cypress Park.

TRESTLE PARK—Just west of West Bay faces on the water. Though undeveloped at present, the site is at a very advantageous point for future use.

CYPRESS PARK FALLS—The municipality has a very fine park area which includes Cypress Park Falls. This is one of the beauty spots of West Vancouver and Cypress Falls is one of the prettiest waterfalls in British Columbia.

CAULFEILD—Park donated Mr. F. W. Caulfeild, one of the years ago Caulfeild Park was presented to the municipality by Mr. F. W. Caulfeild, one of the pioneers of West Vancouver. This pleasant location was laid out by him with walks and shrubbery, the natural contours being taken advantage of.

This park constitutes practically the entire waterfront of the subdivision, with a fine sheltered bay and sandy beach.

POINT ATKINSON—Further west there is the federal reserve at Point Atkinson to which the council has a ninety-nine year lease. This comprises about 350 acres and commands a magnificent view of English Bay, Howe Sound, the Gulf of Georgia and the mountains on Vancouver Island.

KLOOTCHMAN PARK—Klootchman Park, situated in this district, also looks out upon Howe Sound.

MEMORIAL PARK AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

—Memorial Park, dedicated as a memorial to those West Vancouver citizens who were killed in the Great War, lies on the north side of Marine Drive and extends from the creek at 19th Street to 20th Street. It has an area of about 6 acres and was obtained partly by public subscription, the remainder of the area being lands which had reverted to the municipality. On it is a memorial arch in stone, which was unveiled by Baron Byng in July, 1925, and at the back of the arch is a children's playground, the equipment for which was obtained by public subscription in charge of a committee headed by Ex-Councillor K. A. Ray.

NELSON CREEK CANYON PARK—A large park area has been set aside in D. L. 1494 comprising all the lands surrounding the Nelson Creek Canyon, situated about three-quarters of a mile down stream in a southeasterly direction from Eagle Lake.

ALTAMONT PARK—Altamont Park which extends from Marine Drive to the shore line, is situated between 29th and 30th Streets. A wooden bridge has been built over the P.G.E. line, which runs through it, and a long flight of wooden steps down the cliff gives ingress to the beach.

RAINFALL FOR MARCH TOTALS OVER 7 INCHES

Hours of Sunshine Also Fall Considerably Under Average

The month of March this year has gone over the average in precipitation and below the average in sunshine. Total precipitation for the month was 7.01 inches as compared with an average of 4.5 and total hours of sunshine were 116.12 hours as compared with 139 hours average. One inch of snow fell during the month and 6.97 inches of rain. Total precipitation for the year continues below normal. The total for the first three months stands at 17.92 inches as compared with an average of 19 inches or 1.08 inches less.

The month was slightly warmer than is usual, the mean temperature being 45.3 degrees as compared with the average of 42.4 degrees. The maximum temperature occurred March 19, when the thermometer reached 65.1 degrees; the minimum, March 1, at 28 degrees. Mean relative humidity for the month was 85.

"Why is it that a red-headed woman always marries a very meek man?"

"She doesn't. He just gets that way."

TENNIS CLUB APPOINTS OFFICERS FOR 1928

The annual meeting of the West Vancouver Tennis Club took place in the Fortune Cup Inn on Thursday evening, 29th ultimo, there being a good attendance of members. Plans were discussed for the coming season and probably one or two teams will be entered in the various leagues. The following officers were elected: President, B. Burton; Secretary-treasurer, Lionel Davenport; Directors, Mrs. R. C. Proctor, E. A. McArthur, and J. Grisedale. Anyone desirous of joining the club are asked to communicate with the secretary.

TO ASK FOR AIRPORT IN GREATER VANCOUVER

Alderman E. W. Dean of Vancouver, will leave about April 10 for Ottawa, where, with Mayor G. H. Morden of North Vancouver, he will urge Dominion authorities to establish an airport in Vancouver.

Alderman Dean and Mayor Morden were chosen to visit Ottawa at a meeting Monday morning of mayors and reeves of surrounding districts.

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A. M. STEPHEN RETURNS

A. M. Stephen, West Vancouver's own poet and writer, who has created for himself a national reputation returned to his home here last Tuesday after a very successful lecture tour covering the Eastern cities.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP BESTOWED UPON E. RUDOLPH

Mr. E. Rudolph, 29th and Mathers, was made a honorary member of the West Vancouver Archery Club at their annual meeting last Saturday. Mr. Rudolph has done much to further the interests of the club and the bestowing of honorary membership is a small appreciation of his assistance and interest.

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