



Goldstream

PROVINCIAL PARK

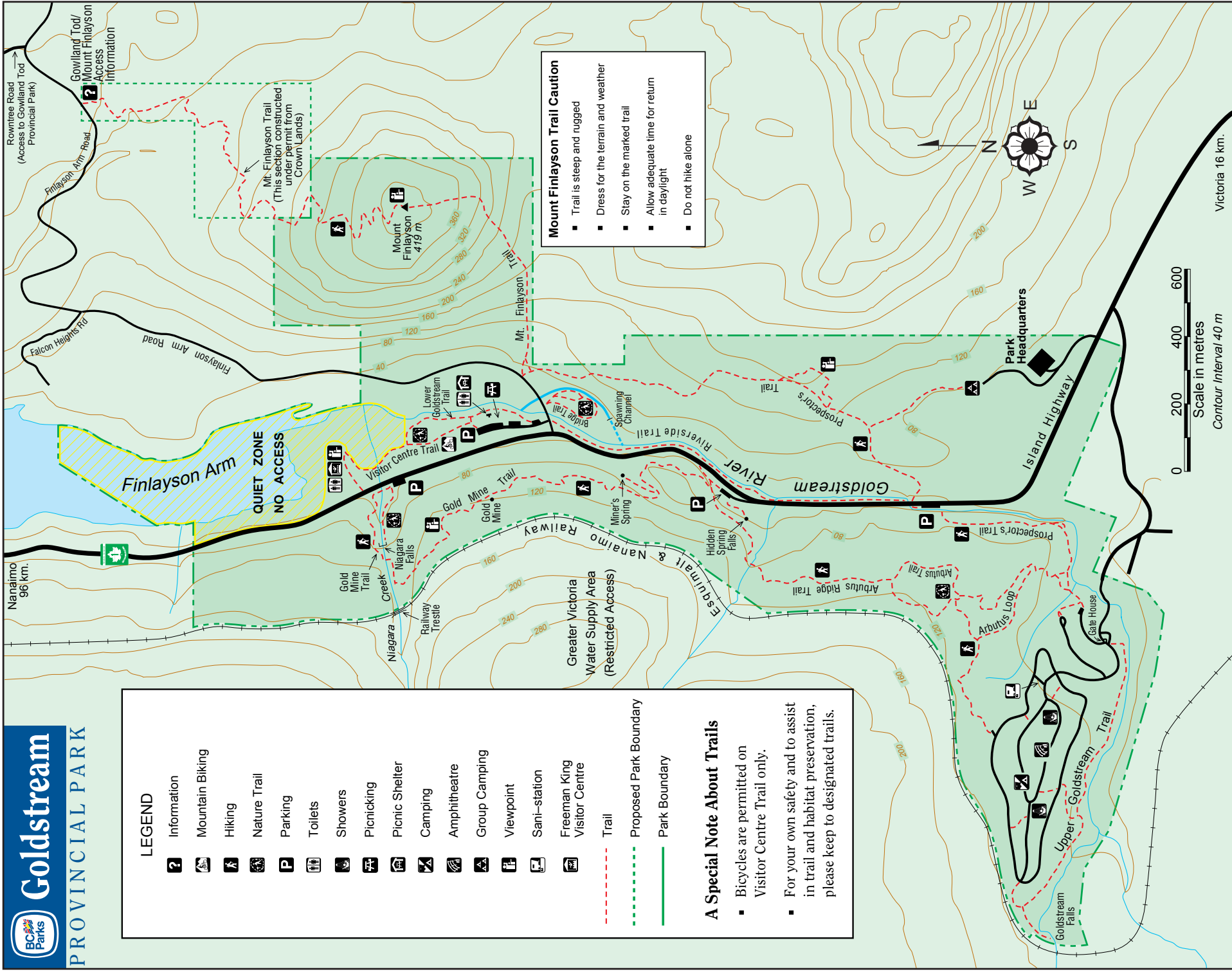
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A Special Note About Trails

- Bicycles are permitted on Visitor Centre Trail only.
- For your own safety and to assist in trail and habitat preservation, please keep to designated trails.



Mount Finlayson Trail Caution

- Trail is steep and rugged
- Dress for the terrain and weather
- Stay on the marked trail
- Allow adequate time for return in daylight
- Do not hike alone

How to Get to Goldstream Park

Info: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/goldstre.html>

By Public Transit:

Total Travelling time: 1 hour and up

Cost: \$2.75 one way

1. Downtown Victoria to Canwest Mall.

Catch the #50 from the corner of Douglas at Pandora to Canwest Mall. Be sure to pay the two-zone fare (\$2.75).

Travelling time: 30 - 50 minutes.

2. Canwest Mall to Sooke Lake Road.

At Canwest Mall transfer over to the #58 Langford Meadows. Ask the driver to stop at the nearest stop to the Park.

Travelling time: 10 minutes

3. Walk into the park.

There are a number of entrances to the park. The entrance to the campgrounds, which leads to trails into the park is along Sooke Lake Road. The entrance to the day-use area is at the junction of Highway 1 and Finlayson Arm Road, a few kilometre walk north along the highway.

By Car:

Total Travelling time: 40 minutes

From the hostel go down Pandora and turn right on Douglas. Douglas will turn into Highway #1 and after roughly 40 minutes you will reach the main entrance to the Park at Finlayson Arm Road.

There is a day-use parking fee of \$3, however if you park up by the highway you can avoid this.

More info

(pasted in from the park info page at www.goldstreampark.com)

Location: Located 16 km northwest of Victoria on southern Vancouver Island on the Trans Canada Hwy (Hwy #1). Access to the campground is via Sooke Lake Road from Hwy 1 at the southern boundary of the park. The entrance to the day-use area is near the junction of Hwy 1 and Finlayson Arm Road.

Size: 388 hectares

History: The area of the park was given to the people of British Columbia by the Greater Victoria Water

Board in 1958. Additional lands were designated in 1994 and 1996 through the Commonwealth Nature Legacy and Crown Land additions.

Wildlife: From late October through December of each year, the Goldstream River is the scene of one of nature's spectacles as chum, coho and chinook salmon enter the river via Finlayson Arm from the Pacific Ocean. Three to four years previously, these same salmon were born here before traveling to the sea to grow and mature. Their return to spawn and die in their ancestral spawning beds is fascinating and the Freeman King Visitor Centre features special programs to help visitors appreciate this miraculous event. The Goldstream River estuary is closed to the public (including all boaters). This closure has resulted in a resurgence of wildlife using the estuary throughout the year. Due to the closure, once rarely seen bald eagles now abound during the salmon run and nest during the summer. Park users should always be aware of bears and other wildlife in our park environment. Never feed or approach bears or other wildlife.

Cultural Heritage: Goldstream is located on traditional fishing grounds of local First Nations. Old mining shafts and tunnels are all that remains of the gold rush that Goldstream River experienced during the mid-19th century.

