

# Mount Douglas Park



*This is the largest and most magnificent park administered by Saanich. Walk the shores of Cordova Bay, hike trails lush with the abundance of ferns and wildflowers towered by Douglas Fir and Cedar trees overhead. Trails lead you to the summit elevation of 227m. This 360° lookout is spectacular, with views of rural Saanich, the city lights of Victoria, and further still, to the Olympic and Cascade mountains in Washington State.*

Stuff to take with you:

1. Food. The closest food is a grocery store 15 minutes walk away, on Shelbourne, if you need food.
2. Hiking boots, or at least comfortable shoes. The hiking's not totally challenging, but it's fun to climb up the mountain.
3. There's a beach right there, so bring some shorts and a towel. It's a rocky beach, but it's still fun for swimming and laying about.

*Please help to protect rare and endangered plant species by staying on designated trails and refraining from biking on any trail in the park.*



You'll want to spend anywhere between 2-8hrs in the park and the beach. Be sure to check out the viewpoint, on the top of the mountain, and the beach, at the bottom.

# Getting to Mt. Doug by City Bus

Travelling time: 30-45min each way.  
 Cost: \$4 there and back (cheaper if you get bus tickets or a bus pass - see Public Transit infosheet for more details.)



**Step 1:** Grab a #28 city bus at Johnson at Douglas. Get to it from the hostel by walking towards the theatres on Blanshard, then turning right on Johnson and walking to the bus stop, it's just before the 7-11. Or you can go down Pandora towards town and turn left on Douglas. Grab a bus schedule or see [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) for bus times.

The bus costs \$2.

It'll probably take you about a half-hour to get to Mount Doug.



**Step 2:** Ask the bus driver to let you off closest to Mount Doug park, then you'll have to walk about 5 minutes to the park. Don't pay attention to these letters by the way, BC Transit goofed the map up, and the letters don't correspond properly.

**Step 3:** When you're ready to come back, grab the #28 at the Majestic and Kenmore stop. The bus will stop pretty much outside the Backpackers.