

## Welcome to the Park

MacMillan Provincial Park, better known to locals by its former name, Cathedral Grove, is one of the most accessible stands of giant Douglas fir trees on Vancouver Island. Trails on either side of the highway lead visitors through the mighty stands of this coastal forest. On the south side are some of the largest Douglas firs – one measuring more than 9 meters in circumference. On the northern side of the road are groves of ancient Western red cedar standing sentry over nearby Cameron Lake.

MacMillan Park is located on central Vancouver Island, 25 km west of Qualicum Beach and 16 km east of Port Alberni on Hwy #4, which runs right through the park. The park's small size and accessibility has left it vulnerable to impacts from high visitor use. Please do not climb over fences and stay on designated trails, where there are ample opportunities to view and photograph this magnificent and ancient forest.

The park has been restoring some of its trails after a severe windstorm on New Year's Day in 1997, which changed the look of the park forever. The storm toppled hundreds of huge trees and obliterated sections of the trail system. Some sections of the trail system were so badly hit that they have never been reopened. Restoration and cleanup began almost as soon as the winds stopped, and although visitors will now find many of these huge trees lying on the ground, their value has not diminished. These fallen trees open the canopy to provide light, space, shelter and nutrients for the next generations of plants. Natural regeneration is beginning to restore the Grove's pristine beauty and the park's diversity, making a visit all the more intriguing.



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## Visitor Services



Two pit toilets are located on either side of Hwy #4, next to the parking lot.



Pit toilets and some trails are wheelchair accessible.

## Enjoy Your Stay

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste.
- Smoking is prohibited in the park.
- Please stay off trails on windy days - aged trees sometimes fall and/or lose large branches.

## Contact Information

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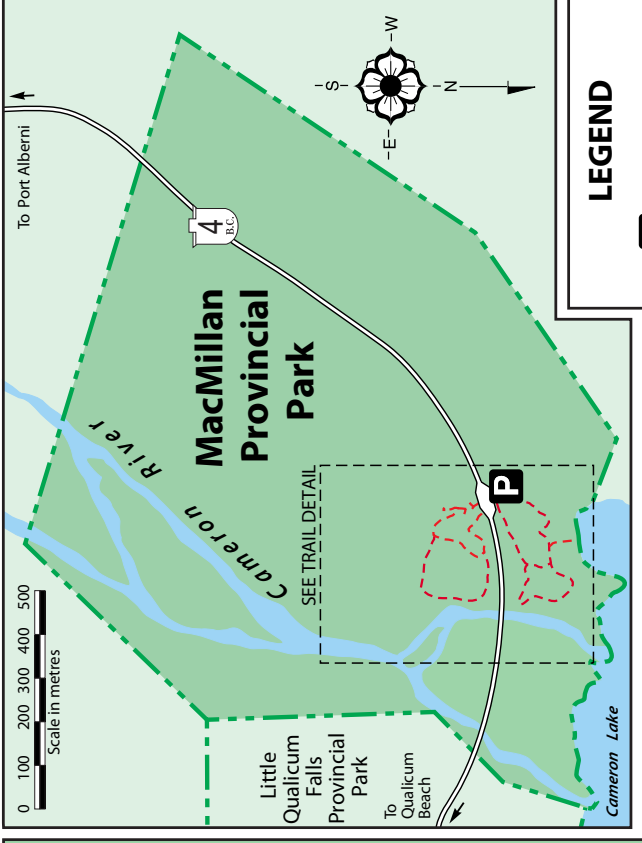
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