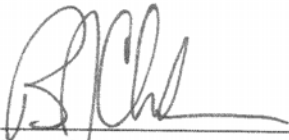


MOUNT RICHARDSON PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

March 2003

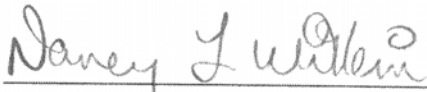
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Mount Richardson Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary role** of Mount Richardson Provincial Park is to protect mid to low-elevation coastal natural values, including old-growth forests, wildlife habitat, and trout and salmon spawning habitat. With the park lands extending from the coastline of Sechelt Inlet to the upland peaks of Mount Richardson, the park protects a wide-ranging ecosystem.

Secondary Role

The **secondary role** is to contribute to the marine kayaking and boating opportunities, with three camping sites within the Sechelt Inlet marine circuit. The upland area offers limited hiking trails and backcountry camping.

| Known Management Issues | Response |
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| A Management Direction Statement has been initiated for this park, but it has not yet been completed. Management of park values will benefit from a more detailed analysis of values and management direction found in the Management Direction Statement. | Complete Management Direction Statement by end of 2003. The Management Direction Statement will, when completed, replace this Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan. |
| There has been limited opportunity for staff presence in the park. Knowledge of natural and cultural values is limited. | As resources allow, obtain information on park values. |
| There is limited knowledge of the cultural heritage values of this park which are thought to be considerable. | Conduct an archaeological assessment in conjunction with the Sechelt Indian Band. |
| Damage to upland lake shoreline due to unauthorized off-road vehicle activity. | Close lake shoreline access roads. |

Zoning

Natural Environment – This zone includes the foreshore along Sechelt Inlet and all of the plateau at the top of Mount Richardson. This allows for appropriate recreational use, such as backcountry hiking and camping, while protecting the natural values of the area.

Special Feature – The entire steep rocky face of Mount Richardson is included as a special feature due to the presence of pictographs and other cultural features.

Conservation

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| Representation - ecosection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Georgia Lowland (GEL) and Southern Pacific Ranges (SPR). Significant contributor (6.1% of protected area representation) to underrepresented GEL ecosection (8.44%). |
| - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant | <input type="checkbox"/> | Contains three underrepresented subzones within the CWH zone (dm, vm2 and xm1). Minor contributor to each of these. |
| Special Feature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown |
| Rare/Endangered Values | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Scientific/Research Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

Recreation

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| Representation backcountry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hiking and camping in old-growth forest. |
| destination | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| travel corridor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Part of the Sechelt Inlet Marine Park kayaking circuit. |
| local recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hiking, boating and kayaking. |
| Special Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Education/Interpretation Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Face of Mount Richardson is an important cultural feature for the Sechelt Indian Band. |

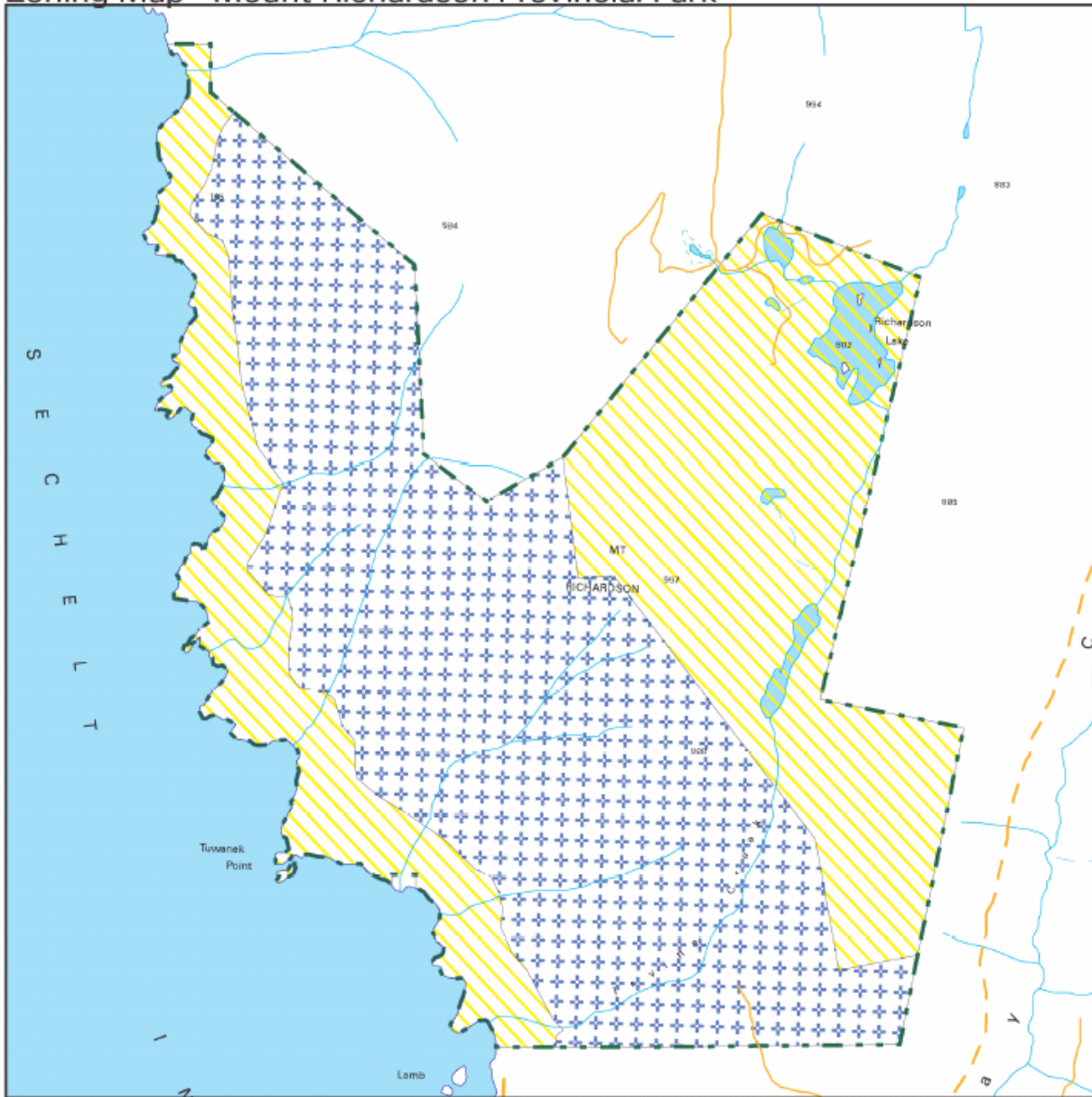
Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 campsites that were formerly part of Sechelt Inlet Provincial Park and which continue to serve as part of that marine circuit. |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Vulnerability | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lower Mainland PAS |

Area: 1001 hectares




Date of Establishment: June 29, 1999

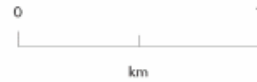
Zoning Map - Mount Richardson Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Natural Environment
-  Special Feature
-  Protected Area Boundary



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