

# PETROGLYPH PROVINCIAL PARK

## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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### **Primary Role**

The **primary** role of Petroglyph Provincial Park is to protect and present significant First Nations' petroglyphs found in this small two hectare park. Symbolic of the spiritual and cultural history of the Coast Salish and Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nations, these petroglyphs or rock paintings are over 1,000 years old. Located south of Nanaimo, the park offers visitors and local residents a quiet forested picnic and day use area to visit in addition to viewing the petroglyphs that are protected in cast molds and covered with plexiglass to help prevent vandalism.

<b>Known Management Issues</b>	<b>Response</b>
Vandalism to petroglyphs and damage to park's natural and cultural values from high level of use, pets off leash and surrounding residential development.	Ongoing management and maintenance of fence to stop unauthorized trails into park; plexiglass over petroglyph concrete molds has helped to reduce vandalism.
Nanaimo First Nations interest in park's cultural values.	Liaise with First Nations potential transfer of park.

### **Zoning**

Due to the park's small size (1.55 hectares) and the presence of significant cultural and heritage values (e.g. petroglyphs), the entire park is zoned Special Feature.

### Conservation

- Representation  
- ecosection  Nanaimo Lowlands Ecosection. This ecosection is under-represented: 1.0% in PA system. Petroglyph's contributions insignificant due to small size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant  CDFmm variant in Nanaimo Lowland Ecosection. Contribution insignificant due to small size.
- Special Feature  Petroglyphs are important cultural examples of traditional First Nations rock paintings which are over 1,000 years old.
- Rare/Endangered Values  Petroglyphs
- Scientific/Research Opportunities

### Recreation

- Representation  
backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor  Along major highway corridor south of Nanaimo; tourist attraction.
- local recreation  Local day use (picnicking, photography, cultural viewing of petroglyphs).
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities  History of First Nations culture in this region.

### Cultural Heritage

- Representation  Petroglyphs are associated with places of spiritual significance and provide insight into the past aboriginal history of this area.
- Special Feature  Petroglyphs

### Other Management Considerations

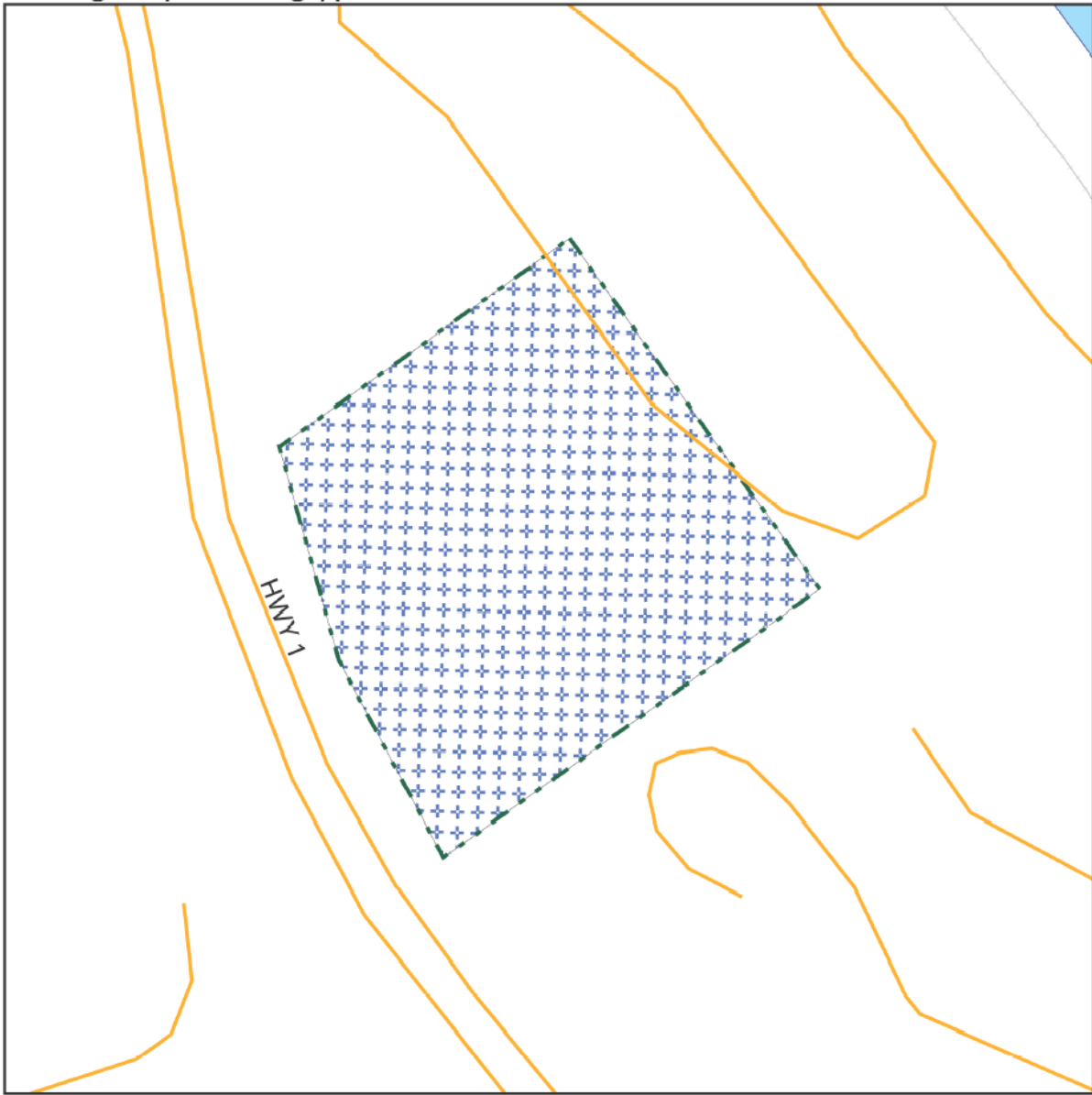
- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs
- Co-operative Management Arrangements  Nanaimo First Nations

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| Partnerships                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Potential partnership with Nanaimo First Nations. |
| Vulnerability                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vandalism, lack of staff presence.                |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |

**Area:** 1.55 hectares

**Date of establishment:** August 24, 1948

# Zoning Map - Petroglyph Provincial Park



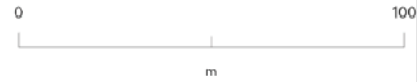
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Special Feature



Protected Area Boundary



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