

Island View Beach Regional Park Backgrounder

Island View Beach Regional Park is an expansive 1.3 km beach along the Haro Strait shoreline of the Saanich Peninsula in Central Saanich.

Features

- Panoramic land and seascapes
- Long, sandy beach for exploring, picnicking and swimming
- Fragile sand dune area, home to several rare and beautiful plants
- Boat launch for access to Cordova Channel and Haro Strait
- Important shoreline bird area

History

- Established in 1966 – one of the first four regional parks
- Additional land acquisitions in 1992, 1996 and 2009
- Park will total 67.73 hectares with acquisition

Cordova Shore

- The Tsawout First Nation, CRD Regional Parks, the District of Central Saanich and the Canadian Wildlife Service are developing a conservation strategy as the first step to guide the protection and restoration of natural and cultural resources of this rare ecosystem.
- The park contains significant remnants of rare coastal sand dunes and habitats of great conservation interest. The park features the largest contiguous dune system in southern British Columbia and is one of the best examples of an intact dune system in the province.

Haro Strait

- Total shoreline length of 40 kilometres
- 14 kilometres are protected
- 1.3 kilometres lie within Island View Beach Regional Park