



Making a difference...together

### Backgrounder: CRD Working to Keep Regional Parks and Trails Safe, Enjoyable Spaces

CRD Parks protects and manages more than 13,000 hectares of spectacular and easily accessible natural areas in 32 regional parks and trails on southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, which receive approximately 3.8 million visitors annually.

Regional Park / Trail	Violations
East Sooke	0
Elk/Beaver Lake	374
Galloping Goose	64
Island View Beach	195
Lochside Trail	22
Matheson Lake	20
Mount Work (Durrance Lake)	778
Sooke Potholes	3,320
Thetis Lake	5,976
Witty's Lagoon	384
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,299</b>

The Regional Parks Bylaw Enforcement Program protects built assets and the natural environment while providing safe, enjoyable experiences for visitors.

Violation Type	Number of Occurrences 2008	Number of Occurrences 2009
Alcohol possession or consumption	8390	7137
Bikes on non biking trails	139	145
Damage to park property/environment	70	61

Disorderly conduct	243	128
Disobey sign	20	585
Dogs		
• Dog disturbing people or wildlife	14	35
• Dog not under effective control	99	117
• Dog on beach without leash (seasonal)	274	204
• Dog in prohibited area	113	403
• Fail to remove dog feces	471	928
• Other dog violations	58	32
Total Dogs	1029	1719
Drugs	82	54
Dumping	67	39
Evictions	930	231
Fire	77	144
Horses	2	0
Noise	6	34
Nudity	9	12
Parking	498	562
Right of way	29	0
Other (speeding, illegal camping, etc.)	246	448

The public can help protect our parks:

- Alcohol, open fires, motorized vehicles and camping, open are prohibited
- Keep dogs under control and on the trail, pick up dog's droppings
- From June 1 to September 15, dogs must be on leash and may pass through beach and picnic areas but are not allowed to stay
- Stay on designated trails

- Do not remove or disturb animals or plants, such as wildflowers
- Leave no trace and carry out litter