Mount Work Regional Park

A not-so-typical walk in the park, Mount Work Regional Park offers a diverse range of landscapes to explore. Here you can experience a dense lowland forest, paddle or fish at Durrance Lake and reach the highest point in the Saanich Peninsula.

Unique not only for its changing landscapes, Mount Work Regional Park tells its own history. Evidence of the past remains visible on trails at the lakefront beach and mountaintop summit.

Park Features

- Freshwater lakes Durrance, and Pease for swimming, canoeing and fishing (Durrance Lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout)
- 11 km of trails through forest to the summit (449m) of Mount Work
- Mount Work Hartland, a separate area of multi-use trails open to mountain biking

Mount Work is one of the largest regional parks, covering 697 hectares. It is the dominant hill on the horizon from many vantage points in Saanich, Victoria and the Saanich Peninsula.

Visitors can hike to the mountain summit on a sometimes challenging and strenuous trail that runs north and south, spanning the park's entire length. The trails to the summit lead through natural glacial rock formations.

Durrance Lake, on the park's north side, features a hiking loop, swimming beach and boat launch. The north side of Durrance Lake is wheelchair accessible.

The Hartland area adjacent to the main park allows mountain biking on an extensive network of trails. (For more information about the Mount Work-Hartland mountain biking trails and a trail map, contact the South Island Mountain Bike Society (SIMBS) at www.simbs.com.)

Park Etiquette

- · Stay on designated trails
- Do not remove or disturb animals or plants, such as wildflowers
- Keep your dog under control and on the trail
- Pick up your dog's droppings
- Leave no trace and carry out litter
- Motorized vehicles, camping, open fires and alcohol are prohibited

How to Get There

Mount Work is located on the Highlands/Saanich border, 20 kilometres north of Victoria.

Main Entrance: Follow the Pat Bay Highway #17 from Victoria, and take the West Saanich Road exit. From West Saanich Road, turn left on Wallace Drive, and left again on Willis Point Road. Turn left on Ross-Durrance Road.

Durrance Lake Entrance: Follow the directions above to Willis Point Road. Turn right on Durrance Close.

Hartland Entrance: Follow the directions above to West Saanich Road. Turn left on Hartland Avenue.

Munn Road Entrance: Follow the Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria, and take the #14 exit to Highlands. Keep right at the fork. Turn right at Millstream Lake Road and slight right at Munn Road.

Public Transportation

There is bus service to the Hartland Entrance only. Take BC Transit bus #83 from the Royal Oak Exchange to West Saanich Road at Hartland Road. Contact BC Transit for schedule information.

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From lowland lakes to heady hilltop, Mount Work Regional Park offers quiet spaces and a variety of landscapes to explore.



