

## HISTORY

1930's: Many private lands reverted to Mission due to non-payment of taxes.

1940's: Growing local interest from council and businesses in forest management. By 1945 there was about 1,100 hectares of municipally owned forest land.

1946: First proposal for municipal crown land management turned down by BC Government.

1948: Mission Municipal Forest Reserve was established comprised of 1,076 hectares of municipal land.

1953: Mission presented a brief to BC Gov. for timber and forest management rights to crown land.

1954: Agreement in principal between BC and Mission.

1955: Working Plans submitted to the BC Forest Service on July 2 by Mission.

1958: Tree Farm Licence 26 was issued to the District of Mission.

1998: 40 Years of Forest Resource Management!

## HIKING OPPORTUNITIES

**Red Mountain Trail Network** - Multi-use with one hiking only loop (Moderate to strenuous)

**Bear Mountain Trail Network** - Multi-use (Moderate to strenuous)

**Saunders Trail** - Hiking only (Easy)

**Hoover Lake Trail** - Multi-use (Moderate-strenuous)

**Stave Dam Forest Interpretation Trail** - Hiking only

(Mainly moderate with steeper sections)

**Devil's Lake Trail** - Hiking only (Moderate)

**Rolley Falls Trail** - Hiking only (Mainly moderate with steeper sections)

**Mt. Crickmer Trail** - Multi-use (Strenuous)

**Hayward Reservoir Trail** - Hiking only (Moderate)

### Trail brochures are available at:

Municipal Hall - 8645 Stave Lake Street

Public Works Building - 33835 Dewdney Trunk Road

Mission Library - 33247 2nd Avenue

R&R Roadhouse - Dewdney Trunk Rd. in Steelhead

## FIRE PREVENTION

If you spot a forest fire or smoke call:

Anytime - Ministry of Forests: 1-800-663-5555

District of Mission Forestry Department: 820-3762

During evenings or weekends: 911

## AREA

The total area of the Mission Municipal Forest is 10,414 hectares or about 26 times the size of Stanley Park. The current sustainable Annual Allowable Cut is 45,000 m<sup>3</sup> which is equivalent to approximately 1,500 logging truck loads of logs. About 95% of the municipal forest consists of second-growth (<140 years) trees.

On average these silviculture activities take place annually:

**PLANTING:** 60,000 seedlings approximately

**SPACING:** 50 hectares

**PRUNING:** 20 hectares

**BRUSHING:** 50 hectares

Over the last 40 years, about 1,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> have been harvested and over 3,000,000 trees have been planted!

The Municipal Forest is not designated as a park; it is a 'working forest'. In a working forest, many aspects of multiple use can be observed such as forest recreation, sustainable logging, reforestation, protecting wildlife habitat, maintaining water quality, and other forest management activities.

In recent years, we have been experimenting with alternate forest management techniques including "Commercial Thinning". The purpose of commercial thinning is to enter young forests and harvest a number of the stems. This differs from spacing because the trees are larger and can be sold, whereas spaced trees are smaller and not marketable. Commercial thinning allows more light, nutrients, and water to become available to the remaining trees. It also allows for understory plants to grow better, which will provide a benefit to wildlife for forage.

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Money generated from harvesting in the municipal forest is placed in a forestry reserve fund. Revenues are used to fund local capital projects. Since 1990 the following projects have been funded:

- \$ 700,000 to Community Library
- \$ 130,000 to new fire truck and fire hall
- \$ 170,000 for ice rink conversion
- \$ 60,000 yearly for arts & culture grants
- \$1,200,000 budget stabilization fund

## ROADS

Many forestry roads are gated to protect the road surface, prevent vandalism and reduce fire risks. For a cash deposit, some keys are available for sign-out from the forestry department.



# Mission Municipal Forest

## Established in 1958

Welcome to the Mission Municipal Forest. Since 1958 the District of Mission has had the unique status of being one of only two municipalities involved in managing a Tree Farm Licence (TFL 26). A TFL is a tenure granted by the Province for the management of various forest resources. There are many benefits of a Municipal Forest including local control of the forest resource, community stability through local employment and revenue from the forest operation.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the District of Mission - Forestry Department at 820-3762

**MISSION MUNICIPAL FOREST  
(TFL 26)**

Major Roads	=====
Logging Roads	-----
Recreation Trails	.....
Creeks	~~~~~
Gates	⌋
Viewpoint	▲
Scale Approx. 1:80000	

**Recreation Brochures**

- Bear Mountain Trail Network
- Red Mountain Trail Network
- Saunders Trail
- Hoover Lake Trail
- Stave Dam Forest Interpretation Trail
- Rolley Falls - Devil's Lake Trails
- Mt. Crickmer Trail
- Hayward Reservoir Trail

**Trail Type**

- Multi-use - moderate
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- Hiking only - easy
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- Hiking only - moderate
- Hiking only - moderate/strenuous
- Hiking only - moderate

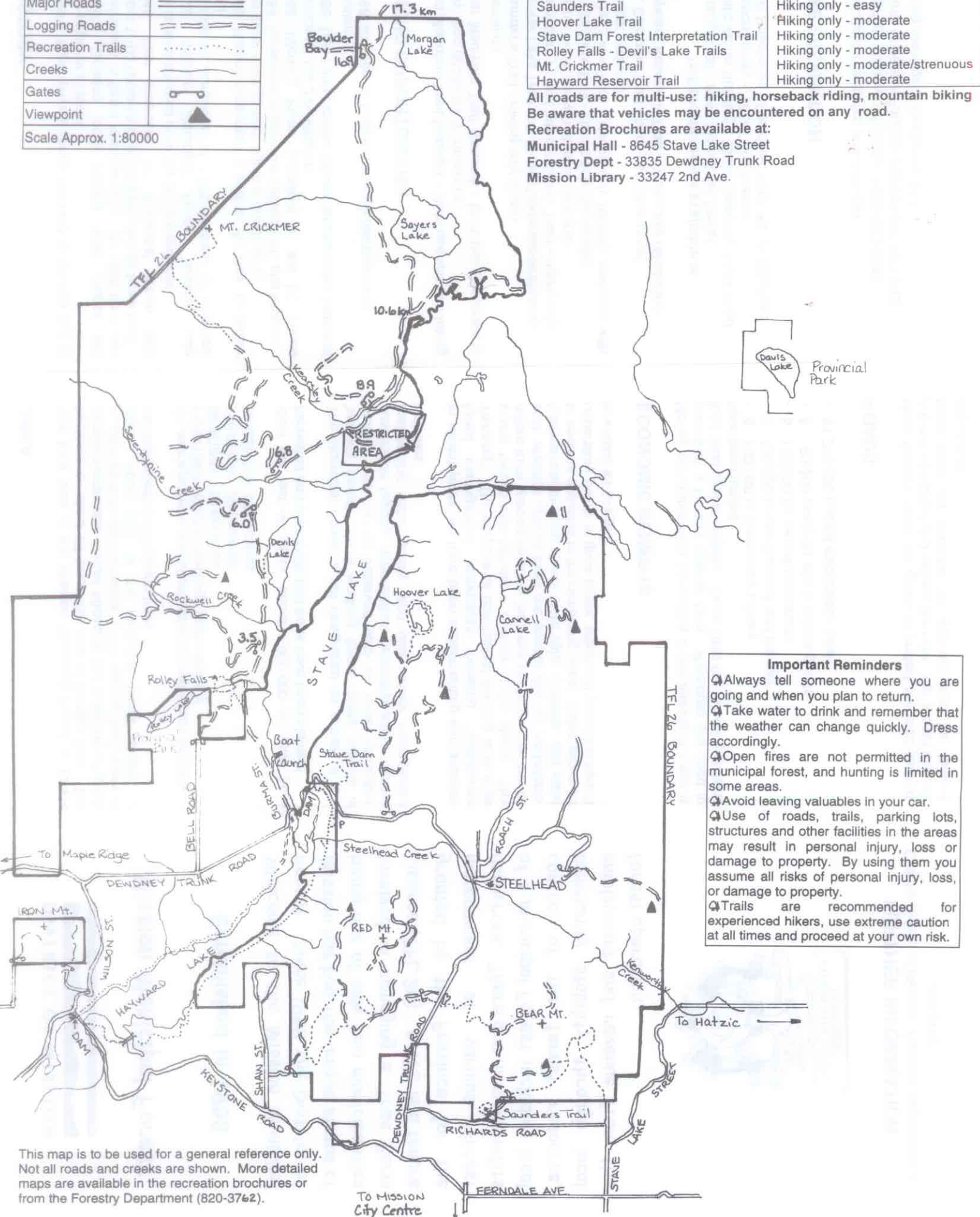
All roads are for multi-use: hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking  
Be aware that vehicles may be encountered on any road.

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Forestry Dept - 33835 Dewdney Trunk Road

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**Important Reminders**

- ⚠ Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- ⚠ Take water to drink and remember that the weather can change quickly. Dress accordingly.
- ⚠ Open fires are not permitted in the municipal forest, and hunting is limited in some areas.
- ⚠ Avoid leaving valuables in your car.
- ⚠ Use of roads, trails, parking lots, structures and other facilities in the areas may result in personal injury, loss or damage to property. By using them you assume all risks of personal injury, loss, or damage to property.
- ⚠ Trails are recommended for experienced hikers, use extreme caution at all times and proceed at your own risk.

This map is to be used for a general reference only. Not all roads and creeks are shown. More detailed maps are available in the recreation brochures or from the Forestry Department (820-3762).

To Mission City Centre

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