

## Hiking Opportunities in the Mission Municipal Forest (Tree Farm Licence 26)

**Red Mountain Trail Network** - Multi-use Moderate to strenuous) Various trail and logging road network starting from Caswell Rd. and Dewdney Trunk Rd.

**Bear Mountain Trail Network** - Multi-use (Moderate to strenuous) Various trails starting at Mill Pond on Dewdney Trunk Road, Saunders and Doyle Roads.

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

A 500 meter loop trail starting on Saunders Road.

**Hoover Lake Trail** - Multi-use (Moderate to strenuous) A 7.4 km return trip via logging road and trail. Starts across from the Municipal Landfill on Dewdney Trunk Road.

**Stave Dam Forest Interpretation Trail** - Hiking only (Moderate with steep sections) A 1.6 km self-guided interpretive trail describing forest management activities on the Municipal Forest. Starts on Dewdney Trunk Road just east of the Stave Dam.

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

A 330 meter trail to the Devil's Lake day use area. Starts along Burma Road approximately 4.5 km from Stave Dam.

**Rolley Falls Trail** - Hiking only (Moderate with steep sections) A 2 km loop trail for day-use to Rolley Falls. Starts along Burma Road approximately 2.5 km from Stave Dam.

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

A difficult 17.4 km return trip to Mt. Crickmer. Starts at Kearsley Creek Road approx. 7 km on Burma Road from Stave Dam. Hike 7.4 km of logging road to trailhead and another 1.3 km to the summit of Mt. Crickmer. Only roads are suitable for horses or bikes.

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

Approximately 10 km (depending on starting point) on the east side of the reservoir. Starts on either east side of Hayward Dam on Keystone Road or Stave Dam on Dewdney Trunk Road. Can join to 'Railway Trail' for return trip.

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### Further Information or to Report Maintenance Issues:

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

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**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

## Take Care in the Outdoors

When adventuring in the outdoors, you must be prepared and expect the unexpected.

**BEEES & WASPS** - Be aware. Their stings produce a variety of symptoms from minor pain/swelling to fatal allergic reactions. They are active in the summer and early fall. Wasps are usually more aggressive than Bees.

**NESTS** - Their nests can be found in underground rodent burrows, tree branches or shrubs, old stumps and logs.

**BEEES VS WASPS** - The bee's stinger is barbed and is torn off the bee when stinging. Wasps do not have a barbed stinger and can sting over and over again.

**DO's and DONT's** - To reduce the risk of getting stung, avoid wearing fragrances and brightly coloured clothing. Be careful with food and pop cans. Rapid movement startles them, hold still and try blowing gently on them, to encourage them to move. Wear shoes and a hat, bees are highly ready to sting when they are close to hair or fur.

**BEARS and COUGARS** - Respect all wildlife, they all can be dangerous. Never approach a bear or attempt to feed one. Be defensive, never surprise a bear. The most dangerous bears are ones familiar with humans and their foods, females defending cubs, bears defending a fresh kill, and cute and friendly bears that appear not interested in you. When in the forest look for signs of recent bear activity, make your presence known by talking loudly, be alert, never leave pets unattended/unleashed (unleashed dogs can aggravate wildlife and may bring one back to you), keep children close at hand. If you encounter a bear, don't run - back away slowly and leave the area. If you are being attacked, curl up into a ball and protect your vital organs or climb a tree, but know that bears *can* climb trees too. Make yourself large and menacing if you encounter a cougar.

**ADVERSE WEATHER** - Changing weather is a risk. Temperatures can go from mild and sunny to cold and wet, and visibility can change rapidly, which can make it difficult to find the trail route. Wear layers of clothing which you can wear or remove as necessary. Tell someone where you are going and what time you will be returning. Never go alone, if you are injured it may be difficult to get help.

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE** - Please respect the many other users on the trails at all times. All trail users should make themselves known to each other. Pack your garbage out, pick up after your dog, to keep the area clean for your return visit and prevent bears from visiting the area. Don't shortcut on trails because it causes erosion of the surface and destroys the vegetation. Avoid using trails in wet conditions. Leash dogs.

## DISTRICT OF MISSION

### Mount Crickmer Trail

**Type:** Hiking only

**Rating:** Moderate to Strenuous

**Length:** 7.4 km road + 1.3 km trail = 8.7 km on way

**Time:** Allow 4-6 hours return

#### Features

Mt Crickmer is the highest summit in the District of Mission. This trail provides panoramic views of Stave Lake, Alouette Lake, Mt Robie Reid, Mt Blanshard and Golden Ears Park. The route follows existing and deactivated logging road for 7.4 km to the trail head and a further 1.3 km of trail to the summit. This trail is listed in "103 Hikes in South West BC".

North Kearsley Creek valley is part of a Watershed Restoration Program funded by Forest Renewal BC. Roads have been deactivated (culverts removed, creeks channels restored, debris cleaned from creeks) in order to restore the natural drainage areas and minimize further road deterioration.

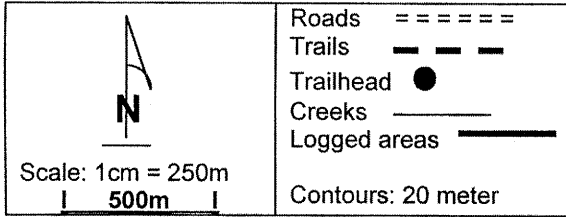
#### Description

Drive 6.9 km along Burma Road (Florence Lake Forest Service Road) from Dewdney Trunk Road at the Stave Dam. Park at the gate (not in front of it) at the Kearsley Road junction. Total return distance is **17.4 km** - please allow adequate time for your safe return. **WARNING:** High vandalism area, do not leave anything in your vehicle.

The total route is marked with orange tags but is unmanaged at this time. Expect alpine shrub/brush growth. The elevation gain is 1156 meters so be prepared for all kinds of mountain weather. Enjoy your hike!



## Trail Legend



- Elevation gain = 1156 meters
- Average Grade = 15%
- Moderate with some strenuous sections
- Some steep road sections
- Length = 17.4 km return  
7.4 km road to trailhead, 1.3 km trail to summit
- Average hiking time = Allow 4-6 hours depending on fitness ability

### **Protect Mission's Natural Resources!**

*Pack it in – pack it out.*

*No Fires. No Camping facilities.*

