

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

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

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

Saunders Trail - Hiking only (Easy)

A 500 meter loop trail starting on Saunder's 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

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. (Moderate with steep sections)

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 (Strenuous)

A difficult 17.4 km return trip to Mt. Crickmer. Starts at Kearsley Creek Road approx. 7 km along 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 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.

Further Information or to report maintenance issues: Call the District of Mission, Forestry Department at 820-3762.

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 DON'Ts - 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.

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 the trails in wet conditions. Leash dogs.

DISTRICT OF MISSION

Saunders Trail

Features

A self guided interpretive trail suitable for small children. As you walk Saunders Trail you will view the following specific features which are identified on the map

A Trail junction with Saunders Road

B Loop trail junction, stay to the right

C The younger stand of trees near the beginning of the trail have been 'juvenile spaced' (thinned) to allow the best trees more sunlight, nutrients and moisture to grow better.

D Observe the old 'inventory plot'. Inventory plots are used to predict forest volumes, ages, species, tree heights, and growing site qualities.

E A small amount of trees blew down in the strong 1990 winter winds.


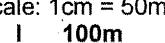
F Observe the small grove of larger trees. When Mission became incorporated in 1892, trees like these were sprouting from seed.

G A small attractive creek is near the trail. Although most of the trees on the trail are Douglas-fir, more red cedar and western hemlock grow in this wetter area.

H This forest is all 'second-growth'; it was logged many years ago. Look for old, high stumps with 'spring-board' holes which the fallers used to cut down the trees.



Trail Legend

 Scale: 1cm = 50m 	Roads	=====
	Trails	-----
	Trailhead	●
	Creeks	~~~~~
	Property Line	-----
	Logged areas	=====
Contours: 20 meter		

- Elevation gain = 20 meters
- Length = 600 meters
- Average Grade = 5%
- Easy rating
- Hiking time = 20 minutes to complete loop

Protect Mission's Natural Resources!

Pack it in – pack it out.

No Fires. No Camping facilities.

