

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

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

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

Saunders Trail - Hiking only - A 500 meter loop trail starting on Saunders Road. (Easy)

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

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

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

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

Further Information - 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 Dept: 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 & WASPSS - 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 WASPSS - 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'T'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.

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. Be sure to wear layers of clothing, which you can wear or removed 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 that there are many other users on the trails at any time. All trail users should make themselves known to each other. Pack your garbage out 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 trail surface and destroys the vegetation. Avoid using trails in wet conditions. Leash dogs.

Hayward Reservoir Trail

The District of Mission and BC Hydro constructed this trail in a partnership with Forest Renewal BC, with labour provided by local displaced forest workers from New Forest Opportunities Ltd. The trail follows the east shores of Hayward reservoir and is designated for hiking only, due to fragile soils.

Depending on starting point the length of the route varies. The map provided shows the approximate kilometer markers, including linking with BCHydro's Railway Trail on the west side to traverse the entire reservoir. Be advised that the south access for the trail at the floating bridge may be closed at certain periods due to drawdowns of the reservoir.

Description

The trail originates either at Hayward Dam at the south end or from Dewdney Trunk Road at the north end. There is a small parking area on Dewdney Trunk just west of the landfill. Parking at the south end is available in the Railway Trail lot on the west side of the Ruskin dam.

Features

- Lookout of spectacular Steelhead Falls
- Floating Bridge over Hairsine Inlet
- Old growth and second growth forests, picnic benches and tables along the route, and numerous bridge crossings over small creeks.

For your safety please keep to the marked trail! We encourage limiting use during inclement weather to protect the trail surface.



Hayward Reservoir Trail

Length:
 Loop (Reservoir and Railway Trail) 17 km approx.
 Reservoir Trail from parking lot to lower Dam 9 km approx.
Hiking Time: (One way)
 Loop (Reservoir and Railway Trail) About 4.5 hours
 Reservoir Trail from parking lot to lower dam About 3.5 hours
Average Grade < 10% (moderate difficulty due to length)
Scale 1:30,000 (3cm = 1 km) approximate
Facilities:
 Washrooms located at upper parking lot and at the Hayward
 Recreation Area parking lot.

