

<b>Region</b>	Eastern Fraser Valley, West Harrison Lake
<b>Area</b>	Morris Valley - unceded territory of the Sts'ailes First Nation
<b>Location Name</b>	Chehalis River Fishing Trail
<b>Key Photos</b>	See below
<b>Description</b>	Park in the day use area at the head of the Chehalis River Recreational site access road and proceed on foot down the access road towards the campground. Before entering the Chehalis River trail, view the amazing kiosk signs located to the left of the campground gates that explain the history of the site and the Chehalis (Sts'ailes) Band, the life history of salmon and more. After reading, head back to the notice board in front of the campground gates and the marked trailhead for the Chehalis River Fishing Trail. The trail is just over one kilometer in length passing through a mature Douglas fir forest, western red cedar and big-leaf maple forest and runs alongside the campground. The trail also crosses several gravel swales and meets up with a campground trail just before the rocky foreshore entrance to the Chehalis River. The swales may flood during spring freshet. Return is on the same trail.
<b>Photo Gallery</b>	N/A
<b>Geographical Description,</b>	The trail is located on the eastern side of Harrison Lake, south of Morris Valley Road at the Chehalis River Recreational Site (before the Chehalis River bridge).
<b>Area/Trail Length</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Just over ~1km</li> <li>2) Rated as easy, although there is large downed wood on the trail and a loose rocky foreshore to navigate to the water's edge.</li> </ol>
<b>Seasons to Visit</b>	In mid October to mid November salmon return upstream and can be viewed in the river. The vegetation in late spring and summer on the trail itself is interesting. Western yew trees can be observed along the trail. Undergrowth varies from large swaths of sword and wood fern to areas with Oregon grape and red huckleberry, and other sections covered in snowberry, the native trailing blackberry and a carpet of red honeysuckle. Trillium, star flower, Hooker's Fairy bells, bunches of pinesap saprophytes and masses of rattlesnake plantain grow along the trail.
<b>Habitat, Eco system</b>	The trail is located in the Coastal western hemlock zone. The mature mixed coniferous forest is dominated by Douglas fir, western red cedar and big-leaf maple.
<b>Viewing Highlights</b>	Spawning salmon in mid October to mid November; native plants in late spring and early summer. View of the Chehalis River, year round.
<b>Other Features</b>	
<b>Main Access</b>	Take Highway 7 to Harrison Mills. Turn left towards Hemlock Valley on Morris Valley Road and drive ~5 km to the Chehalis River Recreational Site located just before the bridge over the Chehalis River. Day parking is free and located at the beginning of the road access to the campground.
<b>LAT, LONG</b>	1) Turnoff at the Chehalis River Recreational Site sign on Morris Valley Road (approx. 49.295973 121.939477)
<b>Secondary Accesses</b>	
<b>Cautions</b>	Large downed woody debris may be across the trail; do not enter the

	woods on windy days due to falling branches; be prepared to climb over large downed trees fallen on the trail; watch your footing on the rocky foreshore. This is a wilderness area so be prepared for wildlife encounters, especially bears, during the salmon spawning season.		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Provincial and private lands - A joint venture of the Chehalis Reserve, Nature Trust of BC, Province of BC Rec sites and the federal fish hatchery.		
<b>Regulations</b>	Use the trail at your own risk. No dirt bikes, ATVs or motorized vehicles allowed; no hunting, no guns or bows; pets on leash and clean up after them; stay on the trail; leave no trace – pack out your garbage. Protect the environment and do not harvest, pick, damage or dig plants. No campfires or wood gathering.		
<b>Facilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Kiosk with informative signs, maps and history plus trail markers</li> <li>2) Day use parking at start of Chehalis River Recreational Site access road</li> <li>3) Portable toilet at start of trail</li> </ol>		
<b>Other Recreational Activities</b>	Fishing, camping, hiking, nature viewing, birding.		
<b>Other Connections</b>	Weaver Creek Spawning Channels, Inch Creek Hatchery, Sandpiper Eagle Trail, Eagle Point Trail, Hemlock Valley Ski Resort, West Harrison Lookout Tower Trail, Dehnam Trail, Weaver Lake Trail, Saquatch Mountain Trail, Kilby Provincial Park and Museum.		
<b>History</b>	The Chehalis River Fishing Trail is collaboration between private land owners to give fishermen access to the Chehalis River, built in 2009. The land owners are the Chehalis Reserve, the Nature Trust of BC, BC recreational sites and leased holdings of the federal fish hatchery.		
<b>For More Info</b>	Chehalis R Fishing Trail formation <a href="http://www.stsailesdevcorp.com/natural-resources/stsailes-fisheries/past-press-release">http://www.stsailesdevcorp.com/natural-resources/stsailes-fisheries/past-press-release</a>		
<b>Links</b>	Chehalis Recreational Campground <a href="http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/search/search-result.aspx?type=Site&amp;site=REC0065">http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/search/search-result.aspx?type=Site&amp;site=REC0065</a> Nature Chilliwack <a href="https://naturechilliwack.ca/">https://naturechilliwack.ca/</a>		
<b>Describe the type of area where the site is located</b>	Please be respectful as this land and trail is jointly owned by BC conservation, Nature Trust and Chehalis First Nations		
<b>Should this Nature Site be preserved as a protected site</b>	Yes/No		
	<b>File #</b>	<b>Caption for Photograph</b>	<b>Name of Photographer</b>
#1	N/A	Trailhead	A. Knopp
#2	N/A	Forest Trail	A. Knopp
#3	N/A	River View	A. Knopp