

Region	Fraser Valley Regional District
Area	Eastern Hillside, Chilliwack, BC
Location Name	Chilliwack Community Forest in the unceded lands of Sto:lo territory
Key Photos	
Description	There are multiple moderately trafficked trails throughout this second growth forest rated from easy to difficult. All trails are well signed and are used by multiple users (hikers, runners, mountain bikes). The shorter trails have interpretive signage and benches. It is a great place to see BC's native spring wildflowers such as the yellow woodland violets, Trilliums, foam flower, vanilla leaf and more. In summer, watch for the flowers of wild ginger, piggy-back plant, fringe cup and foam flower.
Photo Gallery	
Geographical Description,	The Chilliwack Community Forest is south of Hwy#1. You travel through a satellite community of Chilliwack referred to as the 'Eastern Hillside' to get to the park.
Area/Trail Length	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 100 hectare City of Chilliwack park 2) There are over 18km of trails in the park and all are well labeled with their distance from the Pixtel Loop at 1.5km to the Gloria Lookout at approximately 7km one way. <p>The trails are natural soil and narrow in some sections so bring your Covid mask for passing. The terrain rolls mainly upward and downhill with some steeper sections on all trails. There can be large rocks and tree roots in sections of the trail.</p>
Seasons to Visit	Year round. Spring/early summer for native flowers, fall for colourful foliage on the vine maple. Owls, pileated, hairy and downy wood peckers year round as well as Stellar Jays, Pacific wren, and varied thrush.
Habitat, Eco system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Moist mixed coniferous/deciduous forest in the Coastal Western Hemlock biogeoclimatic zone. The trails go through moist mature coniferous/deciduous forest with scattered old growth cedars, Douglas fir and large big-leaf maples. The under canopy consists of vine maple and red elderberry. Wild blueberries can be found at higher elevation trails.
Viewing Highlights	Mature trees, views over the valley, spring/early summer wildflowers. Forest songbirds year round, warblers in deciduous sections in early summer and deer. Colourful vine maple leaves in fall.
Other Features	The meaning of the Halq'emeylem trail names are explained on interpretive signage.
Main Access	Hwy #1, Annis Rd. Turnoff, south on Hack Brown Road to Nixon Road and left onto the gravel Allen Road. Turn right into access road at the Community Forest sign at 51642 Allen Road to the parking lot.
LAT, LONG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The trail head is at 49.151550 121.795786 2) It is 3.4km from the Annis Road turnoff to the Community Forest
Secondary Accesses	
Cautions	Hikers and runners should be aware of mountain bike users and off-lease dogs. Be ready to leash your dog when other users are in sight. Watch for roots and large rocks in the trail. Falling branches in winds; let someone know where you are going; slippery sections and bridges during wet, frozen and snowy weather; stinging nettle along trails; bear country so watch for wildlife.

Jurisdiction	City of Chilliwack		
Regulations	<p>Stay on trails; do not damage vegetation; pack out garbage, share the trail with other users (hikers, mountain bikes); obey one-way signs on trails during Covid; mountain bikers must wear helmets; no fires or smoking, horseback riding or motorized vehicles. If stopping, hikers and runners should to the edge of the trail. Hikers and runners should step to the side of the trail on uphill and downhill sections so mountain bikers can pass. Gates are closed at 10pm to 5am and any vehicles left inside are subject to a fine.</p> <p>This is an off-leash dog area. However, handlers must have leashes and their dogs are required to be leashed at the beginning and end of trail to the parking lot area and whenever other people are sighted on the trail (applies to both hikers and mountain bikers). Dogs must be kept in sight and under control. Dogs must remain on the trail and out of sensitive areas. Aggressive dogs are not allowed. Clean up after your dog.</p>		
Facilities	<p>1) Large covered shelter (no chairs or tables) at parking lot 2) Portable toilet at parking lot Kiosk, trail signage at junctions, interpretive sign, bike repair station</p>		
Other Recreational Activities	Hiking, biking and running, nature trips, bird watching		
Other Connections	3) Lexw Qwo:m Park; Bridal Falls Provincial Park		
History	City of Chilliwack Community Forest park that opened in the spring of 2016 with trail work and maintenance completed by the Chilliwack Parks Society and the Fraser Valley Mountain Bike Association. All trails are named by C. Victor from the Cheam First Nations in the Halq'emeylem language.		
For More Info	Chilliwack Community Forest information - https://www.chilliwack.com/main/page.cfm?id=1754&dowhat=locationView&pIID=183		
Links	Kiosk map with trails and distances - https://www.chilliwack.com/main/parks/documents/CommunityForestKioskMapFront_32x48_20200604.pdf		
Describe the type of area where the site is located	Located south of Hwy#1 at the Annis Road turnoff. It is well signed and is located above the new residential area being built.		
Should this Nature Site be preserved as a protected site	Yes/No This is a Chilliwack Community Forest		
	File #		
#1	n/a		
#2	n/a	Caption for Photograph	Name of Photographer
#3	n/a	Community Forest trail	Deanna Knopp

