



APPENDIX 7.3-J
Parks and Protected Areas

Table J1: Description of Activities in Provincial Parks within the RSA

Provincial Park or Protected Area	Size (ha)	Type	Description	Approximate Distance from Proposed Project (km)
Tetrahedron Park	6,049	Provincial Park	<p>The park is a year round destination for summer and winter activities, such wildlife viewing, hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country and backcountry skiing.</p> <p>Overnight use is restricted to four rustic cabins maintained by the Tetrahedron Outdoor Club made available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. An extensive 35 km hiking/skiing trail network links the four cabins. Each cabin provides shelter for 15 people and includes basic facilities such as wood stove, firewood, outhouse and emergency supplies (BC Parks 1996).</p>	9.0
Porteau Cove Park	58	Provincial Park	<p>Porteau Cove Park, located in Squamish off Highway 99, is a year round park with 44 vehicle accessible campsites and 16 park/walk-in campsites. The park caters to land and marine-oriented recreational activities including boating, fishing, and hiking. A series of man-made reefs and two sunken vessels provide scuba diving opportunities, with showers and changing areas also available (BC Parks n.d.a).</p>	10.4
Halkett Bay Park	311	Provincial Park	<p>Halkett Bay Provincial Park, located on Gambier Island, is a year round camping destination that provides full services from May to September. Wilderness, backcountry or walk-in camping is</p>	10.7



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Provincial Park or Protected Area	Size (ha)	Type	Description	Approximate Distance from Proposed Project (km)
			allowed, and recreational activities include swimming, kayaking, picnicking, hiking to Mount Artaban and overnight moorage. There are three developed boat access only campsites with picnic tables and one pit toilet (BC Parks n.d.b).	
Cypress Park	2,858	Provincial Park	Cypress Park is a year-round park located on the lower mainland near West Vancouver. Recreational activities in the park include hiking, sightseeing, wilderness camping, skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snow tubing, and snowshoeing. Cypress Mountain, a ski area in West Vancouver, is located in Cypress Park and offers both summer and winter recreational opportunities (BC Parks 1997).	11.6
Murrin Park	31	Provincial Park	Established in 1962, this park has various climbing walls that provide for excellent climbing opportunities. There are approximately 250 routes, and the climbing is varied from novice to expert. Browning Lake offers swimming, paddling, picnicking, fishing and a walking trail around the lake (BC Parks n.d.c).	14.8
Plumper Cove Marine Park	66	Provincial Park	Plumber Cover Marine Park, located on the northwest side of Keats Island, is accessible year round by passenger ferry from Langdale. The park includes 20 walk-in campsites, a picnic day-use area, hiking trails, and a public	17.3



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			wharf. According to the park's master plan two land use zones provide for marine access camping and water-oriented public recreation activities (BC Parks 1980).	
Bowen Island Ecological Reserve	399	Provincial Ecological Reserve	Provincial Ecological Reserve established in 1973 (BC Parks n.d.d). Ecological Reserves contribute to maintaining biodiversity and provide research and educational opportunities to increase ecological knowledge. Non-invasive recreational activities such as wildlife viewing, bird watching and photography are generally permitted, but recreational activities such as camping, hunting, fishing, ATVing are prohibited (Government of BC 2006).	21.0
Apodaca Park	12	Provincial Park	Located on Bowen Island, Apodaca Park is largely undeveloped with no existing public facilities and serves primarily to preserve unique plant communities (BC Parks n.d.e).	22.8



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Table J2: Park Use Attendance by Activity in 2010/11 and 2011/12

Provincial Parks	Day Use		Camping		Boating		Total		3 Year Ave
	10/11	11/12	10/11	11/12	10/11	11/12	10/11	11/12	
Porteau Cove Park	450,674	351,791	32,413	32,510	371	1,242	483,458	385,542	398,662
Halkett Bay Park	n/a	n/a	320	317	230	93	234	413	385
Tetrahedron Park	1,964	1,412	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,964	1,412	1,778
Cypress Park	1,338,789	1,383,130	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,338,789	1,383,130	1,286,766
Plumper Cove Marine Park	2,356	3,720	1,629	3,904	5,261	6,495	9,245	14,119	10,186
Murrin Provincial Park	109,396	102,309	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	109,396	102,309	103,480
Total	1,903,179	1,842,362	34,362	36,731	5,862	7,830	1,943,086	1,886,925	1,801,257

Source: BC Parks 2012

n/a = not available



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Table J3: Nature Reserve Activities

Name	Size (ha)	Approximate Distance from Proposed Project (km)	Recreational Activities
Brigade Bay Bluffs Nature Reserve	5.0	7.9	The reserve is open to the Brigade Bay subdivision for public use, but due to the steep terrain, has limited recreational opportunities.
Long Bay Wetland Nature Reserve	37.0	8.6	The reserve is open to visitors enjoying light recreational activities, such as walking and nature appreciation. No camping, fires, hunting or motorized vehicles are allowed.
Mount Artaban Nature Reserve	105.0	9.7	The summit offers hiking with views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains. Camping is not permitted on Mount Artaban or within the nature reserve boundaries. Hunting and motorized vehicles are not permitted.
David Otter Nature Reserve	3.0	18.7	The reserve is primarily a riparian area that is difficult to access without eroding the steep banks that cradle the reserve's creeks. Human use of the reserve, even light walking, could destroy the ecosystems this reserve was created to protect and visitors are asked to refrain from venturing into this nature reserve.
Singing Woods Nature Reserve	9.0	20.7	The reserve is open to the local community for light recreational use, such as walking and nature appreciation. No camping, fires, or motorized vehicles are allowed.
Fairy Fen Nature Reserve	18.0	23.3	Hikers can access the nature reserve using former logging roads. Due to the sensitive nature of the peat and the unique plants it supports, footsteps in the fen can last years and degrade the health of this unique place. Visitors are therefore asked view the fen from the outskirts of the clearing.

Source: Island Trust Fund, Places Protected in the Islands

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