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Vancouver's Stanley Park



Vancouver is a big city but it doesn't feel like other large cities in North America. It has a relaxed small-town feel. There are mountains and water nearby, and it has a large park called Stanley Park. The park opened in 1887. Many people believe that it is the most beautiful city park in North America.

Stanley Park covers 1001 acres (400 hectares); it is about 10% larger than New York City's more famous Central Park. There is an 8.8 kilometre trail that follows a seawall around the park. Much of this trail is next to the sea, and it is very popular with joggers, cyclists, and in-line skaters. The seawall trail has two paths, one for cyclists and in-line skaters, and one for joggers and walkers.

Most of the park is covered in forest. There are over 27 kilometres of trails through the trees. Wildlife in the forest includes raccoons, grey squirrels, and many kinds of birds. Stanley Park has two beaches where you can swim. There are life guards at the beaches from late May to early September.

Stanley Park has an aquarium called Vancouver Aquarium. This popular tourist attraction is the oldest and largest aquarium in Canada. It has an interesting collection of marine life including dolphins, beluga whales, and sea lions.

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2 For questions 1–3 you must answer in complete sentences.

1. What animals are there in the forest?

2. How many beaches have life guards?

3. Where can visitors see dolphins?

3 For questions 4–8 tick (✓) the box.

4. Stanley Park is a little larger than Central Park.

True False

5. Cyclists and joggers use different parts of the seawall trail.

True False

6. Vancouver Aquarium has killer whales.

True False

7. How long is the seaside trail around the park?

A. 8.8 km
 B. 35.8 km
 C. 27 km

8. What kind of squirrels can hikers see?

A. Racoon
 B. Forest
 C. Grey

9. Find the word in the passage which means the OPPOSITE of:

boring (paragraph 4) _____

10. Find the word in the passage which means the SAME as:

runners (paragraph 2) _____