

NATURE GUIDE – SITE INFORMATION SHEET

Browne Creek Wetlands

Name of Club submitting this form	Nature Chilliwack
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Region	Eastern Fraser Valley, on Unceded Stó:lō Nation territory
Area	Chilliwack
Location Name	Browne Creek Wetlands
Key Photos	Late summer on Bergman Rd. Looking north – Paulina Selles - https://flic.kr/p/2pkvKbS Cheam and Lady Peaks from Vedder River Dyke – Paulina Selles - https://flic.kr/p/2pkvNWY Winter in one of the ponds with Great Blue Heron – Paulina Selles - https://flic.kr/p/2pkAssW
Description	A restored wetland occupying some 60 ha of unprotected wetland on the south shore of the Vedder River.
Photo Gallery	https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB6ibn
Geographical Description,	Located east of the town of Yarrow, between the Vedder River Campground on the east and the Southern Railway bridge on the west and from the river's edge and the Vedder River South Dyke.
Area/Trail Length	This site offers about 6.5 km of trails suitable for hiking, birding and general nature observation. Three of the trail are internal, winding along restored streams and spawning channels, wetlands and ponds. The Kingfisher Trail (1.1 km), the Beaver Loop Train (500 m) and the Street Creek Trail are ideal for viewing of vegetation, birds and other wildlife. The Vedder Rotary Trail South bordering the Vedder River (2 km) is ideal for viewing of eagles and other raptors and waterfowl. The South Dyke Trail (2 km) offer a good opportunity for walking with extraordinary views on the Northern Cascade Mountains.
Seasons to Visit	Year round
Habitat, Eco system	Unprotected wetland on the riparian area of the Vedder River, with spawning channels, riparian ponds, stands mixed deciduous forested areas, with stands of cottonwoods, red alders, willows and an assortment of riparian shrubs. Adjacent to the Vedder River, whose waters feed the area streams through underground seepage and from runoff from Vedder Mountain on the south.
Viewing Highlights	Birds, variety of species, with transient migrators in spring and fall, spring and summer nesters, winter migrators, and year-round residents. For bird species consult eBird Hotspot - https://ebird.org/canada/hotspot/L2952726?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec Mammals such as American Beavers, foxes, coyotes, rabbits, and bobcats are seen frequently in the area. The South Dyke Trail offers stunning views of the mountains of northern edge of the Cascades. Directly to the south is Vedder Mountain (924 m), further to the east and in the front of the mountain chain, in a north-easterly direction, one can see Elk Mountain (1,432 m), Mount Archibald (1,732 m), and Cheam Peak (2,104 m). Behind Cheam Peak and towards the south eastern can see the crests of Lady Peak (2,178 m) and Knight Peak (2,235 m). Towards the west one can see Sumas Mountain (910 m), and to the north, across the Fraser River, id Dercoche Mountain (1,419 m) and its numerous peaks marking the southern edge of the Coastal Mountains.
Other Features	At the western edge of this park is the bridge of the Southern Railway, the short-line successor of the electric railway that linked Chilliwack with Vancouver early in the 20th century.
Main Access	From the west through Highway 1, Number 3 Road (follow signs to Cultus Lake), Yarrow Central Road, Vedder Mountain Road. From the east Highway 1, Vedder Rd, Vedder, Vedder Mountain Rd. Links to Google Maps for parking areas: Browne Rd. Parking - https://www.google.com/maps/dir/49.096202,-122.017679/49.0963074,-122.0176683/@49.0961728,-122.0201646,590m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m2!4m1!3e2

	<p>Bergman Rd. Parking - https://www.google.com/maps/dir/49.0934667,-122.0288225/49.0931222,-122.0288539/@49.0947243,-122.0277926,1180m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e2</p> <p>Lumsden Rd. Parking - https://www.google.com/maps/dir/49.0892687,-122.0380182/49.0892687,-122.0380182/@49.0892327,-122.0385206,88m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e2</p>		
LAT, LONG	49.0962, -122.0177		
Secondary Accesses			
Cautions	During freshets and heavy rain events, the river can be dangerous.		
Jurisdiction	City of Chilliwack		
Regulations	<p>Dogs must be on a leash, and clean after your pet</p> <p>No ATVs, motorcycles or other motorized vehicles</p> <p>No camping or overnight staying</p> <p>Parking lot gates locked from sunset to sunrise</p>		
Facilities	Wheel chair accessible, information kiosk, interpretive trails, natural areas parking, walking trails, toilette		
Other Recreational Activities	<p>Biking</p> <p>Horseback riding</p>		
Other Connections			
History	<p>Browne Creek Wetlands is a nature park in Chilliwack created by the combined effort a number of organizations, and the participation of a large number of volunteers. Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition built a spawning-channel network on a riparian area on the south shore of the Vedder River between the Southern Railway bridge and the Vedder River Campground, and a partnership between the City of Chilliwack and the Rotary Club of Chilliwack constructed a network of about 2km of recreational trails along the streams and ponds of the area.</p> <p>The park was officially opened to the public on May 14, 2015.</p>		
For More Info	<p>Browne Creek Wetlands - https://www.chilliwack.com/main/page.cfm?id=1754&dowhat=locationView&plID=178</p>		
Links	<p>Links for Birders:</p> <p>Bar Charts - https://ebird.org/canada/barchart?r=L2952726&yr=all&m=</p> <p>Printable Bird Checklist - https://ebird.org/canada/printableList?regionCode=L2952726&yr=all&m=</p>		
Status of Area	Nature Park		
	File #	Caption for Photograph	Name of Photographer
#1	DSC_0287	Late Summer on Bergman Rd. Looking north	Paulina Selles
#2	DSC_3848	Cheam Peak and Lady Peak from Vedder River South Dyke.	Paulina Selles
#3	DSC_3936	Winter in one of the ponds.	Paulina Selles