

# NATURE GUIDE – SITE INFORMATION SHEET

## Hillkeep Regional Park

<b>Name of Club submitting this form</b>	Nature Chilliwack
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<b>Region</b>	East Fraser Valley on unceded territory of Stó:lō Nation
<b>Area</b>	Chilliwack
<b>Location Name</b>	Hillkeep Regional Park
<b>Key Photos</b>	Loop Trail – Janne Perrin – <a href="https://flic.kr/p/2pmEDhH">https://flic.kr/p/2pmEDhH</a> False Solomon’s Seal – Janne Perrin – <a href="https://flic.kr/p/2pmFBsk">https://flic.kr/p/2pmFBsk</a>
<b>Description</b>	This 36-acre nature park is in the heart of the city of Chilliwack. It was logged and farmed at one time but is now a regional park.
<b>Photo Gallery</b>	<a href="https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB6XDU">https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB6XDU</a>
<b>Geographical Description,</b>	Park is on the top of Chilliwack Mountain on the south shore of the Fraser River.
<b>Area/Trail Length</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loop Trail – 2 km of winding and sometimes steep trail through the forest habitat. It loops around via the Meadow Connector to land once under agriculture and via the Pond Connector to a small lake.</li> <li>2. View Point Trail – a short, steep trail that takes you to a cantilevered viewing platform of the southern Fraser Valley.</li> </ol>
<b>Seasons to Visit</b>	All year round
<b>Habitat, Eco system</b>	Mixed forest; ponds, meadows, overlooking both the Fraser River to the north and the Eastern Fraser Valley to the south.
<b>Viewing Highlights</b>	The Park’s plant life features a diversity of ferns, trees, shrubs and forbs including vanilla leaf, yellow pond lily, devil’s club, trembling aspen, Douglas maple, Sitka alder and huge lady fern. Its animal life is also rich with several species of garter snake, salamander and frogs as well as mammals such as black bear and black-tailed deer.
<b>Other Features</b>	To the south, views of the Cascade Mountains including Mount Cheam and sweeping views of the farmland of the Eastern Fraser Valley. In winter, views open up to the north of the Fraser River.
<b>Main Access</b>	43357 Hillkeep Place - has a small parking area at the entrance. Turn off on Grand View Drive from Chilliwack Mountain Road (parking lot is 3.5 km from the turn off). Accessed via Lickman Road (take exit 116 N. from the Trans Canada Hwy #1).
<b>LAT, LONG</b>	49.152917, -122.022994
<b>Secondary Accesses</b>	From the Chilliwack Coliseum travel west on via Wolfe and Schweyel Roads to Chilliwack Mountain Road. Park Hours: 7 am to sunset daily.
<b>Cautions</b>	Bears are common / Some steep trails and untrailed steep terrain by the viewing platform / shares boundary with some private residences.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Fraser Valley Regional District / City of Chilliwack
<b>Regulations</b>	Leash & clean up after your dog; stay on marked trails; no shooting; no motorized vehicles; no camp fires.
<b>Facilities</b>	Interpretive sign at the entrance; directional signs through the park at trail junctions.
<b>Other Recreational Activities</b>	Photography; bird watching, plant identification
<b>Other Connections</b>	
<b>History</b>	The land was donated to the city of Chilliwack in the early 2000’s by Pat and Paige Woods of Pacific Rim Nursery for future generations. It has been managed by the Fraser Valley Regional District for the past 12 years.

<b>For More Info</b>	Fraser Valley Regional District - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mwrbtzxp">https://tinyurl.com/mwrbtzxp</a> City of Chilliwack - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4bf9zcwp">https://tinyurl.com/4bf9zcwp</a>		
<b>Links</b>	<b>Links for Birders:</b> eBird Hotspot - <a href="https://ebird.org/canada/hotspot/L3486294?yr=all&amp;m=&amp;rank=mrec">https://ebird.org/canada/hotspot/L3486294?yr=all&amp;m=&amp;rank=mrec</a> Site Guide Fraser Valley Birding - <a href="https://fvbirding.com/Site%20Guide/Hillkeep/index.htm">https://fvbirding.com/Site%20Guide/Hillkeep/index.htm</a> <b>Map:</b> Google Maps - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/upd92xeu">https://tinyurl.com/upd92xeu</a>		
<b>Status of Area</b>	Hillkeep Regional Park is an ecosystem under regeneration to its original condition		
<b>Should this Nature Site be preserved as a protected site</b>		Yes	
	<b>File #</b>	<b>Caption for Photograph</b>	<b>Name of Photographer</b>
#1	20200812_192 606	Loop Trail Hillkeep Regional Park	J. Perrin
#2	20200812_185 429	False Solomon's Seal, Hillkeep Park	J. Perrin
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