

# NATURE GUIDE – INFORMATION SHEET

## Lexw Qwò:m Park

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<b>Region</b>	Fraser Valley Regional District
<b>Area</b>	Eastern Hillside, Chilliwack, BC
<b>Location Name</b>	Lexw Qwò:m Park unceded lands within Stó:lō territory
<b>Key Photos</b>	Trail sign – Deanna Knopp - <a href="https://flic.kr/p/2ppjppv">https://flic.kr/p/2ppjppv</a> Forest along Lexw Qwò:m trail – Deanna Knopp - <a href="https://flic.kr/p/2pppWEC">https://flic.kr/p/2pppWEC</a> Nevin Creek and bridge – Deanna Knopp - <a href="https://flic.kr/p/2ppqMbX">https://flic.kr/p/2ppqMbX</a>
<b>Description</b>	Lexw Qwò:m name means “lots of moss.” This lovely, short trail through second growth forest takes you past interpretive signage on the Elk Creek Waterworks and across two bridges at the Dunville and Nevin Creek historic water intakes. To start the Lexw Qwò:m 500 metre trail, head uphill from the parking lot and turn left onto the bridge above the picnic area. The walk is kid friendly but not stroller friendly. There are stairs and some steep areas. For those with physical impairments, take the relatively level gravel trail at the east side of the parking lot to view mossy trees, the bridges and creeks. The Park has a longer 3 km uphill trail at the picnic area that leads to the Chilliwack Community Forest.
<b>Photo Gallery</b>	<a href="https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB8tKu">https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB8tKu</a>
<b>Geographical Description,</b>	Located south of Hwy #1, on the northern hillside of the Cascade Mountain Range between Dunville and Nevin Creeks.
<b>Area/Trail Length</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Park size is 3.5 ha.</li> <li>2) Lexw Qwò:m Loop Trail is rated easy, moderately used, kid friendly and only 500m in length.</li> <li>3) Thaletel Trail to the Chilliwack Community Forest is mixed use and approximately 3 km, 350 metre elevation gain.</li> </ol>
<b>Seasons to Visit</b>	Year round; avoid when wet as the bridges, stairs and steep sections of trail can be slippery; roots and rocks in the trail; bear country.
<b>Habitat, Eco system</b>	Located in the Coastal Western Hemlock Zone, the park consists of a moist, mixed forest with mature western red cedars and big-leaf maples, thimbleberry, salmonberry, sword fern and vanilla leaf. Some seeps contain giant horsetail and swamp candles. Mosses are prevalent, hanging on the trees.
<b>Viewing Highlights</b>	Historic water-work features with views of Dunville and Nevin Creek; Nature viewing as the setting and vegetation are typical of a west coast rainforest; Birding – sometimes you may see dippers, pacific wrens, thrushes, Steller’s jays, woodpeckers and other forest birds along the trail. If you are lucky, you may come across a tailed frog or salamanders.
<b>Other Features</b>	Interpretive signage on the historic Elk Creek waterworks intake structures.
<b>Main Access</b>	From Vancouver, take Hwy #1 Annis Road turnoff and then enter the Hwy #1 east on-ramp. Hack Brown Road is located halfway down the east on-ramp. Follow Hack Brown Road and at Nixon Road stay left on Hack Brown, paralleling the highway, and continue to Park signage at 51930 Hack Brown Road.
<b>LAT, LONG</b>	The Park is located at 49.16333 -121.787502
<b>Secondary Accesses</b>	
<b>Cautions</b>	Branch drop during winds; slippery steep sections and bridges/stairs when wet or snow covered; roots and rocks in trail; bear country.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	City of Chilliwack, trails maintained by Chilliwack Parks Society and the Fraser Valley Mountain Bike Association.

<b>Regulations</b>	No motorized recreational vehicles, no horses and no smoking; stay on trails; leash dogs and clean up after them; park is open dawn to dusk; no overnight parking.		
<b>Facilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Information kiosk and interpretive signage.</li> <li>2) Parking lot and garbage.</li> <li>3) Uphill at the day use site – portable toilets, bike repair, picnic tables.</li> <li>4) Cedar and Moss Cafe at Charis Camp across from park, Tues-Sat 10:00 – 4:00 (check hours).</li> </ol>		
<b>Other Recreational Activities</b>	Picnicking; mountain biking/hiking on the uphill Thaletel Trail to the Community Forest.		
<b>Other Connections</b>	You can spend the rest of the day at Chilliwack Community Forest on Allen Road or continue on to Cheam Lake or Bridal Falls.		
<b>History</b>	The Park was created in 2018. Carrielynn Victor from the Cheam First Nation named the park and trails in the Halq'eméylem language. The site includes the historic Elk Creek Waterworks water intake structures at Dunville and Nevin Creeks and interpretive signage.		
<b>For More Info</b>			
<b>Links</b>	<a href="https://www.chilliwackparksociety.ca/lexw-qwo-m-park">https://www.chilliwackparksociety.ca/lexw-qwo-m-park</a>		
<b>Describe the type of area where the site is located</b>	The Park is located on the northern side of the Cascade Mountain Range on the south side of Hwy #1, between Dunville and Nevin Creeks.		
<b>Should this Nature Site be preserved as a protected site</b>	Yes - Already a City of Chilliwack Park.		
	<b>File #</b>	<b>Caption for Photograph</b>	<b>Name of Photographer</b>
#1	n/a	Trail sign	Deanna Knopp
#2	n/a	Forest along Lexw Qwò:m trail	Deanna Knopp
#3	n/a	Nevin Creek and bridge	Deanna Knopp