

NATURE GUIDE – INFORMATION SHEET

Teapot Hill

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Region	Cultus Lake, BC
Area	Chilliwack
Location Name	Teapot Hill
Key Photos	Pacific sideband snail – Lee Larkin – https://flic.kr/p/2pq8H8T View from top of the hill – Denis Knopp – https://flic.kr/p/2pqe8WG Phantom orchid in bloom – Denis Knopp – https://flic.kr/p/2pqfz8J
Description	Main trailhead (Road 918) and parking lot is right across from Honeymoon Bay Group Campground in Cultus Lake Provincial Park. Road 918 is a fire access road, so the beginning of the trail is a steady climb on a road grade. There is an outhouse and map sign about 100 meters from the trailhead. After about 20 minutes, the Horse Trail branches off to the left and heads north all the way to the park entrance. Continue a bit further to another fork and take the marked trail to the right. A steep climb begins soon and the next thing you know you're on top of the ridge which leads you to the final viewpoint where you can see Cultus Lake, Vedder Mountain, and Columbia Valley. Return the way you came or take an alternate route to Watt Creek.
Photo Gallery	https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB91R3
Geographical Description	East side of Cultus Lake across the highway from Honeymoon Bay Campground.
Area/Trail Length	Approximately 5 km return.
Seasons to Visit	Spring for wildflowers, Summer for birds, Fall for colourful maple leaves, Winter for open vistas. Any time for a great view from the top.
Habitat, Eco system	Cedar/hemlock forest in succession. Moist, lower elevations still have evidence of past logging with mature alder and bigleaf maple in old clearings and roadsides. Upper elevations are dominated by mature Douglas-fir trees. Ferns and mosses dominate the understorey.
Viewing Highlights	Some visitors leave teapots and teacups in the forest. Although this custom is discouraged, it is fun to try to find them all. The view from the top is spectacular. There is a large patch of rare Phantom Orchids. Other interesting plants include pathfinder, twinflower and tiger lily. Pacific sideband snail, Douglas squirrel, Red-breasted sapsucker and several species of owl make the area home. Many mushrooms are found in the fall.
Other Features	Evidence of early logging and lots of wildflowers in the spring.
Main Access	From Highway #1 take exit #119. Head south on Vedder Road. Go straight through the roundabout at the Vedder River. Continue on Vedder Mountain Road to the next roundabout. Take the left-hand exit to Cultus Lake on Columbia Valley Road. Continue through the roundabout at Cultus Lake to the Provincial Park. The trail is near the entrance to the provincial park.
LAT, LONG	49.042517 -121.983808
Secondary Accesses	There is another entrance at Watt Creek, across from Maple Bay Picnic Area, with parking for horse trailers and water for horses.
Cautions	The top part of the trail is steep and can be slippery. Stay behind the fenced barrier at the viewpoint. The provincial park is adjacent to a large wilderness area so bears and cougars may be in the vicinity.
Jurisdiction	BC Parks

Regulations	Dogs on leash are permitted. No ATV's.		
Facilities	Parking at trailhead. Outhouse and map sign about 100 meters up from trailhead. Also, several interpretive signs and trail markers en route.		
Other Recreational Activities	Mountain biking is permitted on Road 918. Horseback riding from Watt Creek to Horse Trail.		
Other Connections	Several other trails in Cultus Lake Provincial Park.		
History	Cultus Lake Provincial Park was established in 1949. The forest has a history of early logging and wildfires. During logging road construction in the 1940's, an equipment operator walked over to the hill and found a single teapot, "That's how Teapot Hill got its name."		
For More Info			
Links	BC Parks – https://bcparks.ca/explore/parkpgs/cultus_lk/ Vancouver Trails – https://www.vancouvertrails.com/trails/teapot-hill/		
Describe the type of area where the site is located	Provincial Park		
Should this Nature Site be preserved as a protected site	Yes		
	File #	Caption for Photograph	Name of Photographer
#1		Pacific sideband snail	Lee Larkin
#2		View from top of Teapot Hill	Denis Knopp
#3		Phantom orchid in bloom	Denis Knopp

Figure 1. Pacific Sideband Snail Figure 2. View from Teapot Hill Figure 3. Phantom Orchid

