

## LOYALISTS COME WEST 2015 CONFERENCE-UELAC

Be Sure to Visit Vancouver City,  
the home of the Vancouver Branch UELAC

Vancouver Branch UELAC invite attendees to be sure and plan a stopover in Vancouver City, either pre or post the UELAC Conference being held 28 - 31 May 2015 in Victoria. Vancouver City has much to offer tourists who come to Beautiful British Columbia. The Members recommend to all conference visitors to Vancouver City to be sure not miss our famous STANLEY PARK, right in the heart of the city.

### STANLEY PARK



Called the "Crown Jewel" of Vancouver, it might just be the closest place to heaven and even if it is pouring rain, you will not be disappointed and we bet it will be one of your favorite parts of our amazing city. The walk around the Seawall (9km) is stunning and each turn gives you a different breath-taking scene or an amazing view.

Originally home to Burrard, Musqueam and Squamish First Nations people, Stanley Park was not one designer's grand scheme but an evolution of a pioneer city's hopes and dreams; a place for its citizens to recreate themselves through active sport or peaceful relaxation.

### Wildlife

With the park's diverse habitats – from coniferous forests to boggy wetlands to rocky shores – Stanley Park teems with an amazing variety of wildlife. At least 500 species are known to live in the park. So be sure to bring your camera for lots of fantastic shots.





Named for Lord Frederick Stanley (16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby), Stanley was appointed Governor General of Canada and Commander in Chief of Prince Edward Island on 1 May 1888, the City opened Stanley Park on September 27 of that year.

#### Vancouver Parks Board

Two years later in 1890, Vancouver City Council set up an autonomous and separately-elected Park Board, the only elected one of its kind in Canada. This cemented the City's dedication to parks (and later to recreation) matters. Known now as the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, it remains committed to its mission of connecting people to green space, active living, and community.

#### Stanley Park today

As Vancouver's first official green space, the creation of Stanley Park marked a first, bold step towards making Vancouver the sustainable, livable city it is today. And it happened more than a century before the City launched its plan to become the greenest city in the world by 2020.

Today, Vancouver boasts more than 240 public parks. The lush, evergreen oasis of Stanley Park is North America's third largest urban park with an estimated eight million visitors a year.

Stanley Park is one of the most popular parks in the world and is one of Vancouver's top attractions. Tourists and nature cross miles just to take a walk through Stanley Park and see its gardens, lush greenery, and totem poles. It is 1,001 acres and it lies very close to downtown. It is full with wildlife, plants, trees and natural beauty. You can ride, walk, bus or rollerblade to and through the park. Dine at the Rose Garden Tea Room, the Sequoia Grill or at the Fish House where one can enjoy some fresh seafood dishes.





Cairn to Pauline Johnson



Siwash Rock



Nine O'clock Gun



Prospect Point

You will find many landmarks within Stanley Park such as the 1913 cairn to poetess Pauline Johnson, Siwash Rock, the Hollow Tree, the Nine O'clock Gun, Prospect Point, Brockton Point, Lost Lagoon, Beaver Lake and over 22 monuments and sculptures. Take a walk along the seawall that meanders around the park, or enjoy a picnic on some of the park's soft grass. There is something to do for everyone at every age group in Stanley Park.



Old Hollow Tree



Beaver Lake

Try some of the family attractions such as the Miniature Train, playgrounds, the Vancouver Aquarium, or walk along the seawall at English Bay towards Sunset Beach.



Totem Poles at Stanley Park

*"People Amongst the People"* Coast Salish Gateways by Susan Point. Three beautifully carved, red cedar portals welcome visitors to the Brockton Point Visitor Centre and to the traditional lands of the Coast Salish people. Their form represents the traditional slant-roof style of Coast Salish architecture. The gateways show the history and thriving modern culture of Coast Salish people.

Constructed over three years and installed in 2008, the gateways were created by Coast Salish artist Susan Point, in collaboration with Coast Salish Arts; Vancouver Storyscapes (a City of Vancouver Social Planning project to encourage aboriginal people to share their stories through a variety of media); the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Watuth First Nations; and the Vancouver Parks Board.

Stanley Park is home to a wide variety of monuments, but there are none more visited than the totem poles displayed at Brockton Point. In fact, these totems are the most-visited tourist attraction in all of BC!

### Getting to the Stanley Park Totem Poles

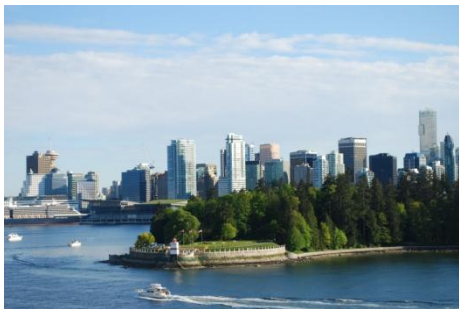


The totem poles are located at Brockton Point, in the eastern corner of Stanley Park. Drivers will find pay parking along Stanley Park Drive, directly in front of the totems; walkers and bikers can reach the totem in just 10 - 15 minutes from downtown Vancouver or you may want to hop-on a local Stanley Park bus.

The totem poles are wonderful pieces of BC First Nations artistry. Four of the original totems were from Alert Bay on Vancouver Island; additional pieces were from Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands) and Rivers Inlet on the central coast of BC.

Because many of the original totems were carved as early as the 1880s, they have been sent to museums for preservation. Some can be viewed at the BC Museum in Victoria, BC. The totems you will see at Brockton Point today are new ones, commissioned or loaned to the park between 1986 and 1992.

Stanley Park is but one of a myriad of exciting places to see and do while visiting Vancouver City. The Vancouver Branch of the United Empire Loyalist's Association of Canada suggests planning a few days whilst in the province of British Columbia.



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