

Park Crawl

TREMENDOUS TREES!

This Week LOOK UP AND MARVEL AT SOME OF SURREY'S OLDEST, LARGEST AND MOST UNIQUE TREES. ASK YOURSELF: "IF THESE TREES COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?"





1 GREEN TIMBERS PARK

14225 Green Timbers Way

Green Timbers Park is known as the “birthplace of reforestation” in BC. After the last old growth trees were logged in 1930, the area was replanted, marking a first in BC’s history. Take a walk around the Inaugural Loop Trail at the Surrey Nature Centre to see the now 90-year-old second growth trees, then visit the arboretum, a collection of trees from all over the world. Learn about the **Green Timbers Heritage Society**, who have played an important role in preserving this special place.



3 SUNNYSIDE ACRES URBAN FOREST PARK

2598 144 Street

After it was logged in the early 1900s, the forest here was left to regenerate on its own, resulting in a diverse community of trees, plants and animals. Surrey residents voted to protect this special place in 1988, thanks to an inspired group of residents who went on to establish the **Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society** – they continue to work closely with Surrey Parks to protect and enhance this urban forest.



6 PORT KELLS PARK

19340 88 Avenue

Port Kells is one of the oldest communities in Surrey, and Port Kells Park is home to some of its oldest trees. Note the 70+-year-old English oaks lining the park entrance, and look for the European beech planted here in 1898 – it’s the oldest known tree planted in a Surrey park. While you’re in the neighbourhood, look for other heritage trees in front of Port Kells Community Hall, Library and Elementary School.



2 GODWIN FARM BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE PARK

9016 164 Street

Look for a 175-ft-tall Douglas-fir tree along the south edge of the park (on your right along the main trail from the parking lot). This designated heritage tree is over 180 years old and is marked by a plaque. This and the adjacent properties were logged in the early 1900s - it’s thought that this tree was growing on the property line and got overlooked at the time of logging.



4 KWOMAIS POINT PARK

1367 128 Street

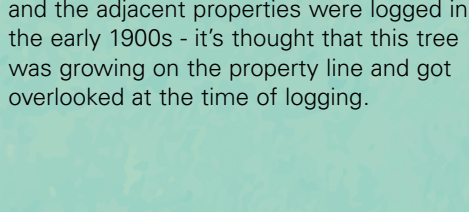
Not only does this park offer stunning views of Semiahmoo Bay, but its towering 80+-year-old Douglas-fir, grand fir and bigleaf maple trees perched high up on the bluffs remind us to reflect on the past.



7 SULLIVAN PARK

6272 152 Street access from 62A Avenue

A circle of oak trees was planted here to commemorate Canada’s 125th birthday in 1992, with a tree to represent each province and territory in Canada, dedicated to international peace. The tree in the centre was added in 2007 to represent Nunavut.



5 DARTS HILL GARDEN PARK

1633 170 Street

Under Francisca Darts’ hard work and tender care, Darts Hill became a true plantsman’s garden with plants from all over the world, including one rare heritage hybrid walnut tree. **Pre-registration** is required to visit, with openings planned for most Fridays-Sundays (11am-3pm) this spring.



8 REDWOOD PARK

17900 20 Avenue

Redwood Park’s arboretum was planted by two brothers – David and Peter Brown - who had a fascination with rare trees. Their father gave them this land in 1881 when they were 21 years old, and they lived in a tree house here until they passed away in 1949 and 1958. The park contains the largest stand of Redwoods north of California - can you find one of these giants planted by the Brown brothers more than 100 years ago?

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