

# CRAIGFLOWER- KOSAPSOM PARK

**Area:** Tillicum

**Location:** Admirals Road at Gorge Road West

**Size:** approx. 0.96 ha

## Amenities:



Washrooms



Naturescape



Beach Access



Playground



Trails



View/Lookout



Parking



Boat Launch



Interpretive Signs



Picnic Areas



Dogs On-Leash



Dogs Leash-Optional  
6am to 9am Only



Dogs Not Permitted on Playground

## About the Park:

The Kosampson people, ancestors of the [Songhees](#) and [Esquimalt \(Xwsepsum\)](#) First Nations, once had a village where the Craigflower Schoolhouse now stands. Shell middens near the Gorge Bridge indicate that this area has been inhabited for over 4,000 years. This area, including Portage Inlet, continues to hold cultural significance for the Esquimalt and Songhees peoples.

[Craigflower Schoolhouse](#) was built to meet the educational needs of children from Craigflower Farm. It remains the oldest surviving school building in Western Canada.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except between the hours of 6am and 9am, when they are permitted to be off-leash, but under control.

Dogs must be on a leash at the beach at all times.

Dogs are not permitted on playground and must be leashed within 10m of the playground.

The park, located next to Gorge Waterway Park, offers a playground, picnic tables, washrooms, and access to a small beach area. Parking is available off Gorge Road W., with pedestrian access from Admirals Rd., where the public art installation 'Bridging Perspectives' can be found.

The Gorge Waterway is part of the Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (VHMBS), with specific rules, including those for dogs. For more details, visit: [Government of Canada webpage](#) or [Friends of the VHMBS Sanctuary](#).



You can [reserve picnic areas through our park permit system](#). Unreserved tables are available on a first come basis with the understanding that any reservations will be able to ask you to relocate.

Please identify which area(s) you wish to reserve when making a park permit reservation. Garbage, recycling and/or compostable materials need to be disposed of properly and picnic areas cleaned up after use.



Google map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/29qPkXukxQF2>

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