

PANAMA FLATS PARK

Area: Carey

Location: Carey Road

Size: approx. 25.10 ha

Amenities:



Green Space

About the Park:

Saanich acquired Panama Flats in February, 2011. The acquisition was based on the desire to establish the flats as public open space to provide flood plain management, optimize environmental values, create new park and trails and enhance food security. Parks staff, together with various consultants, prepared a long-term plan to guide the management and development of the property.

Since the late 1800s, a variety of agricultural purposes dominated use of the land and currently 8.5 ha of the total area of the flats is included in the Agricultural Land Reserve.



The Colquitz River, which is important fish habitat, runs along the western edge of the flats. The flats provide critical storm water storage when the Colquitz regularly



overflows its banks during the wet fall and winter months. The well-used public trail that runs beside the river is an important link in the Colquitz River trail system.

Primary street access to the park is off Carey Road but many other trail access points are off Roy Road, Interurban Road and Hyacinth Avenue and the Colquitz River Trail.

In the winter months, there is the rare possibility that the water will freeze and the ice solid enough to turn the flats into one of the largest skating rinks on the south island.



Google map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/WcS1Fbm7nE72>