

## Enjoy yourself – walks & hikes unique to Nanaimo

### Top recommendations

- **Neck Point Park** – Located off Hammond Bay road, you will see signs. Beautiful walk along the ocean, the prettiest most popular walk for everyone. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/QxYeV>
- **Maffeo Sutton Park** – Located downtown, come walk Nanaimo’s waterfront promenade and become a part of our local culture. Look out for the Silly Boat Regatta or Dragon Boat Festival while you are there! Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/OKvFL>
- **Saysutshun - New Castle Island Marine Provincial Park** –5 minute ferry ride from Maffeo Sutton Park. Great for families, bicycling, picnics, and camping! Official site: <http://www.newcastleisland.ca/>

### Casual walks (can be made short or long)

- **Pipers Lagoon** – Located off Hammond Bay road, much the same as Neck Point Park. Very pretty along with one of Nanaimo’s most beautiful beaches. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/L38he>
- **Linley Valley (Cottle Lake Park)** – Entrances off Rock City Road or Hammond Bay Road, nice wooded trails around Cottle Lake. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Fqz6t>
- **Bowen Park** – Located off Bowen Road, a series of trails along the Millstone River. Don’t forget to stop at the duck pond! Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/IKdhT>
- **Westwood Lake Park** – Located in the foothills of Mount Benson, a nice well-groomed loop with an off-leash dog area on the far side of the lake. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/ihNHY>

### Dog off-leash walks

- **Cable Bay** – Located off Cedar Road, the best off-leash dog walk to tire out your pup! Continue right when you reach the bottom for a chance to see sea lions or even orcas swimming through Dodd Narrows. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/0UOQ8>
- **Colliery Dam** – Located off Nanaimo Lakes Road, upper lake parking lot access to off-leash (non-fenced) trails. Lower dam dogs must be leashed. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/mhpJl>
- **May Richards Bennett Pioneer Park** – North Nanaimo/Lantzville area off Dover Road, off-leash short trail walk. Some fenced areas, lots of rabbits. Embedded map: <https://goo.gl/maps/rqRH0>

### For the adventurous

- Others to look up if you want more of a challenge: [Ammonite Falls](#) and [Mount Benson](#).