

## THURSTON MEADOWS RECREATION SITE



This family friendly, managed site has 51 rustic campsites located within close proximity to the City of Chilliwack and its easy access off the Chilliwack Valley Road makes it popular for trailers. This picturesque, mature site offers a variety of campsites located alongside the Chilliwack River, in the large open grassy area, and amongst the tall timbers that provide much needed shade on those hot summer days and nights. The large open grassy area also provides the perfect space to enjoy lawn games or a game of horseshoes.

Services and amenities include; on-site supervision, safe and sanitary environment, firewood (depending on availability), picnic tables, fire pits, pit toilets, handicapped accessible pit toilet and a horseshoe pit.

Thurston Meadows border the wild Chilliwack River making it a favourite for anglers and kayak enthusiasts. An upstream salmon hatchery's production along with the myriad of mountain streams enable approximately 25 km of quality salmon and steelhead fish channels leading to the popularity of the Chilliwack River.

The close proximity and easy access to a range of spectacular hiking, biking and horseback riding trails along with a large network of mountains offer to the uniqueness of this site.

This site is ever increasing in popularity for holding large gatherings and organized events such as; celebrations, meetings, fishing derbies, kayaking and canoeing activities. If you would like to hold an event at Thurston Meadows it is highly recommended to confirm the availability of the site early to avoid disappointment, *refer to Permits*.

Thurston Meadows recreation site remains open year round.



## FIRST NATIONS



Thousands of years ago, long before contact with European settlers, the Chilliwack Valley was occupied by the ancestors of the Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe. The Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe resided in close proximity to what is now referred to as Cultus Lake and Chilliwack River Watersheds.

The Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe were the first settlers around Ts'elxwéyeqw (Chilliwack) Lake, in a portion of their Traditional Territory, which is today referred to as the Chilliwack River Valley. The Territory is a modern-day world class resource, beaming with the history, culture and tradition of the founding First Peoples.

In the mid-18th century, with the creation of the Indian Act, the Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe, once a strong and territorial based Tribe, was divided into seven Indian Act First Nation communities. The modern-day "Indian Bands" that constitute the Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe include: Aitchelitz; Skowkale; Shxwhá:y; Soowahile; Squiala; Tzeachten and Yakwekwioose. Most of these Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe communities are scattered within the greater Chilliwack area.

Throughout the years since contact, extensive archaeological and historical evidence has been assembled by the likes of Oliver Wells and Keith Carlson. These works document the Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe's territorial markers, consisting of village and culturally significant sites. Many of these sites are throughout the Chilliwack River Watershed.

New connections, with the history of one of the Province's earliest First Nation Tribes, is now being brought forward to share and benefit today's society.

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## Thurston Meadows Recreation Site

*Please obey all posted signs, rules  
and regulations, respect others  
and enjoy your stay!*



### Fish for:

Coho Salmon  
Chinook Salmon  
Chum Salmon  
Pink Salmon  
Steelhead  
Cutthroat Trout

Fishing Rules & Regulations:

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/fish/regulations/)

Fishing License: Required

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/)



**Firearms  
and Weapons  
Prohibited**



**Please report all forest fires.  
Phone toll-free: 1 800 663 5555**

**For More Information  
[www.sitesandtrailsBC.ca](http://www.sitesandtrailsBC.ca)**



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### Visitors Map and Guide



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# Thurston Meadows Recreation Site

**Driving Directions:** Follow Trans-Canada Hwy 1 East from Vancouver and take exit 119A onto Vedder Road. Travel to the 3-way Stop just before the Vedder Bridge then turn left onto the Chilliwack River Road and drive approximately 16 km.

## GENERAL NOTES:

- This site has on-site supervision and is a CASH ONLY site.
- Roads are also used for walkways and may have children playing on them. Please drive slowly and exercise caution.
- Quiet hours are between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am however, excessive noise in a manner that disturbs others is strictly prohibited at any time. Please respect your neighbours and fellow campers.
- Campers are encouraged to bring their own firewood. Cutting down trees within site is strictly forbidden.
- All visitors are required to exit the site by 10:30 pm as gates are locked at 11:00 pm and will remain closed until 7:00 am.
- A limited number of sites are available for reservations, however most sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. RESERVATIONS can be made by contacting the recreation site operator, Monday-Wednesday 6-9 pm. If you are unable to reach the operator please try again as they will not return calls. Check our web site for reservation details on recreation sites accepting reservations in the Chilliwack Valley. [www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca)
- **Permits** are required for group gatherings of more than 15 people, to hold a competitive event, conduct a business or industrial activity, or a place of temporary residence while engaged in a business or industrial activity outside the site. Please discuss this with the Site Host, the District Recreation Officer or visit: [www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca](http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca) for more information.



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| MAP LEGEND |                 |  |                    |
|------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
|            | INFORMATION     |  | GARBAGE            |
|            | PARKING         |  | CAMP SITE          |
|            | OFFICE          |  | OUTHOUSE           |
|            | SITE HOST       |  | ROAD               |
|            | FIREWOOD        |  | GATE               |
|            | HANDICAP ACCESS |  | SITE TRAIL         |
|            | DOG ON LEASH    |  | TRANS CANADA TRAIL |
|            | RECYCLE         |  |                    |
|            | HORSESHOES      |  |                    |
|            | HIKING          |  |                    |
|            | KAYAKING        |  |                    |
|            | FISHING         |  |                    |
|            | MEADOW GRASS    |  |                    |