

Terra Nova Rural Park & Natural Area



One hundred years ago, Terra Nova, situated on the northwest corner of Lulu Island, was a rural farming and fishing community. The flavour of old, the sights, the salt tang of the sea and the sounds of wildlife have been preserved in two very special but different park sites totaling 100 acres.

TERRA NOVA RURAL PARK

This 65 acre award-winning park shines amidst the natural beauty of estuary habitat, just minutes from the busy city centre. Terra Nova Rural Park has been specifically preserved to highlight its natural surroundings in a unique rural landscape, balancing heritage, wildlife conservation and recreational uses. Tree-lined paths meander past historic buildings, which date back to the 1890s. Features include native plantings, viewing platforms, pathways, picnic areas and a recreated slough. In cooperation with several community partners, the park promotes urban agriculture through a popular demonstration farm centre that includes community gardens, a schoolyard garden and a restored barn with a classroom and kitchen facilities for educational programs.

TERRA NOVA NATURAL AREA

Terra Nova Natural Area comprises 35 acres of old field grassland habitat with a perimeter trail and wildlife viewing platforms. The land was restored as a natural area in the 1990s and is a valuable conservation area that provides habitat and food to a variety of wildlife including owls, eagles, hawks, herons, snow geese, coyotes and raccoons.

From the West Dyke Trail, which follows the perimeter of both parks, visitors enjoy spectacular views of the North Shore mountains and Vancouver Island, Terra Nova Rural Park and Natural Area are adjacent to the ecologically important Sturgeon Banks, a 21, 525 acre tidal marsh on the edge of the Strait of Georgia. A birdwatcher's paradise, these park areas are an important part of the Pacific Flyway, which sees 1.4 million birds migrating through the area each year.

THE SHARING FARM

Members of the Richmond Fruit Tree Project's Sharing Farm grow food year round for the Richmond Food Bank and other community meal programs. Besides offering volunteer opportunities for those interested in growing food organically - this community based farm partners with Kwantlen's Richmond Farm School and the Richmond Food Security Society. For further information visit www.sharingfarm.ca.

RICHMOND SCHOOLYARD SOCIETY

Every year, over 500 students from across Richmond learn how to plant, tend, harvest and cook vegetables by participating in the Richmond Schoolyard Society Project. The society currently manages two programs at the King George Community Garden and at Terra Nova Rural Park. The vision of the Society is that "kids + gardens + healthy food = healthier communities". To volunteer or learn more about schoolyard programs, visit www.kidsinthegarden.org.

Terra Nova Rural Park and Natural Area are open during daylight hours. To access the parks, follow the signs from Westminster Hwy. and No. 1 Rd. Parking is free, however spaces are limited. Public washrooms are located on River Road and at the red barn on Westminster Hwy.

For more information about the park and programs, call 604-244-1208. Park Address: 2631 Westminster Highway.

Please note: to protect this ecologically sensitive area. No dogs are permitted in Terra Nova Rural Park and dogs must be on leash in Terra Nova Natural Area.

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All Ages

BARN OWL TALK

Discover the secret lives of Richmond's barn owls and learn what is being done to help these mysterious birds. Live owls are available for viewing up close and experts are on hand to answer questions.

Terra Nova Rural Park 8+yrs
 May 13Su 7:00-8:30pm \$5/1 sess214353

FREE NATURE WALK

Meet at the Terra Nova Farm Centre to join this 3km nature walk that covers Terra Nova Natural Area and Terra Nova Rural Park. Follow the signs from Westminster Highway and No. 1 Road. Registration required. *An adult must accompany children.

Terra Nova Rural Park 6+yrs
 Jan 8Su 10:00-11:00am
 Feb 5Su 10:00-11:00am
 Apr 1Su 10:00-11:00am
 Jun 10Su 10:00-11:00am

NIGHT WATCH

Explore the park as the sun goes down and the night creatures come out. Look for bats and owls and howl at the moon. Bring a flashlight and book early as spaces limited. Pre-registration required. *An adult must accompany children. Please note that this program is for 8+yrs.

Terra Nova Rural Park 8+yrs
 Mar 18Su 7:00-8:00pm \$5/1 sess213401

FREE WILDLIFE IN THE CITY

Get answers about urban wildlife from an expert and learn fascinating facts about city critters all while kids play fun games and get a hug from a giant raccoon!

Terra Nova Rural Park
 Jun 23Sa 11:00am-3:00pm

FREE/NEW GREENHOUSE SOCIAL CLUB

This program is looking for participants to help grow food for the Food Bank and community meal programs inside the Greenhouse at the Sharing Farm. Garden beds are raised and accessible. Work involves seeding, transplanting and harvesting. No experience required.

Terra Nova Rural Park 55+yrs
 Jan 5-Mar 29 Th 10:00am-12:00pm
 Apr 5-Jun 28 Th 10:00am-12:00pm

FREE GREENHOUSE SOCIAL CLUB WITH TRANSPORTATION

This multi-generational program, for those 13-18 years and 55+ years, involves growing food to be donated to the Food Bank. Garden beds at Terra Nova are raised and accessible. The work involved includes seeding, transplanting and harvesting. Free transportation provided for youth and seniors. Bus pick-up available from Minoru Place Activity Centre, City Centre, West Richmond and Thompson Community Centres. For more information call 604-238-8450. Registration required.

Terra Nova Rural Park 13+yrs
 Apr 5 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214805
 Apr 12 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214806
 Apr 19 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214807
 Apr 26 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214808
 May 3 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214528
 May 10 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214529
 May 17 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214530
 May 24 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214531
 May 31 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214610
 Jun 7 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214611
 Jun 14 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214613
 Jun 21 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214614
 Jun 28 Th 9:30am-12:30pm 214615

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The following programs are brought to you by The Richmond Food Security Society, The Richmond Fruit Tree Sharing Project and The Richmond School Yard Society in partnership with the City of Richmond. All proceeds from these programs benefit these non-profit societies.

SPRING PLANT SALE

Learn to grow organically-grown produce and purchase seedlings to help the students of Richmond Farm school fundraiser. Choose from tomatoes, lettuce, chard, kale, herbs, flowers and more.

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May 12Sa 10:00am-12:00pm

Adults

FREE SEED BOMB MAKING WORKSHOP

Learn how to brighten up a garden by making a seed bomb - a clay ball filled with mixed seeds to be dropped anywhere a lovely garden is wanted.

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Mar 3Sa 10:00am-12:00pm

FREE SEEDY SATURDAY

Join seed savers and gardening enthusiasts at this 4th annual event. Local seeds, fruit trees, bee supplies and more are on sale with plenty to trade or for free.

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Mar 3Sa 10:00am-12:00pm

FREE PERMACULTURE MEET-UP

Permaculture is sustainable land use design. Come learn its principles with hands on activities that include mulching, propagating, composting, building swales and more.

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Jan 8Su 2:00-4:00pm
 Feb 12Su 2:00-4:00pm
 Mar 11Su 2:00-4:00pm
 Apr 8Su 2:00-4:00pm
 May 13Su 2:00-4:00pm
 Jun 10Su 2:00-4:00pm

FRUIT TREE PRUNING WITH DR MULLINIX

Learn how to prune a fruit tree properly along with the basics of pruning theory. Then practice on selected trees at Terra Nova Rural Park.

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Jan 14Sa 10:00am-2:00pm \$40/1 sess 214456

