

2025 Canada Day Celebrations in Parksville

Here's an update to Parksville's Canada Day when we celebrate the 158th anniversary of Canada's confederation, the City's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band. Hosted by the City of Parksville, we continue to add more events and activities to make the day the best free, family-friendly event for the community. The day kicks off with the Canada Day parade and pancake breakfast followed by activities and events in the Parksville Community Park.

Bring along lawn chairs and your dancing shoes for an afternoon of exciting Vancouver Island entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre, an appetite for an amazing selection of food trucks, and your energy to experience the many activities throughout the park.

Free bicycle valet service and vehicle parking

The City of Parksville is pleased to offer free, secure, coat-check style bike parking in the Parksville Community Park for Canada Day 2025. Enjoy Canada Day knowing your bike is safe under the supervision of Hub City Cycles Co-op staff and you are helping to reduce the number of vehicles at the event. Bike valet service is available to Canada Day-goers from 9.30 am to 7 pm. Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will be closed to vehicles with general parking in the large gravel lot and accessible parking within the park.

Canada Day 2025 in a nutshell

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| 7.30-11 am | Shriners breakfast | CCCU parking lot, Craig Street |
| 10 am | Parade | Island Highway East |
| Noon-9 pm | Music, activities, demos, displays | Parksville Community Park |
| 6 pm-9 pm | Summer by the Sea Street Market | Craig Street |

Activities in the Parksville Community Park

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| 9.30 am-7 pm | Free bike valet parking, Parksville Community Park |
| 11 am-7 pm | Food truck festival |
| Noon-6.30 pm | Mainstage music and official Canada Day ceremony, Parksville Outdoor Theatre |
| 1-9 pm | Entertainment, activities, displays, demos, kids' games |

Mainstage lineup at Parksville Outdoor Theatre is all Vancouver Island. Band details on [Let's Talk Parksville](http://Let'sTalkParksville.ca)

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| noon-12.45 pm | Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band 50 th anniversary performance |
| 12.45 pm | Opening ceremony |
| 1-2.30 pm | <i>Time Well Wasted</i> |
| 3-4.30 pm | <i>Sarah Smith</i> |
| 5-6.30 pm | <i>The Joints</i> |

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Activities throughout the Parksville Community Park, from 1 pm to 9 pm. Details on [Let's Talk Parksville](#)

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| 1-5 pm | Face painters at picnic shelter |
| 1-9 pm | Waterfront gazebo music with Sylvia Humble, David Hart, Woodstick, and Fred Saliani |
| 1-7 pm | <i>Craig the Magician</i> at gathering plaza |
| 1-7pm | Displays, demos, kids' games, Canada Day photo op |
| 2-5 pm | Learn to build sandcastles with master sculptor David Kaube at small sand pit |
| 2.30 pm | Canada Day cake and cupcakes at the picnic shelter |

Details on activities, music, entertainment, and more available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

Although leashed dogs are allowed in the Parksville Community Park, if possible, please leave your pups at home. We all love a good celebration, but crowds, warm weather and noise can be overwhelming and harmful for furry friends. Consider leaving your dogs safe and sound at home where it's quiet and familiar.

Our appreciation to the Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada for funding and sponsors Isle Golf Cars, Thrifty Foods, Black & White Event Rentals, Absolute Septic Service, Neway Traffic Management, Home Hardware Parksville, PQB News, and the Beach and the Lounge.

On Canada Day, we come together to celebrate and shine a light on our country and whatever it is that makes you proud! We hope you will share in the day and connect with families, neighbours and friends at Parksville's Canada Day festivities. Canada Day parade applications and updates on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and social media.

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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations,
home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

