

## **Parksville Beach Closures to Dogs**

The Black Brant geese you see along the shores of Parksville are on a remarkable and arduous journey of migration from California and Mexico to northern nesting grounds. Our beaches provide an abundant food source for the geese which need to gain weight and strength before making another non-stop flight. A disturbance caused by something as simple as a child running on the beach can have drastic effects on the geese while feeding. For this reason, Parksville beaches are subject to seasonal no dog restrictions; beaches close to dogs both on-leash and off-leash for a period of time each year.

Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area are closed during these times:

- Rath Trevor Beach                      February 15 to April 30
- Parksville Bay Beach                    March 1 to April 30

Please note, the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area has regulations in place that dogs must be on leash at all times within the wildlife management area.

Questions should be directed to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1 877 952-7277, #7277 on the Telus mobility network or online at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>

**Brant Wildlife Festival** – The annual festival held in March and April celebrates nature and the arrival of thousands of migratory birds, fish and marine mammals to the shores of this region, particularly Brant geese. The festival offers many events and activities for all ages such as spring break nature camps for kids, a variety of wildlife tours and field trips, walks and presentations, films and guest speakers. [[www.brantfestival.bc.ca](http://www.brantfestival.bc.ca)]

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