

BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



WEEKLY ARTS DIGEST

BC's Best Farms, Parks & Gardens



Epic mountains, sparkling lakes, living rainforests and oceanside trails – there are hundreds of parks in BC to explore. From world-ranked Butchart Gardens just off the road to Victoria, to Tofino Botanical Gardens wild" into wilderness, British Columbia is renowned for having the most extensive parks system in Canada – there are more than 1,000 provincial parks and protected areas, plus many more national and city parks.

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Butchart Gardens

The Butchart Gardens is a world renowned floral display garden that attracts over a million visitors each year. Started in 1904 by the Butchart family and still family owned; the beautification of a depleted limestone quarry into the Sunken Garden is part of a series of gardens that comprise the fifty-five acre display garden featuring spectacular views from meandering paths and expansive lawns. Open every day of the year, The Gardens offer something for everyone in all seasons from The Magic of Christmas display to Firework Saturdays and open-air performances in July and August.



Tofino Botanical Gardens

With over 12 acres to explore – including cultivated garden beds, 600 to 800-year-old oldgrowth rainforest, sculpture including Indigenous work and a wave-shaped memorial of the 2011 tsunami, farm animals, and the protected Tofino Mudflats – there is so much to discover at Tofino Botanical Gardens. Darwin's Café is a quaint coffeehouse located on site that serves drinks, lunch and light fare. The Tofino Botanical Gardens are open daily and host several festivals throughout the year including the Tofino Food and Wine Festival in June, Tofino Lantern Festival in August and Winterlights throughout December!

Explore Butchart



Barkerville Historic Town & Park

It's 1862. You are hand-digging through layers of soggy, worthless, frustrating gravel, hoping and praying the next shovel-stroke will expose a fortune in gold. Everyone says it's crazy, but there's too much at stake. Then, just when the outcome seems impossibly bleak, at a depth of 52 feet the ground begins to pay. The lead is struck, and the greatest creek side placer gold deposit the world has ever seen is suddenly yours for the taking. This is Barkerville's story.



BC Farm Museum

In 1953 the donation of a single high-cut walking hand plow by Mr. R. J. Coleman to the University of British Columbia started a planning process to establish an Agricultural Museum in the Fraser Valley. The ground breaking ceremony for the BC Farm Museum in Fort Langley happened in 1966 when Archie Stevenson, BC President of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture turned the first sod for the eight-thousand square foot building.

Engage with Agriculture

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London Heritage Farm

London Heritage Farm is a 4.06 acre heritage site that overlooks the south arm of the Fraser River. The site offers a fully restored 1880's farmhouse, heritage, memorial and herb gardens, the restored Spragg family barn, vintage farming equipment, a small hand tool museum, and large lawns for gatherings. The historic farmhouse hosts a gift shop, tea room and a public museum with rooms depicting the lives of early farmers in British Columbia. Entrance to the house and gift shop is by donation.



Fantasy Farms

You are either green or growing or you're ripe and rotting, that is our approach to life. We are always looking for ways to enrich the lives of people around us through growing our flowers, vegetables and hosting festivals on the farm. It is our mission to have every person that visits us here to leave with more knowledge about how farming works and where their food comes from because if you are not growing through your experiences, well; you know the rest.

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