

## Parksville Beaches Closed 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 close to dogs both on-leash and off-leash for a period each year.

Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (PQBWMA) and Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park are closed during these times:

- Rathtrevor 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 always be leashed within the wildlife management area. Information about PQBWMA may be found [here](#). In addition, Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park has regulations that pets are not permitted in the day use beach areas of the park and are allowed on the beach adjacent to the campground between May 1 and February 14 as long as they are on a leash. Information about Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park may be found at <https://bcparks.ca/explore/parkpgs/rathtrevor>.

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](#).

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