

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo's water parks open for the Victoria Day long weekend

Plenty of options to stay cool as summer approaches

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture is turning on the taps at the four City water parks - just in time for the Victoria Day long weekend.

Beginning Friday, May 15, the water parks located in Departure Bay Centennial Park, Mansfield Park, Deverill Square Park and Harewood Centennial Park will be open. The water will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Strategic Link: A Healthy Nanaimo: community wellbeing and livability by offering water parks to play, connect and keep cool during the warm months of summer.

Key Points

- There are four water parks in Nanaimo located at Deverill Square Park, Departure Bay Kiwanis Park, Harewood Centennial Park and Mansfield Park.
- Each park is open seven days a week from 9 a.m to 8 p.m. starting Friday, May 15.

Quotes

"The return of our water parks marks the start of another great summer in Nanaimo. Thanks to the efforts of our staff, these spaces are ready to welcome families and provide opportunities to connect, play and stay cool during the warmer months."

Darcie Osborne
Director - Parks, Recreation and Culture
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Every spring, City staff work to prepare the water parks for opening by testing the pipes, cleaning the features and making sure everything is in working order.

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