

FACTS & TRIVIA ABOUT BURNABY

Burnaby offers an urban playground in the heart of the Lower Mainland. Here, you'll find rolling hills, ridges and valleys – along with two large freshwater lakes, naturally forested mountain parklands, an ocean beach, neighbourhood parks and natural green space (including fish-bearing rivers and streams).

Want to know more? Here are some interesting facts and trivia about Burnaby:

- Burnaby was incorporated in 1892 and achieved City status in 1992, one hundred years after being incorporated.
- The city was named after Robert Burnaby who had explored the region around Burnaby Lake in 1859. A merchant and businessman, Robert Burnaby was active in a variety of community affairs and helped develop much of the west coast.
- The city first served as a rural agricultural area supplying nearby markets. Later, it became as an important transportation corridor between Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and the interior of the province.
- Burnaby is located at the geographical centre of the Greater Vancouver Regional District or Metro Vancouver.
- The elevation of Burnaby ranges from sea level to a maximum of 1,200 feet atop Burnaby Mountain
- Burnaby's ratio of parkland to residents is one of the highest in North America.
- Burnaby is the third most populated urban centre in British Columbia (after Vancouver and Surrey) with a population of more than 205,000.
- The city is home to several major technology firms, such as Electronic Arts, Creo (now part of Eastman Kodak), Ballard Power Systems and Telus.
- Burnaby's official flower is the rhododendron.
- Burnaby has three sister cities (or "twin towns"): Gatineau, Quebec; Kushiro, Japan; and Mesa, Arizona.