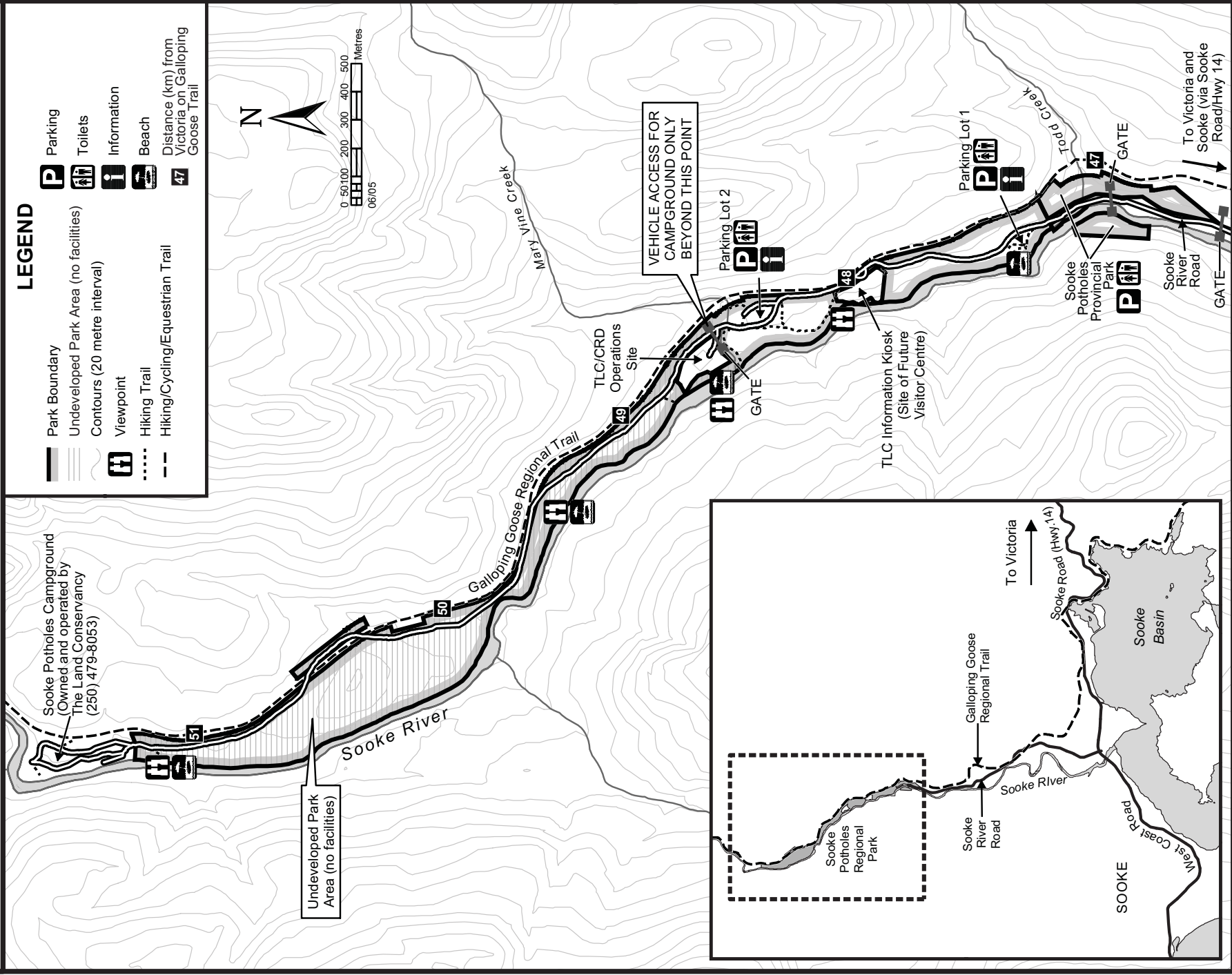


Sooke Potholes Regional Park



How to Get to Sooke Potholes

Info: via The Land Conservancy (250) 383-4627 or toll free 1-888-738-0533 / www.sookepotholes.ca or (250) 474-1336 / www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/sooke_potholes/

A 55 hectare park open sunrise to sunset with easy to moderate trails., Sooke Potholes is Victoria's favourite swimming hole. Picnic or swim at the river, explore forest trails or enjoy the stunning vistas from one of several viewpoints. You may see black-tailed deer, red squirrels or bald eagles riding the breezes overhead.

By City Bus:

Total Travel Time: About 2 hours

Fare: \$2.25 one way

1. Take the #61 Sooke bus from the corner of Douglas at Pandora. You can ask the bus driver to stop at the nearest stop to the Potholes.

info: www.bctransit.com or (250) 382-6161

Travelling time: Approx. 60 min.

2. Walk from the bus stop to the Park.

From the bus stop Sooke River Road is to your right. You'll need to walk for a good 5km. It's a long walk but it'll be worth it. At the end you'll find the Potholes. Travelling time: Approx. 50 min + (depends on your speed!)

By Car:

Total Travel Time: About 45 min (~35km)

From downtown Victoria, take Douglas Street

heading North (out of town). Douglas turns into Highway #1 North--follow this for about 10 min (varies with traffic). Take Exit 10 (Colwood / View Royal exit). You're now on the Old Island Highway. Stay on this--it will eventually turn into Sooke Road. After a while the road opens up with Edward Milne High School and a store to your right. Turn right after the store onto Sooke River Road. Follow this to the end (about 5-10 min) and you'll be at the Potholes.

There is a day-use parking fee of \$3. Most dispensers accept coins and credit cards. Season passes are available for \$25 and are valid for all Provincial Parks. These can be purchased at Visitor Centres, select Provincial Parks (not Sooke Potholes), or by calling Discover Camping @ 1-800-689-9025. Remember, If you decide to park outside the parking lot, make sure your tires are not touching the road or you'll be towed!!

By Bike:

Take the Galloping Goose trail from the Johnson Street Bridge downtown. The trail passes right beside the park. It's a long trip (approximately

30 km) though, so make sure you have energy for the ride back.

By Shuttle Bus:

Available Seasonally

Picks you up and drops you off at Ocean Island Backpackers Inn--ask for details!

Get Around Travel & Tours (250) 886-8305 or getaroundtravel@gmail.com

Camping:

The Sooke Potholes Campground is located at the North end of the Regional Park by the Sooke River. It is owned and operated by The Land Conservancy of BC. Camping information and bookings are available at: www.conservancy.bc.ca/potholescamping or call (250) 383-4627 or 1-888-738-0533

Tenting sites cost \$20 + GST (2008 season) and firewood is available for \$6 (check for availability). Gates open at 8am and close at 9pm. Checkout time is 11am. Sites are available on a first come, first served basis, or by reservation (with a small fee).

