

Crofton, BC

<http://www.croftonbc.com/>



The active community of Crofton is situated on the calm waters of Osborne Bay in the Cowichan Valley, 22 minutes' drive from Duncan. It is home to 2,500 people.

The modern town of Crofton was founded in 1902 by Henry Croft, who owned a nearby copper in Mt. Sicker. He used the town to build a smelter, export his copper, and house his workers. The town prospered until world copper prices dropped, causing the closure of the mine in 1908. The miners struggled to find work in the logging and fishing industries until 1956, when a large pulp and paper mill was built on the outskirts of town, attracted by Crofton's deep-sea port. The mill is still in operation today.

These days, this friendly forestry community offers quiet parks, comfortable accommodation and a host of family activities such as golfing, swimming, fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

Close to Victoria and Nanaimo, Crofton is also home to one of the ferries heading to Salt Spring Island.



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Weather

Crofton has mild temperatures and above average rainfall.

Average Yearly Precipitation

Average Days with Rainfall per Year: 141.5

Average Days with Snowfall per Year: 9.8

Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: 2.7°

April: 8.8°

July: 17.9°

October: 9.7°

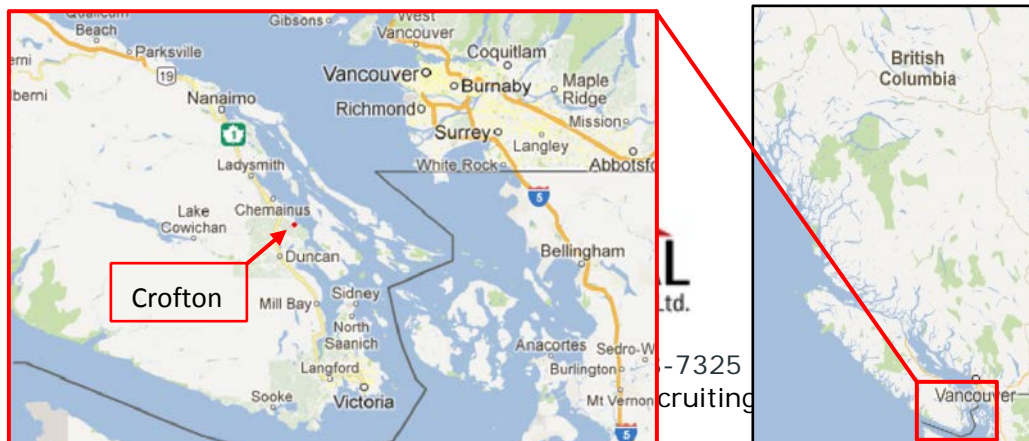
Additional Information

For further information about annual climate data for Port Alberni, please use the following links to visit [The Weather Network](http://www.theweathernetwork.com/) or [Environment Canada](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

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Location

The Town of Crofton is on the east coast of Vancouver Island, a short ferry ride away from Saltspring Island. The closest cities are Duncan to the South and Nanaimo to the North. To view an online map of Crofton, [click here](#).



Driving Distances

Duncan.....	15.5km (22 minutes)
Nanaimo.....	85km (approx. 1.5 hours)
Victoria.....	73km (approx. 1 hour 10 minutes)
Mt. Washington.....	179km (approx. 3 hours)
Vancouver	82.9km (approx. 3 hours including ferry)

Transportation

Airport

The closest major airport is the [Nanaimo Airport \(YCD\)](#), which serves flights to Vancouver, Victoria, and Abbotsford. It is a 90 minute drive from Port Alberni.

To visit the Nanaimo Airport website, click here:

<http://www.nanaimoairport.com/>

Public Transit

There is a bus operated by [BC Transit](#) that connects Crofton to neighboring Duncan and Chemainus ([Route 6 – Crofton-Chemainus to Duncan](#)).

To see a map and schedule for the Crofton bus, click here: <http://www.transitbc.com/regions/cow/schedules/schedule.cfm?p=dir.text&route=6:1&day=2&>

Taxis

Taxi service is available from nearby Duncan.

Road Access

Crofton is close to the Trans-Canada highway and can be accessed from Osbourne Bay Road to the South and Crofton Road to the North.



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Health Services

Chemainus Health Care Centre 9909 Esplanade
St.
Chemainus, B.C. V0R 1K1
250-737-2040

Duncan Health Unit / Margaret Moss Health Unit
675 Canada Avenue
Duncan, B.C. V9L 1T9
250-709-3050

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital
1200 Dufferin Crescent
Nanaimo, BC V9S 2B7
250-755-7691

For more information on healthcare services in Crofton, visit [Central Island Healthcare Facilities](#) or [HealthLink BC](#) (links below).

http://www.viha.ca/finding_care/facilities/central_island.htm <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/?WT.svl=TopNav>

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit [Medical Services Plan of B.C.](#) (link below).

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/index.html>

Education

Schools

There is an elementary school in Crofton (grades K-7). The closest high school (grades 8-12) is in Chemainus and can be reached via the #6 bus. The schools belong to Cowichan Valley School District 79.



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Crofton Elementary

Kindergarten through Grade 7

1658 Robert St. (Box 80)

Crofton, BC V0R 1R0

Phone: 250-246-3181

Chemainus Secondary School

Grade 8 through 12 9947 Daniel St.

Chemainus, B.C. V0R 1K0

Phone: 250-246-4711

For more information on schools in Crofton, click on the link below to visit

the [School District 79 website](http://www.sd79.bc.ca/): <http://www.sd79.bc.ca/>

Universities and Colleges

For those looking to upgrade their skills, Vancouver Island University's Duncan campus offers bachelor's degree and diploma programs as well as a range of technical, career and trades certificates. It is 22 minutes' drive from Crofton.

Vancouver Island University – Cowichan Campus

2011 University Way

Duncan, BC V9L 0C7 250-746-3500

<http://www.cc.viu.ca/index.htm>

Accommodation

As of October 2012, a two-bedroom house in Crofton can be purchased for as little as \$224,000.00.

Click on the following links to view real estate and rental information for Crofton:

[Sutton Realty Crofton](http://www.sutton.com/listings/BC/Crofton) (<http://www.sutton.com/listings/BC/Crofton>)

[Rowan Property Management](http://www.rowanproperty.ca/residential.html) (<http://www.rowanproperty.ca/residential.html>)



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Amenities

Amenities such as shopping malls, a movie theatre, and a recreation centre can be found in the larger city of Duncan, only 22 minutes' drive away.

The town is very close to excellent salt and freshwater fishing. There are also three golf courses all within 30 minutes' drive.

Industry

The economy in Crofton is driven by the pulp and paper mill which is operated by Catalyst Paper Corporation.

Taxes

British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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