

## Powell River, BC



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

Located at the northern end of the Sunshine Coast, the ocean side community of Powell River is well known for its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Powell River residents enjoy all the comforts of the city and access to world-class outdoor activities at the same time!



## **Weather**

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Powell River enjoys a mild west coast climate. It is rarely too hot or too cold. Snow is extremely rare.

### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Days with Rain per Year: 170.6  
Average Days with Snow per Year: 6.5

### *Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)*

January: 4° C  
April: 9.4° C  
July: 18.2° C  
October: 10.8° C

### *Additional Information*

For further information about climate data for Powell River, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#):

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>  
[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

## **Location**

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Powell River is located north of Vancouver on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast. Although the City of Powell River is on a peninsula, the surrounding mountainous terrain makes it so a ferry ride is required to travel just about anywhere. For an online map of Powell River, [click here](#).



## **Driving Distances**

Courtenay.....	41km (approx. 2 hours including ferry)
Nanaimo.....	150km (approx. 3.5 hours including ferry)
Vancouver .....	174km (approx. 4.5 hours including ferry)
Squamish.....	201km (approx. 5 hours including ferry)

## ***Transportation***

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### *Road Access*

There is no highway connecting Powell River to other mainland cities due to the impenetrable surrounding mountains. One must travel through [BC Ferries](#) if they wish to drive to any other city.

### *Airport*

Powell River Airport (YPW) serves flights to and from Vancouver. The airport is located four minutes' drive east from the center of town.

### *Public Transit*

The city is fully connected by buses operated by [BC Transit](#).

### *Taxis*

Taxi service is available.

## ***Health Services***

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### **Powell River General Hospital**

5000 Joyce Avenue  
Powell River, B.C. V8A 5R3  
604-485-3211

### **Powell River Community Health Centre**

5000 Joyce Avenue  
Powell River, B.C. V8A 5R3  
604-485-3310

For more information on healthcare services in Powell River, visit the [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority](#) using the following link:

<http://www.vch.ca/home/>

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), you can visit the [Medical Services Plan of B.C.](#) website using the following link:

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

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## ***Education***

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### **Schools**

The Powell River School Board, [School District 47 Powell River](http://www.sd47.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx), operates seven schools including Brooks Secondary, James Thompson Elementary, Henderson Elementary, Edgehill Elementary, Grief Point Elementary, Kelly Creek Community School, and Texada Elementary. You can visit the Powell River School District's website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.sd47.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Other elementary schools in the region include École Côte du Soleil 9 (French School), Assumption Catholic School (K-9), and Powell River Christian School.

### **University**

For those looking to upgrade their skills, Vancouver Island University's Powell River campus offers university transfer and diploma programs as well as a range of technical, career, and trades certificates.

#### **Vancouver Island University – Powell River Campus**

2011 University Way  
Duncan, BC V9L 0C7  
250-746-3500

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

## ***Accommodation***

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Two-bedroom apartments in Powell River can be rented for as little as \$700/month. A two-bedroom house in Powell River can be purchased for as little as \$90,000.00.

For real estate and rental information, [click here](#).

## ***Amenities***

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Powell River has many of the amenities that you might expect from a larger city. These include art galleries, museums, recreation centres, golf courses, shopping malls, specialty shops galore, a movie theatre, a skateboard park, an arena with BCHL Hockey Team (Powell River Kings), and a variety of bars and restaurants.

Powell River is a hub for outdoor adventurers. Close-by activities include mountain climbing, kayaking, canoeing, salmon and trout fishing, scuba diving, camping, and sailing to name a few.

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## ***Industry***

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Powell River's primary industries are forestry, tourism, fishing, and mining. Paper manufacturing and limestone quarrying are the two largest sources of jobs in Powell River. The city has traditionally been extremely reliant on its paper mill but has diversified its economy in recent years with more emphasis on other areas such as tourism and aquaculture.

## ***Taxes***

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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>