

THE WHARF AT THE BUTCHART GARDENS

The wharf is open year-round, except from December 1st to January 6th.

Staff may be present to take your admission, however, if for some reason staff are not present, please press the intercom button on the locked Gate and an attendant will speak to you.

Due to limited space, we only permit dinghies to tie up to our wharf. We ask larger vessels to anchor adjacent to the cove and use their tenders to access the wharf. A clear fairway through which float planes can access the dinghy dock must be maintained at all times. Please contact us if you have any questions, 250-652-4422.

We do not permit overnight moorage on our wharf and ask all dinghies be gone from our wharf at the time of The Gardens closing.

Visitors are welcome to tie up overnight (24 hour maximum stay) to one of our four buoys in Butchart Cove (for boats less than 40') available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Stern ties are mandatory.

We ask boaters be familiar with local tide-tables, and please be aware the west side of Butchart Cove can become very shallow at low tide.

Many boaters drop anchor in nearby Tod Inlet, which is an excellent all-weather anchorage for many vessels (3 fathom depth at low water). There are other safe anchoring locations nearby, some of which might require a stern tie depending on the number of vessels in the area. We do not recommend anchorage in the entrance fairway to Tod Inlet, with or without a stern tie, as the passage is narrow and the water relatively shallow. It is not unusual for afternoon warming to create local gusting winds that funnel down the fairway causing vessels to drag anchor and swing around on their stern lines.

To visit Butchart Gardens, from Tod Inlet, dinghy over to their wharf in Butchart Cove or go to the BC Parks wharf in Tod Inlet and walk about 15 minutes up to The Gardens Admission Gate located up the hill on Benvenuto Avenue past the vehicle exit.

There are two marinas very close by:

Anglers Anchorage Marina (250-652-3531) info@anglersanchorage marina.com

Brentwood Bay Marina (250-652-3151, 1-888-544-2079) marina@brentwoodbayresort.com

The location of Butchart Cove

The Lat./Long. Of Butchart Cove is:	Latitude	48 deg. 34 min. 0 sec.
	Longitude	123 deg. 28 min. 0 sec.

The UTM coordinates are:	Northing	5381441.9751 (NAD 27)
	Easting	465580.2779 (NAD 27)

Note: The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinate system is a grid-based method of specifying locations on the surface of the Earth. The Butchart Gardens uses Nad 91 (GPS).

TIDES

Tidal information for Patricia Bay and Finlayson Arm can be found at:

<http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca/eng/station?sid=7277>

PRIVATE BOATS ENTERING CANADA

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If you are the owner/operator of a private boat entering Canadian waters, and you are carrying 29 people or fewer, you must report your arrival to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Please refer to contact information below.

Boats with 30 or more people: If you are in charge of a private boat carrying 30 or more people entering Canadian waters you cannot be cleared through the TRC. You must arrange for clearance locally by notifying the CBSA in writing at least 72 hours before you arrive in Canadian waters. Your notice should include the details of your arrival and a request to be cleared in person at a DRS/M or by the local CBSA office.

Telephone Reporting Centre (TRC):	Toll free 1-888-226-7277
NEXUS telephone reporting line:	Toll free 1-866-99-NEXUS (1-866-996-3987)
Border Information Service (BIS):	Toll free 1-800-461-9999

Note: CANPASS members must call the TRC phone number for service.