

McPhee Meadows update

New park project complete

November 13, 2025

Construction is complete and the McPhee Meadows Park is now open to the public, following a celebration event on October 23, 2025.

The City of Courtenay and project contractors extend thanks to everyone in the adjacent Old Orchard neighbourhood for patience during construction this summer and fall.

Park improvements

Construction during the 13-week work schedule included:

- Connecting the sidewalk at 3rd Street and Harmston Ave.
- Resurfacing the existing access path and adding a split-rail fence.
- Creating a gravel loop path around the meadows, with culverts at low points.
- Replacing the orchard fence.
- Removing invasive plants and planting 4,300 m² of native species along the river's edge.

The late Robert McPhee donated the property to the City of Courtenay and the Nature Trust of BC through Canada's Ecological Gifts Program. His gift guarantees the site will be protected as a public wetland park.

Key contact information

Now that construction is complete, the following resources are available to answer questions or address issues, on the following topics. To connect with someone about:

- Service for signage, trees, plants, and natural features, visit courtenay.ca/service or operations@courtenay.ca.
- Paths, fences, or new construction, contact: engineering@courtenay.ca.
- Activities of concern in the park, parking or bylaw issues, visit courtenay.ca/bylaw.

For more information on the park itself, visit courtenay.ca/mcphee-meadows.



Representatives of Courtenay Council, the McPhee family and the Nature Trust of B.C. celebrated the park opening Oct. 23.