

Extreme Heat Cooling Spaces and Bottled Water in the Regional District of Nanaimo

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COOLING SPACES ON GABRIOLA ISLAND

Gabriola Museum - 505 South Road, Gabriola Island

- Open Tuesday to Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The main building is open to anybody who needs to cool down and wants to learn about the history of Gabriola Island
- Water is available upon request

Gabriola Public Library - #5 – 575 North Road, Gabriola Island

- Open Tuesday to Thursday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Walkthrough browsing is available, however there is no sit-down service allowed
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for branch information

Gabriola Senior's Centre (Gabriola Rollo) - 685 North Road, Gabriola Island

- Open during regularly scheduled events. See events calendar for details: gabriolaseniorscentre.com/activities
- Non-member Drop-in \$5, Member Drop-in \$2

COOLING SPACES AROUND NANAIMO

City of Nanaimo

- Visit the City's website at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/> for updates.

Snuneymuxw First Nation

- Snuneymuxw Cooling Centre will be open to members.
- Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SnuneymuxwFirstNation> for details.

Nanaimo Harbour Front Public Library – 90 Commercial St, Nanaimo

- Walkthrough and sit-down service is available
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for branch information and hours.

Nanaimo North Public Library – 6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

- Walkthrough browsing only available, however there is no sit-down service allowed.
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for branch information

Nanaimo Wellington Public Library – 3200, N Island Highway

- Walkthrough browsing is available, however there is no sit-down service allowed.
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for branch information

Cineplex - Galaxy Movie Theatre – 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo

- Open during regular hours, for movie times go to: [cineplex.com/Theatre/galaxy-cinemas-nanaimo?utm_medium=gmb&utm_source=google](https://www.cineplex.com/Theatre/galaxy-cinemas-nanaimo?utm_medium=gmb&utm_source=google)

Landmark Cinemas - 6631 N Island Hwy, Nanaimo

- Open during regular hours, for movie times go to: [landmarkcinemas.com/showtimes/nanaimo](https://www.landmarkcinemas.com/showtimes/nanaimo)

Woodgrove Centre Mall - 6631 Island Hwy, Nanaimo

- Open Monday to Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit <https://www.woodgrovecentre.com/> for shopping centre details.

Nanaimo North Town Centre Mall – 4750 Rutherford Rd., Nanaimo

- Open Sunday and Monday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday to Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Visit <https://nanaimonorth.com/> for shopping centre details.

Country Club Centre Mall – 3200 North Island Hwy, Nanaimo

- Open Monday to Thursday and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit <https://www.countryclubcentre.com/> for shopping centre details.

COOLING SPACES IN OCEANSIDE

Oceanside Place – 830 Island Hwy, Parksville

- The Regional District of Nanaimo’s Oceanside Place is open to the public who need relief from the high temperatures during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. The facility will also be open outside of regular hours on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- If the Environment Canada heat warning is extended to Sunday, August 1, the facility will again be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Public access is available in the arena lobby where residents and visitors are welcome to have a seat as well as use the water bottle fill station and public washrooms. Refillable water bottles are recommended as the water fountains remain unavailable in accordance with COVID safety protocols and there is a limited supply of bottled water onsite.

Qualicum Beach Public Library – 101- 660 Primrose St, Qualicum Beach

- Walkthrough browsing is available, however there is no sit-down service allowed
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for updated branch information

Parksville Public Library – 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville

- Walkthrough browsing is available, however there is no sit-down service allowed
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for updated branch information

Bowser Public Library – 6996 W Island Highway, Bowser

- Walkthrough and sit-down service is available.
- Visit <https://virl.bc.ca/my-library/find-a-branch/list-view/> for updated branch information

BOTTLED WATER

- The RDN has partnered with the Mount Arrowsmith Salvation Army to distribute bottled water at the soup kitchen located at 187 Alberni Hwy, Parksville and at the food bank located at 886 Wembley Road
- Oceanside Place limited supply of bottled water on site. Refill station available for anyone with their own bottle
- RDN Transit Road Support Agents also have bottled water in their operation vehicles and will offer water to anyone in need in the transit system