



COWICHAN BAY/GLENORA/SAHTLAM

British Columbia

Region Profile



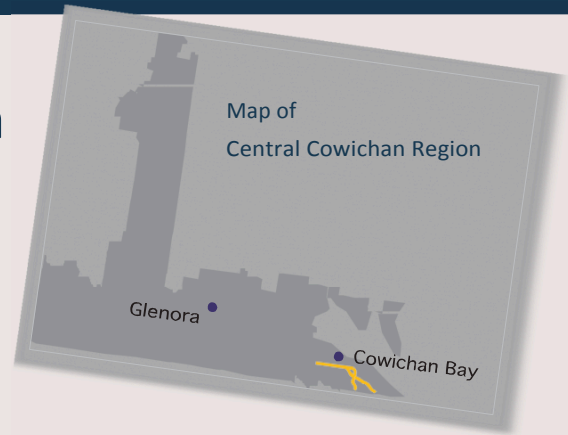


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**Location:** Southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia

**Key industries:** Agriculture, tourism, services

**Population:** 7,364 (Statistics Canada 2016)



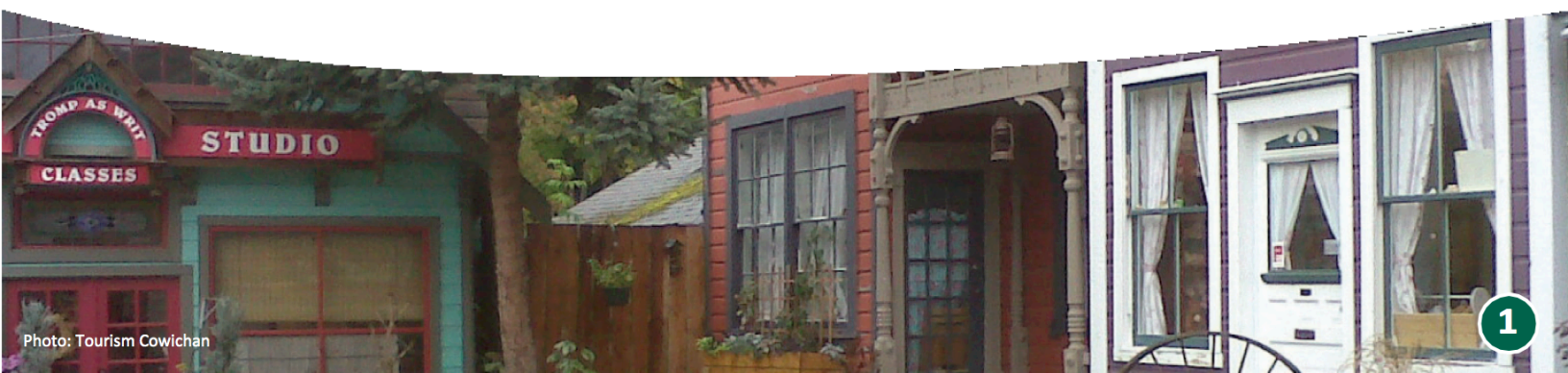
## INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

This area was once primarily rural, but is now becoming more urban and experiencing significant commercial, residential and industrial growth. It's a special kind of development, emphasizing a sense of place and choosing local, neighbourly and sustainable businesses over generic and industrialized companies.

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are an investor, take a look at our region. Sectors to consider:

- **Retail/Service** — Opportunities exist to provide more goods, services and amenities within the local community. Cowichan Bay has been designated as North America's first Cittaslow community, recognizing the importance of independent local businesses.
- **Tourism** — The unique character and seaside setting of the area creates an ideal environment for tourism, including agri-tourism, marine eco-tourism and heritage tourism.
- **Viniculture/wineries** — The area has high-quality agricultural land and a warm climate. There's room to enter this growing sector.
- **Light industrial** — Value-added wood products manufacturing, food processing and cold (food) storage.
- **Film** — Cowichan Bay has been recognized as an excellent location for feature films.



### UNIQUE REGION

At the heart of the region, Cowichan Bay is a delightful seaside village, home to boating enthusiasts, artisans and an eclectic mix of locals, some dwelling in floating residences. Relaxed vibes, waterfront charm and tasty, locally produced eats are hallmarks of shops and restaurants here. There's room for additional residential and commercial growth that supports community vitality and environmental objectives.

### COWICHAN TRIBES

With over 4,600 members, the Cowichan Tribes are the largest single First Nation Band in British Columbia with a large population under the age of 35.

The Cowichan Tribes are a large regional employer and are actively involved in projects with business and industry. Ventures include commercial leasing, silviculture, firefighting and cultural tourism. They are open to new investment enquiries.

### GOVERNMENT/ COMMUNITY PLANNING



The Cowichan Valley Regional District governs the region of Cowichan Bay (Area D) and Cowichan Station/Saltham/Glenora (Area E). Directors are elected every four years.

### LIVING IN THE REGION

Today, Cowichan Bay/Glenora/Sahtlam remains largely agricultural-based. Residents are passionate about preserving the region's historical roots. They embrace the many recreational and cultural offerings available and proudly promote the sustainability of a rural lifestyle. The region is home to a host of artists, craftspeople, cottage industries and farms, including award-winning local wineries.

#### HEALTHCARE

The region has access to a quality healthcare system, anchored by the Cowichan District Regional Hospital. In nearby Duncan and Cobble Hill, residents can seek treatment from a wide selection of general practice physicians, chiropractors, physiotherapists, optometrists and other health professionals.

#### EDUCATION

The region provides high-quality education options locally or in nearby Duncan. Bench Elementary in Cowichan Bay welcomes children from kindergarten through Grade 6. Duncan has a wealth of public and private schools; many parents locate to the region to take advantage of the high-quality education available.

For post-secondary students and businesses, Vancouver Island University, located in Duncan, and Camosun College in Victoria can meet a variety of training and educational needs.

The Cowichan branch of the [Vancouver Island Regional Library](#) is located in Duncan. It has free Internet and offers programs for children and adults.





### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The region is an ideal place to relax. You can play with your children in a park by the sea or just enjoy the peace and quiet.

The Cowichan Bay Regatta and the Wooden Boat Society's Boat Festival provide summer fun.

Rise early in the morning and wander out along the paths in the Cowichan Bay Estuary. Join birdwatchers who visit the Estuary to view more than 200 species. Or, wander through large forest reserves that are crisscrossed with hiking and mountain-biking trails.

You can try out ocean fishing, go whale watching, or, get active with golfing or kayaking. Or perhaps you prefer a game at the South Cowichan Tennis Club, the second-oldest lawn tennis club in the world.

### TRANSPORTATION

- **Road:** The Trans-Canada Highway connects the region to Victoria, Nanaimo and beyond. Cowichan Bay is about an hour's drive north of Victoria and an hour south of Nanaimo.
- **Bus services:** Access to intercity buses is via Duncan. Public transit is available to Cowichan Bay and throughout the region.
- **Air service:** Passenger flights and freight service are available from Nanaimo Airport (50 km) or Victoria International Airport (60 km). Float planes can be chartered into Cowichan Bay from Vancouver or Seattle.
- **Ferry:** Regular ferry service to the mainland and USA is available from Nanaimo and Victoria.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in enjoying life on the coast, consider Cowichan Bay/Glenora/Sahtlam. It is clean, safe and beautiful, with friendly people and a growing, sustainable economy.

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