

# Protected Lands of Denman Island

## Danes Creek North and South Conservation Covenant Areas

**No Public Access**  
Total Combined Size: 18 hectares (44.5 acres)  
Private landowners; Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2010.  
These Covenant Areas protect the Danes Creek headwater wetlands which include sections of Rhododendron wetland, rare on Denman Island. These wetlands, drained by numerous waterways via abundant estuary ecosystems at Henry Bay to the north and Fillingley Park to the southeast, are home to active beavers, amphibians, migratory waterfowl and myriad other flora and fauna species.



## Railway Grade Marsh Covenant Area

Size: 31.5 hectares (77.6 acres)  
Owned by BC Parks since 2010; Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2006.  
This Covenant Area encompasses two extensive marsh wetland ecosystems connected by an overland stream, as well as the only sphagnum bog on Denman Island. Rare Dun skipper and Taylor's checkered butterflies, as well as a large diversity of breeding and migratory birds, are regularly observed here.



## Winter Wren Wood

Size: 2.5 hectares (6.2 acres)  
Acquired by DCA in November, 2000; Conservation Covenant held by Islands Trust Fund since 1992.  
A key stand of Coastal Douglas-fir forest and small wetlands, WWV is at the nexus of other protected lands, adjoining Denman Island Provincial Park just south of Chickadee Lake, and is connected by trails to DCA's Settlement Lands. WWV, though small, is representative of high biodiversity due to its marsh-aquatic-forest ecotone.



## Inner Island Nature Reserve

Total size: 9.4 hectares (23.2 acres)  
Purchased by Denman Conservancy Association and donated to Islands Trust Fund in 1992; Conservation Covenant held by Nature Conservancy of Canada since 1995.  
Two separate parcels located in the northern interior of the island, just south of Chickadee Lake. The parcels are separated by a relatively long and narrow wetland created by beaver activity, and characterised by mature second growth Coastal Douglas-fir forest with scattered veteran old growth trees and snags.

## Denman Island Chocolate Covenant Area

**No Public Access**  
Size: 1.7 hectares (4.2 acres)  
Private landowner; Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2007.  
The Covenant Area includes the crest of a bluff with rocky outcrops, and is characterised by the rare and endangered (red-listed) Douglas fir-arbutus ecological community and the blue-listed Coastal Wood Fern (*Dryopteris arguta*).

## Valens Brook Nature Reserve

**No Public Access**  
Size: 3.66 hectares (9 acres)  
Donated to Islands Trust Fund in 2012.  
This Nature Reserve contains a stretch of mature riparian forest and part of Valens Brook, one of just two known salmon-spawning streams on Denman Island.

## Komas Bluff Conservation Covenant Area

**No Public Access**  
Size: 41 hectares (101 acres)  
Private landowners; Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2005.  
This Covenant Area protects highly significant features including the 100m high Quadra Sands Komas Bluff; mature and old-growth stands of Coastal Douglas-fir forest; habitat for a diversity of mammals, migratory and other birds and waterfowl; abundant inter-tidal and sub-tidal ecosystems, and; 18,000-year-old fossilized remnants.



## Settlement Lands

Size: 63.3 hectares (156.3 acres)  
Acquired by Denman Conservancy Association through a legal settlement in 2006. Conservation Covenant held by Islands Trust Fund.  
Bordering on the Inner Island Nature Reserve to the south, the Settlement Lands encompass the two northern arms of one of the island's principal fresh water catchment areas; rich wetlands with varied water depths, sedge marshes and surrounded by a recovering Douglas-fir forest with some veteran trees, it provides valuable habitat for a diversity of wildlife.



## Central Park

Size: 59 hectares (147 acres)  
Acquired by DCA in 2006.  
The property was logged in 2000 but is regenerating. Central Park hosts two long wetlands where buffers of trees were retained despite the logging. The park is a central link the DCA's proposed Protected Areas Network, and provides excellent opportunities for walking and nature-viewing for many islanders.



## Denman Island Natural Burial Cemetery Covenant Area

Size: 1.08 hectares (2.6 acres)  
Donated to Denman Island Memorial Society by DCA in 2013 with a Conservation Covenant registered on property title the same year.  
Now home to Canada's first Natural Burial Cemetery, the property, once part of DCA's Central Park, is characterised by regenerating forest after logging. Despite its small size, it boasts a variety of unique features including a stand of mature western red cedar and many massive heritage stumps that still remain from early old-growth logging.



## Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve

Size: 60.3 hectares (148.8 acres)  
Acquired by Islands Trust Fund in July 2001, through purchase and transfer by BC Government, with a significant contribution from DCA. Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2008.  
This is a complex property of mature and old Coastal Douglas-fir forest remnants, sedge wetlands, and contains diverse flora, fauna and fungi across a wide array of different ecological communities. A major creek runs through the property and drains into Lambert Channel along the Reserve's 0.5 km section of shoreline. The property also allows access, via trails in its western portion, to Graham Lake.



## Morrison Marsh Nature Reserve

Size: 51.73 hectares (127.77 acres)  
Donated to Islands Trust Fund in 2005; Conservation Covenant held by DCA since 2007.  
Characterized by third growth Douglas-fir forest and the headwaters of Denman Island's largest freshwater marsh.



## Legend

- Denman Conservancy Association Lands
- Islands Trust Fund Lands
- Other Public Access Conservation Covenanted Lands
- Provincial Parks
- Regional District Parks
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Private Conservation Covenanted Lands
- Wetland Border
- Stream
- Road
- Information Kiosk and Trailhead
- Trail Access



Baynes Sound

Lambert Channel

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