

Sight Seeing opportunities while at Women's Arboriculture Conference

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1. VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver

An amazing garden where you can spend many hours perusing the areas and learning about trees. My students favourite field trip is this one! Entry fees apply <http://vandusengarden.org/>

2. Riverview Hospital Arboretum, Coquitlam

Perhaps a bit more wild, but an amazing place. This is what used to be a psychiatric hospital, that now has been closed. The grounds are on public property and thus anyone is free to visit at their leisure. The arboretum is all throughout the campus and features over 1800 trees. Many of them are ornamental trees to BC that are mature, thus a great place for an arborist to see such trees. I believe the larger trees are as old as the hospital buildings, therefore about 80-90 years old. The website below shows some maps, as well as the 2005 tree inventory.

Free http://www.rhcs.org/tours_events.html

3. Nature Center, Surrey

The birth place of silviculture in BC features amazing native forests as well as an arboretum of exotic species. Also one of my students favourite field trips. Free

<http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2311.aspx>

4. Redwood Park, Surrey

A once private property, now owned by the City, that was logged and then replanted with exotic species. Very nice trails to walk around and admire the trees. Free

<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2296.aspx>

5. Bear Creek Park, Surrey

This is a City owned Park featuring beautiful gardens and trees, both native and exotic. Free

<http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/2083.aspx>

6. Queen Elizabeth Park, Vancouver

Vancouver's horticultural jewel, amazing gardens and trees all around, and a Conservatory with lush exotic plants. Free admission for outdoor sites, fee applies for the Bloedel conservatory.

<http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/queen-elizabeth-park.aspx>