



Celebrating Accessibility - Vancouver Aquarium, an Ocean Wise Initiative

Join us on **Saturday, December 02nd, 2017** as we celebrate accessibility at the Vancouver Aquarium, an Ocean Wise Initiative. We will be open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

One of our main goals at the Vancouver Aquarium is to allow visitors to experience and enjoy the wonders of aquatic life to their fullest potential and this day will do just that.

As part of our commitment to accessibility, guests with disabilities can take advantage of the following services and amenities everyday:

- Our accessibility rate is 50% off the general admission rate or a free attendant when paying full admission price. Our general admission rate is \$39. for adults, \$30. for seniors, youth and students and \$22. for children 4-12 years old. Children under 4 come in for free.
- Accredited Service dogs are allowed in our galleries.
* **Please note:** For the health and safety of the dogs as well as our animals, guide dogs are not allowed in our Amazon Free Flight Gallery.
- Wheelchairs and walkers are available for loan on a first-come, first-served basis with a piece of ID or credit card
- Adult change table
- Nursing & Quiet room

We will celebrate accessibility with the following program additions:

- Guided Tours offered for the Wet Lab experience from 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm, so visitors can experience our aquatic world through touch. Don't forget to register for this tour at the Guest Services desk upon arrival as space is limited. Each tour is approximately 30 minutes in duration.
- Extra volunteers will be onsite to interact with guests and showcase a variety of tactile props in the galleries.
- American Sign Language interpreters will be in galleries and at selected shows.
- Canuck Autism Network, interactive that is engaging, fun for all ages.
- Meet the Pacific Assistance Dog Society (PADS) team who breeds, raises and trains fully certified dogs. You may see a puppy in training!
- In time for the holidays with a visit with Scuba Claus. Watch the jolly old man in the red suit (and black flippers) swim with the fish in the Wild Coast and Strait of Georgia exhibits.
- Visit our changing exhibit Discover Rays touch pool, roll up your sleeve and come have a unique, hands-on encounter with a cownose and southern stingrays.



- Our 4D Theatre offers a magical experience, it means you will not only watch Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on his epic adventure, you will feel it. You'll feel the snow against your face and a rumble in your chair as the Abominable Snow Monster appears.
 - 4D-Theatre includes wheelchair spaces, closed-captioning and assistive listening devices.

Getting to the Vancouver Aquarium

Taxi drop off – The Vancouver Aquarium taxi drop off is located right at our main admissions plaza, in front of the Bill Reid statue and water fountain. Accessibility Volunteers will be posted at our admission plaza to assist visitors as needed.

Car/Handydart drop off – There are two designated 10-minute drop off parking spots as well as handicap paid parking spots next to our admissions. Volunteers will be posted at our admission plaza to assist visitors as needed.

Public Transportation – For your convenience, the #19 Bus to Stanley Park will bring you within a five-minute walk to the Vancouver Aquarium. The most common routes are:

- Take the #19 Bus to Stanley Park, which runs along West Pender Street
- Take the Skytrain to Burrard Station and connect to the #19 bus on West Pender at Burrard Street
- Take the Canada Line or the Seabus to Waterfront and connect to the #19 bus on West Pender

The Vancouver Aquarium bus stop is located close to the terminus stop of the #19-Stanley Park route. Volunteers will be posted at the bus loop ready to assist visitors as needed.

More information

If you would like more information about Access Day at the Vancouver Aquarium, please contact us by phone at 604-659-3400 or by email at visitorexperience@ocean.org

We look forward to your visit.