

# THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Point Atkinson lighthouse  
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## Lighthouse Park is worth a visit 📖

### The lighthouse

Point Atkinson lighthouse is a national historical site. It was built 130 years ago.

The lighthouse overlooks Burrard Inlet. It protected ships on the Strait of Georgia.

The federal government of Canada owns the lighthouse. They want to sell the lighthouse.

The community loves the Point Atkinson lighthouse. They want to keep it for community use.

Lighthouse Park surrounds the lighthouse. The park is one of the most beautiful parks in the Vancouver area.

### Lighthouse Park

Lighthouse Park is very popular. It is natural and rugged. There are beautiful views of Burrard Inlet. The park is a wilderness park with cliffs, steep terrain and dense forest.



Point Atkinson Lighthouse sits on a rock.  
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One of the last old growth forests in Vancouver grows around the Atkinson Lighthouse. These old trees were left standing to help sailors see the light from the lighthouse. The trees make a dark background for the light.

Some of these ancient trees are over 200 feet (61metres) tall. They are around 500 years old.

The park has a network of hiking trails. People can get good views of the lighthouse by hiking the Valley Trail through Lighthouse Park. You cannot get into the lighthouse.

**The park is worth a visit.**

Take your family for a walk and a picnic on a dry, sunny day. The best views come with the blue skies.

Visitors should wear good walking shoes. Some of the trails are rough. They can be slippery. The park gets more than 50 inches (1,300 mm) of rain each year.

Adapted from *The Vancouver Sun*



The lighthouse is a tall, red and white building.  
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**Answer key for exercise on page 3:**

- 1) 1.98 metres
- 2) 61metres or 200 feet
- 3) 22.97 feet
- 4) .91 metres
- 5) 18.28 metres

**Links**

Go to *The Westcoast Reader* website for links to more information and videos.

[www.thewestcoastreader.com](http://www.thewestcoastreader.com)






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# How tall is that?

Can you figure out the heights of these things?

Canadians use both feet and metres when they talk about height. 1 metre = 3.28 feet

Write your answer on the blank line.

<p>1. </p>	<p>This basketball player is about ____ metres tall.</p> <p>He is about 6 feet 6 inches tall.</p>
<p>2. </p>	<p>An old tree at Lighthouse Park is about ____ metres tall.</p> <p>It is about _____ feet tall.</p> <p>Hint: Look back in the article.</p>
<p>3. </p>	<p>This two-story apartment building is about 7 metres high.</p> <p>It is about _____ feet high.</p>
<p>4. </p>	<p>The fence is about _____ metres high.</p> <p>It is about 3 feet high.</p>
<p>5. </p>	<p>The Lighthouse is _____ metres tall.</p> <p>It is 60 feet tall.</p>