

# Clayton Falls

Clayton Falls is just one of many falls cascading down the granite cliffs that surround the Valley. Depending on the season and weather the falls can appear ferocious as it fans out, hiding the worn smooth rock faces, or soothing with its trickles between the ancient faces, thus the reason for the Nuxalk name "Thousand Faces".



## Finding the trail head

Located near the wharf these falls are accessible by regular two wheel drive vehicles. The hike is a gentle 5 minute stroll. Follow the gravel road approximately 1.3mi/2km past the ferry landing then take the bottom fork of the "Y". Parking is available beside the BC Hydro hydro-electrical generating plant. A sign on the east side of the fence points around to behind the plant showing the path. There's a platform for viewing the impressive waterfall.

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## What's there

When visiting in late summer, August to October, visitors will see the wild Pacific Salmon at the base of the falls with a few trying to climb it to the top. Pack a lunch and stay a bit longer. The recreational site across from the hydro plant has picnic tables and washrooms are available. There's a good chance of seeing seals frolicking in the waves at the mouth of the outlet while waiting for their next salmon meal.



*Photo courtesy BCVT/Michael Wigle*

This particular falls is more than just a beautiful spot for sightseeing. In 1962 the Generation Station was built to reduce the demand on the diesel-fueled generating station that had been established in 1955. Today, augmented by the diesel generating station, the Clayton Falls Hydroelectric Generating Station supplies most of the demand for power that is needed for the Valley.



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## Be Safe

While visiting, please follow the signs and stay within the boundaries that have been set up. Swimming near the falls or in the canyon is prohibited. There is a deadly undercurrent in this area and many people have drowned here.

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