



City of Maple Ridge

Fact Sheet | Lifestyle

A Remarkable Place to Live, Work and Play Close to Nature

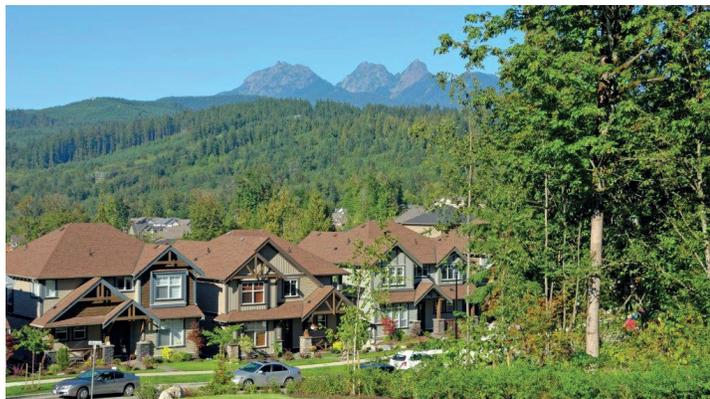
Maple Ridge is known for its natural beauty, mild climate, and high-quality lifestyle. It offers an outstanding quality of life, at an affordable price.

We're a family-oriented community with magnificent parks, a vibrant local economy and affordable real estate. Not only is Maple Ridge one of the fastest growing regions in Metro Vancouver, our residents have an average family income of over \$93,000 (in 2011), 5% higher than in Metro Vancouver.

High quality of life

Located approximately 45 kilometers east of Vancouver, and nestled between the Fraser River and the Coastal Mountains, Maple Ridge is minutes from an abundance of outdoor recreational activities including hiking, swimming, biking, boating, fishing and golfing.

Maple Ridge residents have access to three major lakes, provincial parks, 12,000 hectares of agricultural land, and over 200 kilometers of multi-use trails within the city's boundaries. Young families in particular, are drawn to the combination of affordable real estate and the healthy, active lifestyle that Maple Ridge offers.



Affordable for families

Maple Ridge has the most affordable residential real estate in Metro Vancouver and a young fast-growing population.

Metro Vancouver Benchmark (detached Single Family Housing Price Index (SF HPI))*	\$1,305,600
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Maple Ridge Benchmark (detached SF HPI)*	\$578,400
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Vancouver Avg. 2 Bedroom Rental/Month**	\$1,368
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Maple Ridge Avg. 2 Bedroom Rental/Month**	\$864
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Source: *REBGV, Feb 2016 **CMHC, Oct 2015



Urban meets rural in Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge residents enjoy a natural setting and are passionate about preserving agricultural land and the natural environment. We protect our rivers, wetlands, and wilderness areas through environmentally-sensitive development guidelines and by limiting growth to within the urban containment boundary.

Maple Ridge has seen recent major transportation infrastructure improvements via the new Golden Ears, Pitt River and Port Mann bridges and the South Fraser Perimeter Road, which have greatly improved access to both Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and the USA.

Sustainable economic growth

Maple Ridge is committed to becoming one of the most sustainable communities in the world, including environmental, social and economic sustainability. Specifically, Council is planning to achieve this by:

- Creating local, high value jobs so that residents will not need to commute outside the community for work.
- Attracting a multi-institutional post-secondary school to support the educational needs of local residents and businesses.
- Planning fiber-optic installation to coincide with new infrastructure construction, encouraging telecommuting/mobile work options.
- Developing the Town Centre by encouraging residential and commercial growth in the Town Centre, creating a walkable urban core.

Maple Ridge: travel times by car to the surrounding region

