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Canada Day in Metro Vancouver

Dig out the face paint and flags for these high-spirited events

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METRO VANCOUVER - Grab a Canadian flag, or paint your face to look like one, and head out to Canada Day celebrations happening Tuesday all around the Lower Mainland.

Canada Day At Canada Place Celebrate Canada's birthday with music by 54-40, Destino Tenors and Dal Richards, an extreme air show by Canadian Forces, free samples of traditional maple taffy, and kids' interactive zone. Canada Place, 999 Canada Pl., 10 am-7 pm, free, canadaday.canadaplace.ca.

Canada Day Fireworks Two-barge pyrotechnic show with ticketed viewing at Canada Place. West Vancouver barge will be located off Dunderave in West Vancouver; second barge located in Coal Harbour, July 1, free (except seats at Canada Place, \$10/5), canadadayfireworks.ca.

Canada Day on Robson Mainstage features funk band Soulstream and Brazilian music and dance ensemble Ache Brasil, with street performers and family-friendly activities, showgirls and giveaways. Robson, betw. Burrard and Jervis, July 1, 12-6 pm, free, 604-669-8132.

Granville Island Celebrates Canada Day Festivities kick off with the Truly Canadian Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 am, followed by Canada Day parade, featuring the Carnival Band and stilt dancers, 1:30 pm, Official Canada Day Ceremony with cake, 2 pm; free jazz concerts presented by TD Canada Trust Vancouver International Jazz Festival; False Creek Ferries Ballet; craft demonstrations and more. Granville Island, July 1, granvilleisland.com.

Crab Park Canada Day Festival Features music on the beach by Blackberry Wood, Stingin' Hornets and Top Drawers. Crab Park, foot of Main, free, 1-4 pm, myspace.com/bandcover.

North Shore Parade Begins with pancake breakfast, 8 am at Grand Boulevard Park at 14th Street with proceeds going to a local charity. Parade begin 10 am, proceeds to Lonsdale, and ends at Mahon Park; northshoreparade.org

North Vancouver Canada Day Celebration Highlights include music and dance performances, roaming entertainers, craft activities and food, including French cuisine. Waterfront Park, 200-block of W. Esplanade, N Van, 12:30-4:30 pm, free, 604-983-6575.

Capilano Suspension Bridge Celebrates Canada Day Features free cake, flags, children's activities and two-for-one admission for B.C. residents. Capilano Suspension Bridge, 3735 Capilano, N Van, 11 am-4 pm; cake cutting, 2 pm, 604-985-7474.



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Canada Day festivities on Granville Island. Nisga'a artist Randy Tait chose a half flag, half killer whale design of his native clan as his tribute to Canada Day.

Canada Day in Surrey Vancouver bands Loverboy and the Payolas headline free concert, with children's performers, BMX bike demos, and midway featuring tot-friendly rides -- all ending with a bang: fireworks show simulcast on Rock 101. Cloverdale Millennium Amphitheatre, Surrey, 10 am-11 pm, canadaday.surrey.ca.

Steveston Salmon Festival Some 75,000 people attend this fest, which kicks off with a parade, 10 am, followed by opening ceremonies 12:30 pm, entertainment, Japanese Cultural Show, craft fair, children's festival, martial arts demonstrations, food fair, and the famous salmon barbecue where 1,200 pounds of wild salmon filets are grilled over open fire pits. Steveston Village, Richmond, free, stevestonsalmonfest.ca.

A Royal Canada Day Festivities include on-stage and roving entertainment, games and activities, a barbecue and Canada Day ceremonies. Queens Park, New Westminster, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm, with fireworks at 10:15 pm at the New Westminster Quay.

Canada Day Club Crawl Molson Canadian-sponsored, four-club VIP experience, with bus transportation. Starts at the Roxy, 932 Granville (at which point multiple buses go on different routes to different clubs), 7 pm-2 am pm, \$30, clubzone.com/events/event91466.html.

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