

MT. SEYMOUR Park kicked off the winter season with its 50th birthday party Saturday. More than 2,000 people joined the party where a large cake was cut, and barbecued salmon and burgers sold for 99 cents. These cooks get into the festive mood, wearing moose hats while flipping salmon and burgers on the grill.

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Mt. Seymour celebrates

WILDERNESS ENTHUSIASTS and others who enjoy the outdoors are invited to a birthday party.

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North Vancouver's Mt. Seymour provincial park will be 50 years old this month, and to celebrate, Parks B.C. is putting on a birthday bash Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to dusk.

Party goers can expect a host of birthday goodies including displays, guided walks and a barbecue with hamburgers and salmon, says Gail Ross, visitor services coordinator for Parks B.C.

"There will be both a historical walk as well as a nature walk," Ross says.

"They will be going by some of the old cabins and hearing about some of the events and things that have happened (in and around the park)," she says of the two-hour walk into the past. And all of them are low-key trails perfect for novice hikers. Ross stresses.

For the younger set, Jerry the Moose will be on hand. "He's great," says Ross. "He's eight feet tall. He's got his antlers and they're just getting shined up."

The best time to see Jerry is between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the cafeteria.

And when the fresh mountain air builds up the appetite, hungry hikers can feast on bearburgers and salmon — all at 1936 prices.

"Back then hamburgers used to be called bearburgers," she says. "We'll be having bearburgers and salmon for 99 cents and blueberry pie for 25 cents."

Dessert has not been forgotten — there will be birthday cake to cap the celebrations. "We're going to be making it big enough so that everybody should get a piece," she assures.

Ross admits that attendence will, as always, depend on the weather. "But we are going ahead rain or shine," she says.

"We're hoping for lots of folks to come up."