

# History

Originally, Mount Washington was a day use ski area offering two double chairlifts, no phones and Vancouver Island's first indoor ski hill washrooms! This all began at the end of the 70's when disco reigned supreme and judging by the opening season staff photos, "clean-shaven" was not an option!

Over the last 30 years, the resort has grown into one the most popular year-round resorts in British Columbia. Over 25 million dollars has been reinvested into the mountain since the dawn of the new millennium. Everything from high-speed lifts and lodges to complete resort renovations has transformed this humble Island resort into a major player in the Canadian snow sports industry.

In recent years, Mount Washington has carried their winter success to the summer months as well. With summer sightseeing and mountain biking numbers growing exponentially each year, the summer season has become a major focus for the resort. It will be interesting to see how Mount Washington continues to grow and flourish over the next 30 years!



## Ski or Ride on an Island in the Pacific!

Mount Washington is in the enviable position of bordering scenic Strathcona Provincial Park to the west, and the deep blue waters of Georgia Strait to the east. The views of the Pacific Ocean from the top of the mountain are second to none. The resort's ideal location is also the reason for its epic annual snowfall.

Mount Washington averages 10.5 metres or 35 feet of snowfall every season. The last three winters each brought an average of 12 metres to the mountain's slopes. 12 metres is a lot of snow, but these totals aren't even close to the almost insurmountable record 18.5 metres that fell in the 1998-99 season!

Whether you're a snowboarder, or a skier of the tele, nordic or alpine variety, Mount Washington provides the flavour for all discerning tastes. Add an average ambient temperature of  $-2^{\circ}\text{C}$  and it's easy to see why Islanders want to keep this gem of a resort secret!

Mount Washington is a family-oriented resort with a fine selection of services including six restaurants, a snow school that offers instruction for all ages and abilities, and an Alpine Village with ski-in/ski-out accommodation for over 4000 people. If slope side accommodation is your style, the twin Bear and Deer Lodges are conveniently located in the middle of the action, right beside the Alpine Lodge.