



SMONEĆTEN

The new name for McDonald Campground

WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council and Gulf Islands National Park Reserve have collaborated to rename McDonald Campground to SMONEĆTEN. This new name in the local language, SENĆOŦEN, is in recognition of the area's cultural history and marks a step towards healing and moving forward.

Eric Pelkey, a WSÁNEĆ elder, explains that “the name SMONEĆTEN means place of pitch, where our people used to gather pitch when it ran from the Douglas Firs. Pitch was a prized commodity for its many uses, including fire starting, patching open wounds and sealing the canoes of our people.”



Pronunciation guide

SMONEĆTEN (smaw-nitch-tin)

WSÁNEĆ (wh-say-nich)

SENĆOŦEN (sen-chaw-thin)

Illustration of SMONEĆ by Doug LaFortune. SMONEĆ is the soft golden liquid that drips from fir trees.



Take the opportunity to learn more about W̱SÁNEĆ history and culture from the new kiosk signs and four beautiful hand-carved panels.

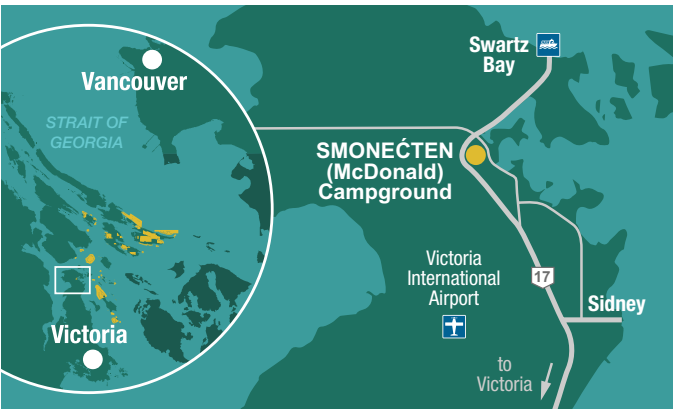
Carvings complete and ready for installation!

Come and visit SMONEĆTEN, near the Town of Sidney, British Columbia. Stroll through the dense lush forest or enjoy a weekend stay at the drive-in campground from May 15 to September 30.



SMONEĆTEN (McDonald) Campground, Sidney, BC

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