



1. **Activity:** Talking Trees Tour with Talaysay Tours – Stanley Park

Activity Description: Each plant, each tree has its own story. Explore Stanley Park, Beaver Lake, with a local First Nations guide-educator and learn about the land, through the stories and teachings of the local trees and plants that were harvested by First Nations people for food, technology and medicine. Indigenous societies had lived in Stanley Park for millennia, practicing sustainability living through an intimate practice and connection to the land. This program includes Coast Salish cultural stories and or songs.

- This program shares indigenous practices of living, via sustainable and selective harvesting,
- The Tree of Life – Cedar, it's sacred gifts: medicine, technology, shelter, clothing, transportation
- West Coast Temporal Rain Forest – an ultimate community network
- The Land is Us and We are the Land – land management techniques, the social practices. Selective burning, the various forms for practiced agriculture, transplanting, pruning
- Your class will learn about the maple tree, douglas fir tree, red alder tree, the western hemlock, and the many wild berries of this regions
- Plants as medicine, frog leaves, plantain, horsetail – the forest is our grocery story and pharmacy

General Meeting Location Address: Stanley Park, Bus Loop – accessed by Pipeline Road adjacent to the Stanley Park mini train. The tour starts and ends at the same site.

Guide/Ambassador to Student Ratio (1-24). We will assign a senior guide – Indigenous ambassador to your class. Trainees or assistant guides can accompany our tours.

Info Required: Teachers name(s): **Email(s):**

Teacher Phone Number(s):

Start Time: 9:30 or 10:00 am **End Time:** 11:00 am or 11:30 am. **Duration:** 90 minutes.

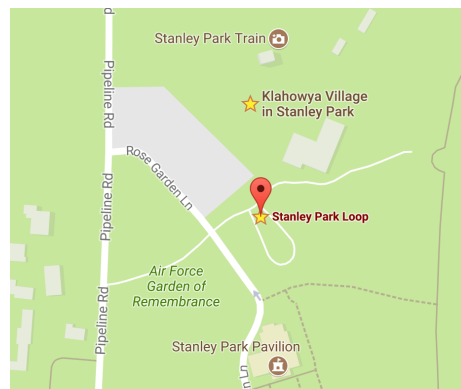
Or **Start Time:** 1 pm **End Time:** 2:30 pm

(Custom times can be arranged when booked well in advance.)

Meeting location: Meet in front of Bus Loop 2, Stanley Park (At the Interpretive Sign) Map. Your access our site via Pipeline Road by vehicle. Our location is the the same parking lot that is used for the mini train.

Map Link to the site: <https://goo.gl/maps/CuqbXfguX9H2> **Includes:** Coast Salish Cultural Ambassador Guide:

Map of our Meeting Location:



In planning your land based learning activity with your class, we invite all teachers to inform us of any curriculum connections you would like to meet in our tour program. Discussion of these curriculum goals require advanced planning.

Talaysay Team Bio: A bit about the Team

<https://www.talaysay.com/about/>

Candace Campo – Educational Bio

Candace, a trained teacher, is the owner/operator of a First Nations tour company Talaysay Tours, and has worked in a variety of areas in tourism, education, administration and research. Her eclectic work experience includes teaching secondary and elementary students she shashishalhem language, history, art and outdoor education. She has a background in administration, development and implementation of language curriculum, teaching language, First Nations, BC and Canadian history. Her other interests include strategic planning, facilitating corporate retreats and public speaking. Candace for the past 17 years, through her company Talaysay Tours, has designed and taught Indigenous land-based programs, cultural rediscovery and place based learning to public schools and private schools, and indigenous communities throughout the Vancouver and lower mainland.

Our school programs rates (based on 20 or more students):

1. Talking Trees Tour Program – Stanley Park - 1.5 hrs **\$15 per student**
2. Spoken Treasures Tour Program – Stanley Park – 1.5 hrs **\$15 per student**
3. Talking Trees Tour Program - Cleveland Park – North Van. 1.5 hrs or **\$15 per student**
4. Talking Trees and Salmon Tour Program – 3.0 hrs – Cleveland Park, North Shore 3.0 hrs **\$30 per student**
5. Custom locations with parks near your school can be accommodated. Any site over 20 km can include additional travel costs.

Talaysay School Calendar 2018: September to June. We do not operate in the month of November.

How to book our land based programs: We require a firm date, time and number of participants? Once this is completed your program will be confirmed as a scheduled tour. Talaysay Tours will email you a full itinerary and invoice in advance. Your advanced booking and confirmation allows us to schedule our most experienced guides – educators for your class. You can also book on-line. We will provide you a discount code to acquire your group student discount. The on-line booking system requires credit card payment.

Easy Book on-line: <https://www.aboriginalecotours.com>.

Talaysay Customer Service and policies:

Our tours and school programs proceed on rainy days. If weather is extreme with respect to severe rain or wind, we will contact you to re-schedule or cancel without cancellation penalty.

Medical: We ask the teachers to inform us in advance if there is any student or participants who requires an epi pen or if there are any participants with injuries or health matters that could affect their ability to experience our tour program in its full capacity.

Group Cancellation: 7 days or more are required for a refund; we will reimburse less a 20% administration fee.

