

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is truly a place of wonder and excitement for children to discover, not just where aircraft land and take-off. With the Canada Line train connecting YVR to downtown Vancouver and Richmond, the airport is more accessible for families than ever before. YVR is open 24/7 and welcomes visitors whether or not they are flying. All areas are wheelchair accessible, so bring the family for a day-trip to YVR and let imaginations soar.

#### Canada Line rapid transit



- Hop on the Canada Line to YVR-Airport station, a traffic-free journey. Just 25 minutes from downtown Vancouver and 18 minutes from central Richmond, it goes right to the airport.
- It's a fast, easy and inexpensive way for families to get to the airport and children love the train ride – there's a lot to see on the journey, see if you can spot the runway and some planes as you approach the airport.

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#### Cedar Connection by Susan A. Point, YVR-Airport Canada Line Station (domestic side)



- There's lots of interesting art to see at the airport. Look for this piece on the walkway into the domestic terminal from YVR-Airport Station.
- This 10' high red cedar Musqueam sculpture depicts an owl and a human face within an old tree stump.
- According to traditional Salish culture, the owl is the keeper of wisdom and a messenger within the story of life; the face represents Musqueam storyteller, Dominic Point.

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#### Green Wall, YVR-Airport Canada Line Station (international side)



- Walk from YVR-Airport Canada Line station across the bridge to the international terminal and look for the Green Wall – it is the largest living wall in North America at 17 metres high and 11 metres wide. With more than 27,000 individual plants, the wall is a giant living tapestry that acts as a self-sustaining landscape feature at YVR.

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#### Public Observation Area, Domestic Terminal, Level 4



- This is our prime community space at the airport. [The Observation Area](#) is a great place for children and adults to let imaginations soar. With huge windows looking out at the airfield, you can watch airplanes all day and night.
- Powerful telescopes at different heights allow you to see right into the flight deck of the planes as they go by. There's also model of YVR's Sea Island home that lights up the runways and terminal buildings.
- You can also test your knowledge of YVR at the touch-screen kiosks or watch videos about where your luggage goes after check-in, airport history and aviation related careers.

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#### Food Court, Domestic Terminal, Level 3



- Throughout the terminal there are dedicated areas for small children to play. One of the most popular areas is in the domestic terminal food court. Here children can play safely amongst a beach scene featuring four fun characters - a seagull in beach shorts, an eagle with newspaper and coffee, a loon sending a text message and a duck quacking on a cell phone.
- The friendly foursome are next to a lighthouse and play area with KidsTV network playing – enough to keep any small child entertained while parents have lunch and watch planes.

#### The Spirit of Haida Gwaii: The Jade Canoe by Bill Reid, International Terminal, Level 3



- Installed in 1996, this is the most famous piece in YVR's art collection; it is a bronze casting with a jade green patina.
- Sculpted by world-renowned Haida artist, Bill Reid, this fascinating collection of 13 characters in a canoe is where millions of visitors stop to take their photographs each year. How many of the characters can you find?
- A firm favorite is the mouse woman – so loved, the jade patina on her nose has been rubbed off.
- Look at the storyboard here to learn about each of the characters and check the back of the Canadian \$20 bill – recognize the picture?

#### Chester Johnson Park & 'Ksams Totems by Earl Muldoe and Walter Harris, outside International Arrivals, Level 2



- Chester Johnson Park is an outdoor space that is ideal for children to expend some energy.
- Nestled in the shadow of the Control Tower, the park features historic totem poles from northwest British Columbia, a small pond and a tree-lined pathway great for children to run, explore and play.

#### Iona Beach Regional Park and Flight Path Park, Sea Island, Richmond



- Take time to explore the natural environment of Sea Island, YVR's island home.
- Take Templeton street north to [Iona Beach regional park](#) where there are boardwalks and beach areas – don't forget your binoculars as there's lots of wildlife to look out for.
- Or, do some plane spotting-the ideal location is Flight Path Park just south of the airport. Located off Russ Baker Way, the park is at the eastern end of YVR's south runway. There is a replica runway layout and benches to relax and watch the planes as they come and go. See how many aircraft tails you can identify.
- Free parking is available at both sites.