

FACT SHEET

SEYMOUR FALLS DAM

Seymour Falls Dam, on the Seymour River, is located about 18 km north of Burrard Inlet. It is situated in a narrowing of the Seymour River valley and immediately upstream of the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve and Seymour River Fish Hatchery.

The dam is owned and operated by Metro Vancouver (Greater Vancouver Water District). The concrete portion of the dam is approximately 235 metres long and is approximately 30 metres high from its base. Adjacent to the west side of the concrete dam is a 225 metre long earthfill portion.

A viewpoint and trail near the dam are destinations for cyclists, hikers, and walkers who visit the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve throughout the year.

The dam was constructed between 1959 and 1961 at a cost of \$9.5 million. Metro Vancouver has undertaken upgrades to the dam over the years, including a \$44 million seismic upgrade between 2004 and 2007 (as part of Metro Vancouver's Seismic Upgrade Program).

The B.C. Dam Safety Regulation requires owners of major dams to ensure their dams will withstand an extreme earthquake or flood, and Metro Vancouver meets or exceeds these safety standards. In addition, Metro Vancouver carries out regular dam safety surveillance, testing, and reviews.

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Satellite image, Seymour Falls Dam area