

ROBINSON MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY COQUITLAM, BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA

Robinson Memorial Park Cemetery is located at 621 Robinson Street in Coquitlam. To get there take Austin to Blue Mountain north and at the end of the golf course (high trees) turn left (west) along Foster. Drive to the stop sign then turn left. The cemetery will be on your left. You may park in the cemetery in parking stalls or on the road or you may park on Robinson Street. There is one handicap parking stall up near the flags. There are 2 bathrooms located by the office. The park (and bathrooms) are open from 8 to 3 on weekdays. The gates might not be unlocked on weekends. The office is open from 0800 to 1400 on weekdays. If you are having trouble locating a gravesite go to the office and they will help you.



One Saturday each September is held a Candle Lighting Tribute ceremony honouring the veterans in the cemetery. All veteran grave markers are cleaned and marked with small white crosses. A tour of the cemetery may be offered the same day.

Section A is in the south end of the cemetery . The sections move north and go up to F by the columbarium. There are no signs but the division are fairly easy to see. As in most cemeteries the ground is uneven and at times very wet so wear good shoes. The north end consists of Cedar Garden and Hemlock Garden. Cedar Garden is near the road and has diagonal rows in the center and randomly placed markers around the edge. Hemlock Garden is behind the office and all markers are randomly located. For these two areas plot maps are supplied for the randomly located markers.

The columbarium sections are marked A, B and C. The new sections that run along the back (east) will be D. GG means a ground burial and GW means a wall burial.

This is a well kept cemetery. The flower beds are many and tidy. The two newer sections, Hemlock and Cedar, are parklike and are interesting to simply walk around and look at the variety of locations, markers and objects left at the site. Many of the markers in this area are free style stone or granite located in flowerbeds or in secluded areas. There are a number of benches with inscriptions and often the bench is associated with a nearby in ground marker but not necessarily so; the bench sometimes is the marker. Ashes could be buried, scattered or included in the marker.

The cemetery workers are friendly and knowledgeable about this cemetery. If you have difficulty finding a marker do ask. There is a water source at the hedge edge of between sections A and B and another tap up by the military panels (with flags).

The cemetery was established in 1935 and the first adult burial was not until 1937. The land was donated by the Robinson Family who had a house almost directly across from the main gates. The oldest known adult burial was Harold T. McGillvray who was buried in 1937 and there was probably a child burial the previous year but the grave is unmarked. At the top of sections B and C are some old growth trees, over 100 years old. These two sections are the original sections – B was primarily protestant and C Roman Catholic. Racing car driver, Greg Moore, is buried in Hemlock Garden and has a memorial bench. His racing number 99 was retired after his death.

Cedar Gardens rows were walked from the hedge to the office with row 1 being by the parking stalls and row 14 by the forested area. The edge area with randomly located markers runs along the eastern and northern edges. Don't forget the forested area as there are markers there too. Hemlock Gardens was walked starting from the northern end of the office, then up the edge to the eastern side, along that side then down and back along the lower (western) edge in a rough circle. All the A to F sections were walked row by row with row 1 at the top edge and the last row down by the hedge. The first marker recorded in each row was at the southern end. As ever the numbering of the markers in a row is just a guide as additional burials or removal of markers will change the numbering. There are plot maps for Cedar Gardens and Hemlock Gardens

In all the sections known burials without markers have been given a row number. This row number is as close as I could find. It is not an exact location. For exact locations please consult with the cemetery staff. If you are going to visit the cemetery and contact the cemetery staff in advance, the location can be marked for you. The office is in the cemetery.

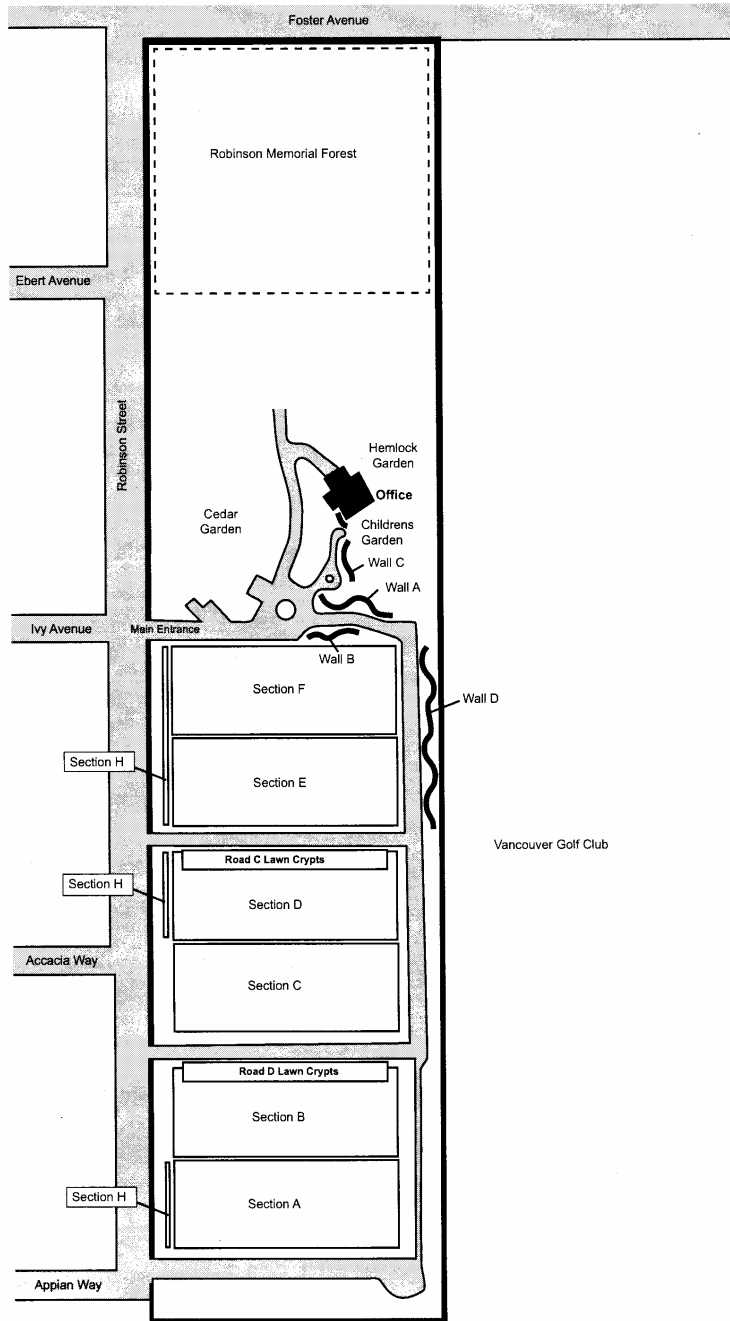
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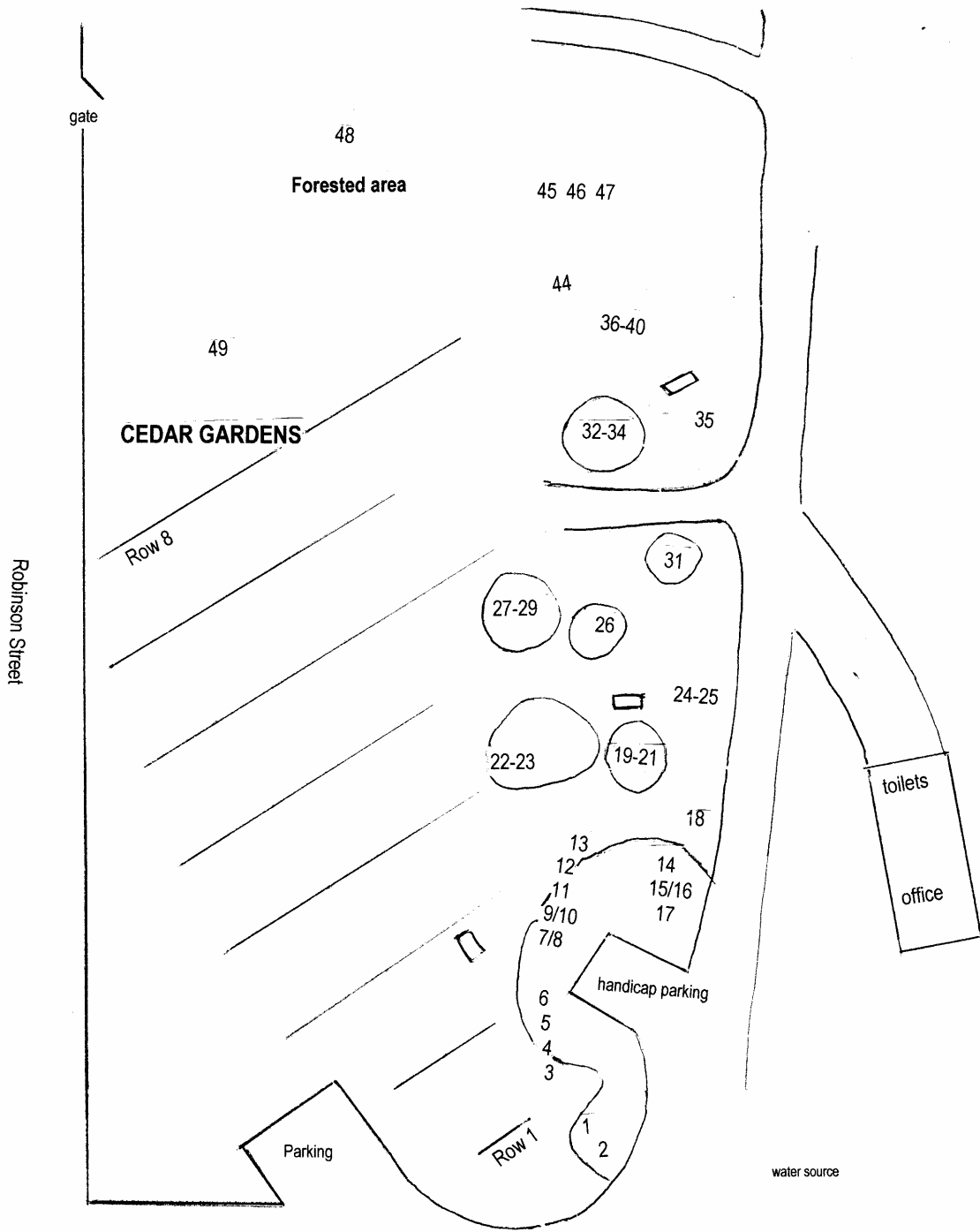


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