7. Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
8. Thornless Honey Locust, *Gleditsia triacanthos f. inermis*
9. Lombardy Poplar, *Populus nigra 'Italica'*
10. Black Cottonwood, *Populus trichocarpa*
11. London Plane, *Platanus x acerifolia*
12. Oriental Spruce, *Picea orientalis*
13. Austrian Pine, *Pinus nigra*
14. Mugo Pine, *Pinus mugo*
15. Scots Pine, *Pinus sylvestris*
16. Shore Pine, *Pinus contorta*
17. Cascara Buckthorn, *Rhamnus purshiana*
18. Irish Yew, *Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata'*
19. White Fir, *Abies concolor*
20. Western Hemlock, *Tsuga heterophylla*
21. Douglas Fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*
22. Thread-leaf Sawara Cypress, *Chamaecyparis pisifera*
23. Port Orford Cedar, Chamaecyparis lawsoniana
24. Northern White Cedar, Thuja occidentalis
25. Western Red Cedar, Thuja plicata
26. Cascara Buckthorn, Rhamnus purshiana
27. Pacific Willow, Salix lucida ssp. lasiandra
28. Scouler’s Willow, Salix scouleriana
29. Sitka Willow, Salix sitchensis
30. Paper Birch, Betula papyrifera
31. Red Alder, Alnus rubra
32. One-seed Hawthorn, Crataegus monogyna
33. Orchard Apple, Malus domestica
34. American Crabapple, Malus coronaria
35. Crabapple, Malus sp.
36. Littleleaf Linden, Tilia cordata
37. Bitter Cherry, Prunus emarginata
38. Wild Sweet Cherry, Prunus avium
39. Kwanzan Cherry, Prunus 'Kwanzan'
40. Cherry Plum, Prunus cerasifera
41. Copper Beech, Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea
42. Columnar Copper Beech, Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck Purple'
43. Saskatoon, Amelanchier alnifolia
44. Cornelian Cherry, Cornus mas
45. European Mountain Ash, Sorbus aucuparia
46. European Smoke Tree, Cotinus coggygria
47. European Hazel, Corylus avellana
48. Douglas Maple, Acer glabrum
49. Ginkgo, Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn gold'

Bloedel Donovan Park History

The park has been around since 1946, however the roots of the site go back to the early days of Bellingham Bay.

**1898** ~ J.H. Bloedel and J.J. Donovan along with Peter Larsen formed the Lake Whatcom Logging Company.

**July 1901** ~ The Larson Lumber Mill was established on Lake Whatcom and would become the largest all-rail shippers of Pacific Coast lumber products.

**1913** ~ The Lake Whatcom Logging Camp, Larson Lumber Mill and cargo mill on Dock St (Cornwall Ave) were merged together as the Bloedel Donovan Lumber Mills.

**September 1946** ~ Bloedel and his wife Mina donated $150,000 and a 12.5 acre tract on Lake Whatcom that was once part of the old Larson Lumber Mill property for use as a park and bathing beach.

**August 11, 1948** ~ The Park was dedicated on the 50th anniversary of the forming of Lake Whatcom Logging Company.

**March 1960** ~ With a donation from the Bloedel Foundation, Inc., the park was enlarged and the swimming area was improved.

**January 1962** ~ Funds from the Bloedel Foundation, Inc. were used to construct a permanent float and diving board. Other construction included the addition of a parking lot and boat launch.

**1980** ~ The community building was renovated and the caretaker’s residence was remodeled into a preschool building.

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Park is open from 6 AM to 10 PM daily.

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