

## Royal Oak Burial Park

Royal Oak Burial Park has been providing remembrance services to the Greater Victoria community since 1923. Royal Oak Burial Park was created in the early 1920s as a joint project by the councils of Victoria and Saanich. There was a pressing need for a new cemetery in Greater Victoria, and the former farmland next to East Saanich was seen as the perfect location for a permanent resting place.

The burial park was officially opened on November 28, 1923, and the first burial occurred two days later. Since then, more than 65,000 people have been buried at Royal Oak, and a further 80,000 have been cremated.

Since the 1930s, the burial park has opened new sections every few years. In the 1980s a Columbarium Grove was established which offered an above-ground memorial spot for cremated remains. That was followed by a mausoleum, a building with above-ground interment spaces.

Royal Oak Burial Park is managed by the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria, a body established by the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich in 1922.



You can visit Royal Oak Burial Park website for more information at: <http://www.robp.ca>