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Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival shifts its Big Picnic to Sunday, April 14

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Due to the rainy forecast for Saturday, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival has changed the date for its annual event The Big Picnic to Sunday (April 14).

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The outdoor gathering under the pink blooms at Queen Elizabeth Park will now run that day from noon to 3 p.m.

The picnic gathers about 3,000 people every year, with free family-friendly entertainment and activities, as well as food trucks on site from 11:30 a.m. for those who don't pack a basket of goodies. (Note that no cooking is permitted on site.)

The huge gathering is inspired by the Japanese cultural tradition of *ohanami*, which translates to “cherry blossom (*hana*) viewing (*mi*)”.

You can really get into the act by sporting your best pink attire and throwing down a pink blanket; you can also buy one of the festival’s [Petal Mats](#) if you prefer.

See more info [here](#).

