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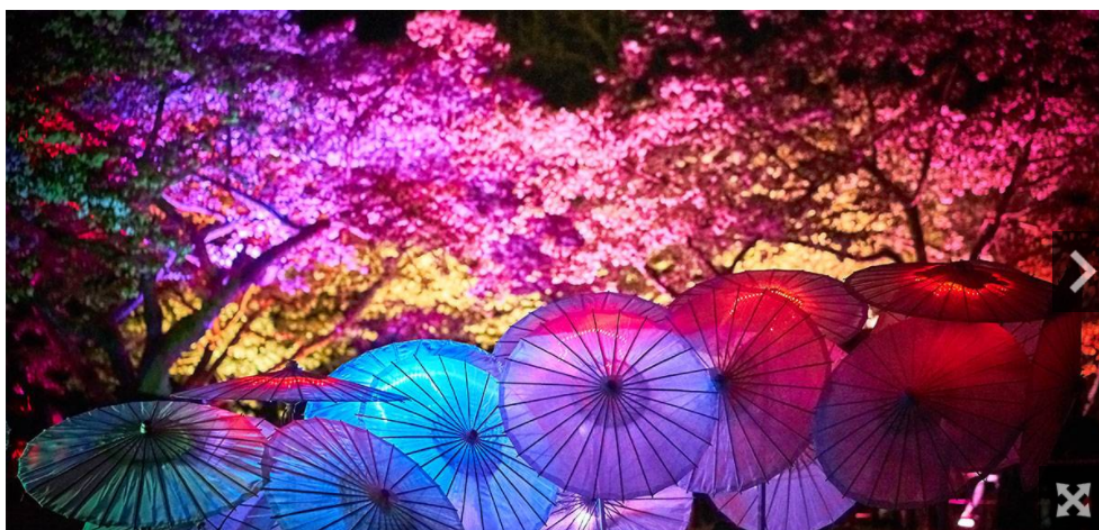
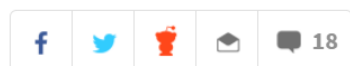
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Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival to host picnic and light illumination at Queen Elizabeth Park this weekend

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Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival will be hosting its Spring Lights Illumination at Queen Elizabeth Park this weekend (April 15 and 16).

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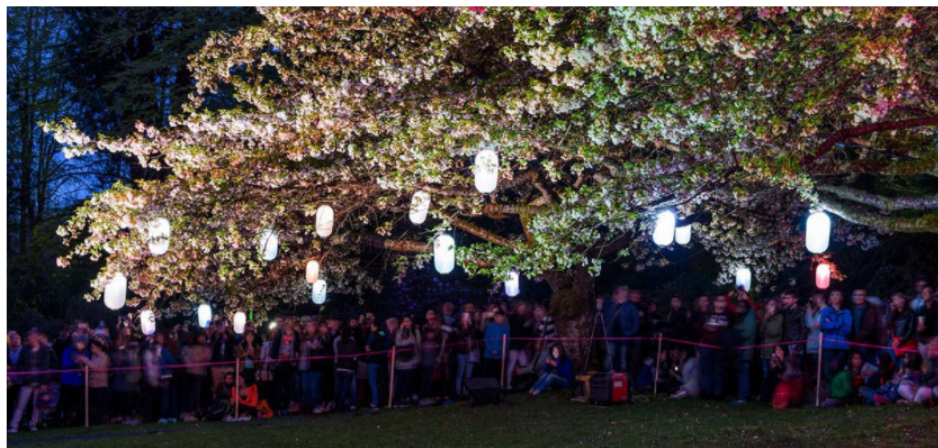
The cherry-blossom trees in our city bloomed a little later this year, which means that we are still able to enjoy its beauty even in mid-April.

In celebration of the *sakura*'s peak bloom, the [Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival](#) will be hosting two free events at Queen Elizabeth Park (West 33rd Avenue and Cambie Street) this weekend (April 15 and 16).

The Big Picnic will take place under the cherry-blossom canopies on Saturday (April 15) from noon to 3 p.m., and is expected to be the city's largest spring picnic.

More than 20 *Akebono* and *Yoshino* cherry trees will be in bloom, as well as 10 other cultivars by the duck pond. Other attractions include *Kabuki* theatrical face painting, *Yukata* dress-up (lighter version of the kimono), French storytelling for children, and more.

For those who are not planning to bring their own snacks, they can pre-order [cherry-blossom lunch boxes](#) created by caterers Cocktails and Canapés [online](#).



Lantern and sakura trees.

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The [Spring Lights Illumination](#) will take place on both Saturday and Sunday (April 15 and 16) from 8 to 10 p.m. Artists [Hfour](#) will create a magical atmosphere in the park by lighting up the largest cherry tree with colourful projections and lanterns—perfect for night photography enthusiasts.

Dance performances choreographed by Heather Laura Gray will take place throughout the evenings, and a musical soundscape created by Adham Shaikh will also be on-site.

Over 8,000 people attended last year's Spring Lights Illumination, and more than 10,000 cherry-blossom fans have already RSVP'd for this year's event.

For more information, click [here](#).

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