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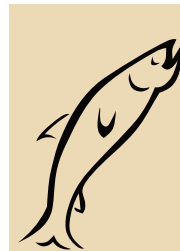
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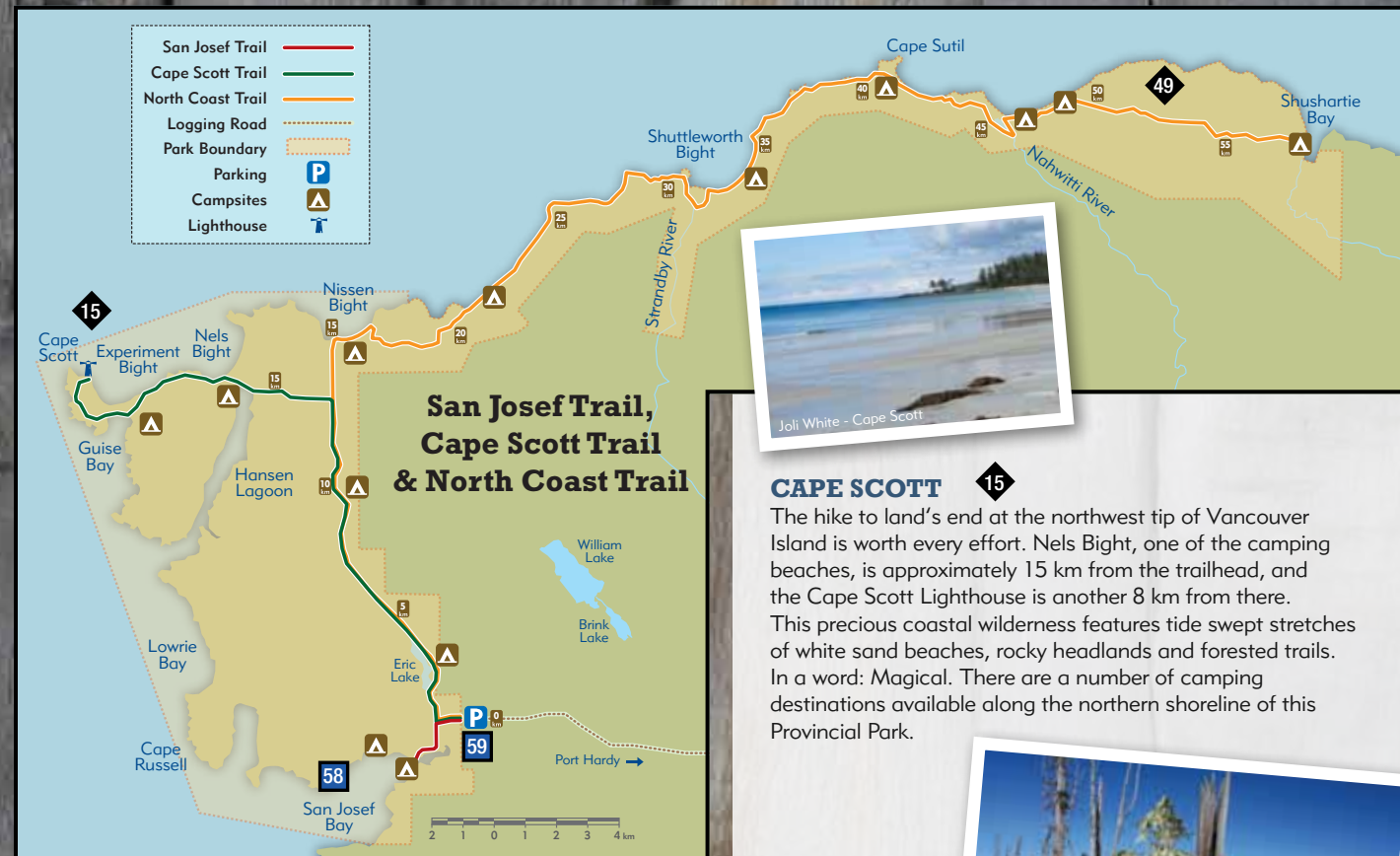


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Joli White - Cape Scott

### CAPE SCOTT 15

The hike to land's end at the northwest tip of Vancouver Island is worth every effort. Nels Bight, one of the camping beaches, is approximately 15 km from the trailhead, and the Cape Scott Lighthouse is another 8 km from there. This precious coastal wilderness features tide swept stretches of white sand beaches, rocky headlands and forested trails. In a word: Magical. There are a number of camping destinations available along the northern shoreline of this Provincial Park.



PictureBC.ca - Alert Bay Ecological Park

### ALERT BAY 1 2 3

Relax and enjoy the quiet island life in the fully serviced **Alert Bay Campground**. The campground is a great starting place for the 20 km of trails that take you throughout the Island. The **Alert Bay Ecological Park** is a birder's delight. Walk the short woodland trails, traverse the boardwalk and keep an eye to the sky for bald eagles, ravens and other birdlife. **The Alert Bay Trails System** extends from there and is suitable for hiking and/or mountain biking. Although Alert Bay is only half a mile wide and three miles long it is an extremely hilly island so please be prepared.

### NORTH COAST TRAIL 49

This dramatic extension of the Cape Scott Trail opened in 2008 and now gives hardcore hikers a remarkable 59 km/minimum five-day adventure between San Josef and Shushartie Bays. Reservations are not required to hike this trail. Arrangements can be made with local water taxi operators to access the Shushartie Bay trailhead and land shuttle services to the Cape Scott trailhead.

### SAN JOSEF BAY 58

Within the boundaries of Cape Scott Provincial Park, the trail to San Josef Bay gives day hikers a taste of the park's unique, coastal terrain. Dramatic, cliff-lined beaches deliver treasures aplenty for low-tide beachcombers. The 2.5 km trail to the spectacular sandy shores of the bay is well maintained and accessed from the main parking lot for Cape Scott. Camping is allowed at San Josef Bay.

Map #	Parks, Trails & Recreation Sites	Difficulty	Washrooms	Day Use	Camping	Hiking	Kayak/Canoe	Fishing	Biking	Boat Launch	Diving
1	Alert Bay Campground	E	X	X	X	X					
2	Alert Bay Ecological Park	M		X		X					
3	Alert Bay Trails System	M		X		X					
4	Anutz Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
5	Atluck Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X			
6	Beautiful Bay Trail	M	X	X		X					
7	Beaver Lake Recreation Site & Interpretive Trail	E	X	X		X	X	X			
8	Bere Point Regional Park	M	X	X	X	X	X			X	
9	Blinkhorn Peninsula Recreation Site*	M		X	X		X	X			
10	Bonanza Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
11	Botel Park Trail	M		X		X					
12	Broughton Archipelago Marine Provincial Park*	M	X	X	X		X	X			X
13	Broughton Strait Campground	E	X		X						
14	Cape Palmerston Beach Recreation Site	M	X	X	X	X		X			
15	Cape Scott Provincial Park	D	X	X	X	X	X	X			
16	Clint Beek Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
17	Cluxewe Salt Marsh Trail	M		X		X					
18	Cormorant Channel Marine Provincial Park*	M		X	X		X	X			X
19	Devil's Bath View Point	M		X							
20	Echo Bay Marine Provincial Park*	M	X	X	X		X	X			X
21	Eternal Fountain Recreation Site	M		X		X					
22	Fort Rupert Trail	M		X		X			X		

\* Marine or Boat Access Only

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23	Georgie Lake Recreation Site & Songhees Lake Trail	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
24	God's Pocket Marine Provincial Park*	M		X	X		X	X			X
25	Grant Bay Recreation Site	M	X	X	X	X	X				
26	Hoomak Lake Trail and Rest Stop	E	X	X		X	X	X			
27	Ida Lake Recreation site	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
28	Kaikash Creek Recreation Site*	M	X	X	X		X				
29	Kathleen Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X			
30	Klaklakama Lake Campground & Interpretive Trail	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
31	Kwaksistah Regional Park	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
32	Lady Ellen Point Trail	M		X		X					
33	Lawn Point Provincial Park*	D			X		X				
34	Ledge Point Trail	M		X		X					
35	Link River Regional Park & Campsite	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
36	Little Huson Cave Regional Park	M	X	X		X					
37	Mahatta River Recreation Site	D	X	X	X		X	X			
38	Marble River Provincial Park	M	X	X		X	X	X	X		
39	Marble River Recreation Site	E	X	X	X	X		X		X	
40	Mateoja Heritage Trail	M		X		X					
41	Maynard Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X			X	X			
42	Merry Widow Mountain Trail	D	X		X						
43	Mine Lake Recreation Site	M		X	X		X		X		
44	Mount Cain Ski Area and Alpine Trails	M	X	X	X	X			X		
45	Muquin / Brooks Peninsula Provincial Park*	D		X	X	X	X	X			
46	Nahwitti Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X			
47	Nimpkish Lake Provincial Park*	D				X		X			
48	Nimpkish Lake Windsurfer's Campground & Recreational Trail	M	X	X	X	X		X			
49	North Coast Trail	D	X		X	X					
50	O'Conner Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X			X	X		X	
51	Pinch Creek Recreation Site	M	X	X	X	X	X	X			
52	Pulteney Point Lighthouse Trail	M		X		X					
53	Quatse River Loop & Estuary Trails	E	X	X	X	X		X	X		
54	Quatse River Regional Park & Campground	E	X	X	X	X		X			
55	Quatsino Provincial Park*	M			X		X	X			X
56	Raft Cove Provincial Park	M	X	X	X	X	X				
57	Robson Bight Ecological Reserve	M									This is a sanctuary for killer whales, please be respectful and refrain from entering the reserve.

Map #	Parks, Trails & Recreation Sites	Difficulty	Washrooms	Day Use	Camping	Hiking	Kayak/Canoe	Fishing	Biking	Boat Launch	Diving
58	San Josef Bay Trail (within Cape Scott Provincial Park)	M	X	X	X	X	X				
59	San Josef River Recreation Site	M	X		X						X
60	Schoen Lake Provincial Park	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
61	Schoolhouse Creek Trail	M		X		X					
62	Spencer Cove Recreation Site	M		X	X		X	X			
63	Spruce Bay Recreation Site and Interpretive Trail	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
64	Storey's Beach	E	X	X		X	X		X	X	
65	Tex Lyon Trail	D		X		X					
66	Three Isle Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X			X	X			
67	Trout Lake Recreation Site	M		X			X	X			
68	Vernon Lake Recreation Site	M	X	X	X		X	X		X	
69	Woss Campground & Woss River Recreational Trail	M	X	X	X	X	X	X			
70	Woss Lake Provincial Park*	M	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See the following websites for additional information on the parks and trails shown on this map. Please note, additional information may not be available for every location listed.

- www.vinmap.ca
- www.bcparks.ca
- www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca
- www.town.portmcneill.bc.ca
- www.portmcneill.net
- www.alertbay.ca
- www.bcmarinetrails.org
- www.vancouverislandnorth.ca
- www.rdmw.bc.ca
- www.porthardy.ca
- www.ph-chamber.bc.ca
- www.portalice.ca
- www.sointulainfo.ca
- www.transitbc.com/regions/mtw

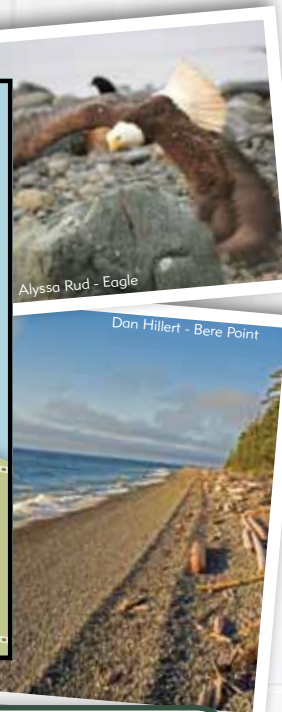
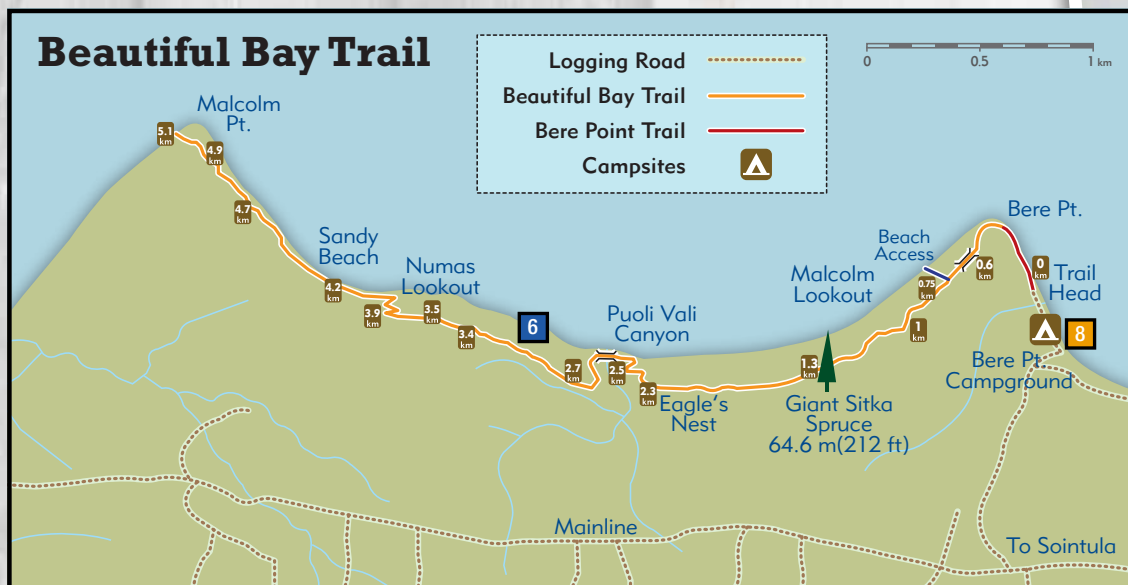
### DISTANCE CHART From Port Hardy

TO	KM	TIME
Alert Bay	43 km (plus 14 km ferry)	1 ¾ hours (incl. ¾ hour sailing)
Cape Scott Trailhead	68 km on logging road	1 ¾ hours
Coal Harbour	18 km	20 mins
Holberg	48 km on logging road	1 hour
Port Alice	55 km	1 hour
Port McNeill	43 km	½ hour
Sointula	43 km (plus 10 km ferry)	1 ½ hours (incl. 25 minute sailing)
Telegraph Cove	63 km	1 ¼ hours
Winter Harbour	73 km on logging road	2 hours
Woss	104 km	1 ½ hours
Sayward Junction	168 km	2 ½ hours
Campbell River	232 km	3 ½ hours
Courtenay	292 km	4 hours
Nanaimo	387 km	5 hours
Tofino	502 km	7+ hours
Duncan	437 km	5 ½ hours
Victoria	497 km	6 ½ hours



The Beautiful Bay Trail begins at the Bere Point Campground. This is a 10 km round trip, out-and-back trail. The trail winds along a ridge through stunning rainforest with periodic glimpses of the sea and coastal mountains. Beach exits give hikers an alternative to the trail when the tide is right.

There are 24 campsites nestled in the trees with the beach just a stone's throw away, where you can enjoy views across Queen Charlotte Strait to the nearby snow-capped coast mountains. This Park is within steps of the Beautiful Bay trailhead, and is a short stroll to the whale watching platform at Bere Point, where orca whales may occasionally be seen rubbing on the rocks. There are 3 free picnic day use areas for public use. There is no potable running water, hydro or flush toilets. Bere Point Campsite is six kilometers from the town of Sointula.

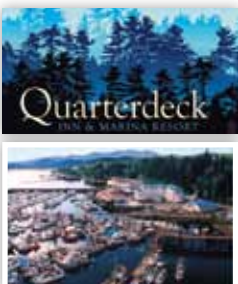


The 6.4 km round-trip Mateoja Heritage Trail begins on 3rd Street above the town site. Points of interest include the Mateoja farm site, an early 1900's homestead, Little Lake, marshland at Melvin's Bog, Duck Ponds and the local swimming hole at Big Lake. Decks and benches along the route are ideal for picnics and birdwatchers.

Visitor moorage is welcome at the Sointula Harbour. For many it's a place to relax and outfit for the next adventure. This is a safe, protected harbour with spacious moorage, electrical hook-up, fresh water, hot showers, a large Laundromat, sani-dump, internet access and courtesy bikes available to explore Sointula or gather provisions from town. [www.sointulaharbour.com](http://www.sointulaharbour.com)

Nestled in the Nimpkish Valley, just a 20 minute drive off the Island Highway, Little Huson Cave Park features limestone and rock arch formations. A short trail through the woods from the parking lot brings you to a platform overlooking a unique rock bridge and deep pools filled with clear green water from Little Huson Lake. View the spectacular cave formations by the lake or walk the trail to see the magnificent limestone arches and rock platforms. Little Huson Cave Park offers just a small taste of the many caves and limestone features that form part of the Quatsino formation that runs through much of Northern Vancouver Island.

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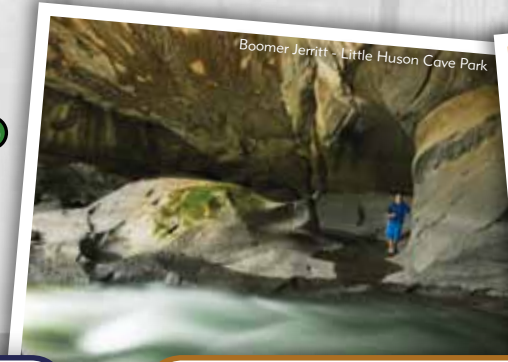


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# Communities of Vancouver Island North



## ALERT BAY

Alert Bay on Cormorant Island (45 minutes by ferry from Port McNeill) is rich with First Nation culture and history. Highlights: **U'mista Cultural Centre, Alert Bay Library-Museum, T'sasala Cultural Group** dancing at the 'Namgis First Nation traditional Big House, **world's tallest totem pole** and unique adventures (canoe rides, salmon barbeques, cedar weaving, storytelling, whale watching). Bike or walk the seaside route, dine in local restaurants and explore the **Ecological Park**. Bike or hike the Island trail system in a few hours. Stop by the **Visitor Centre** for more information.

## COAL HARBOUR

A 20-minute drive west of Port Hardy, Coal Harbour is an access point for boating and charter fishing outings to **Quatsino Sound** and the open Pacific. Discover the history of this quaint community by visiting the old Air Force hangar, where a long-time local resident has his collection of photos and artifacts on display. Watch for black bears grazing alongside the paved road to Coal Harbour.

## HOLBERG

This waterfront village west of Port Hardy is the last stop on the map before reaching the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, a magnificent area of deserted beaches, rugged coastline and epic hiking trails. Linger for a bite at the **local pub**, visit **Ronning's Garden**, a 1910 homestead between Holberg and Cape Scott with five acres of rare plantings, and check out the infamous **shoe tree**, on the shores of Kains Lake between Port Hardy and Holberg, with hundreds of shoes attached to its trunk by hikers returning from the west coast. At **Cape Scott**, take the 2.5 km stroll on a well-maintained trail to **San Josef Bay** or spend a week trekking the celebrated **North Coast Trail**.

## PORT ALICE

Perched scenically on the side of a mountain on the shore of Neroutsos Inlet, this community is a **gateway to the wild west coast**. Embark on a fishing or wildlife sightseeing charter. Glide into Quatsino Sound by kayak. Camp, picnic and swim at Link River Park. Golf the challenging **9-hole local golf course**. Cycle the trails on Rumble Mountain. And marvel at the geological wonders of the **Eternal Fountain** and **Devil's Bath**. Stop off at **Marble River** along Highway 30 for a hike to **Bear Falls** or visit to the Marble River Fish Hatchery. Don't miss the **Port Alice Heritage Centre** for local history and visitor information.

## PORT HARDY

The region's largest town is an accommodations base for offshore charter tours (fishing, diving, kayaking) and hiking trips to Cape Scott and the spectacular North Coast Trail. BC Ferries sailings to Prince Rupert depart from Bear Cove just east of town. Renowned First Nations carvers open their studio doors to the public in **historic Fort Rupert**. Picnic at **Storey's Beach** or take a pleasant stroll from the marina to the **Quatse Salmon Centre**. Play **9 scenic holes of golf** at the regional course found a short drive south of town. Take in the action on the track at the **Tri-Port Speedway** or on the dirt at the **Tri-Port Motocross Track**. A **community museum** houses artifacts highlighting the First Nation history of the area and early European settlement. Stroll the **seawalk** along the waterfront at Carrot Park and stop into the **Visitor Centre** for tourist information.



Boomer Jerritt - Hardy Bay

## PORT MCNEILL

Port McNeill is a coastal town best known as a point of departure to the pristine islands and sheltered waters of the Broughton Archipelago and perfect central location for daytrips on land. Whale watching, sea kayaking, diving, wilderness hiking and fishing guides have set up shop here. Play a round at the **par-3 golf course** or toss the Frisbee for a game of disc golf. Tour the wonderful **display garden** a short drive from town or see the **world's largest burl** on display next to the community hall. Enjoy local art galleries, the heritage **museum**, and a harbour seawall that leads to the **Visitor Centre**. Find information here about local restaurants, accommodations and activities. BC Ferries sails from here to nearby Alert Bay and Sointula.

## QUATSINO

Flowing in from the west coast near Winter Harbour, Quatsino Sound cuts so deep into the North Island that it almost reaches the east coast south of Port Hardy. The historic hamlet of Quatsino is accessible only by floatplane, private boat or water taxi. It's a popular side trip for fishermen and kayakers commuting to the open Pacific from Port Alice, Coal Harbour and Holberg. **Visitor information** and area history is found at the local **museum and archives**, across from the government wharf.

## SOINTULA

This friendly community on Malcolm Island (25 minutes by ferry from Port McNeill) gets its name from the Finnish word for "place of harmony" – an accurate description for contemporary life on the peaceful island, but not so for the visionaries who attempted to set up a utopian community here at the turn of the 20th century. Check out their brave story at the **Sointula Museum**, then visit art galleries, kayak the coastline, cycle or stroll the waterfront along Kaleva Road and shop at the cooperative store. Campers at **Bere Point Regional Park**, a 20 minute drive from town, are within steps of the aptly named **Beautiful Bay Trail**. **Visitor information** can be found in town at the **Sointula Resource Centre**.

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## TELEGRAPH COVE

Wildlife enthusiasts eager for photo ops with orcas, minkes, humpbacks and grizzly bears embark from this waterfront village, established in 1912 as a one-man telegraph shack and later home to a lumber mill and salmon saltery. Today it's a leading spot for North Island tourism with its boardwalk, resort, cabins, campground and marina. Learn about the world's largest marine mammals at the **Whale Interpretive Centre**, then head out to sea via boat or kayak to witness them in their natural habitat. Hikers can take to the new **Telegraph Trail** that follows part of the original Telegraph Line. Also a great **sport fishing** centre for salmon and halibut.

## WINTER HARBOUR

Relish the peace, quiet and friendly camaraderie of life in this oceanside community with just 20 full-time residents. This quaint getaway is due south of Holberg on the edge of Quatsino Sound within an easy paddle of the west coast. Set up a tent or book a room in a lodge, then relax with a favoured pastime: fishing, kayaking or perhaps an outing to nearby **Cape Scott or Raft Cove Provincial Parks**. Visitors can stroll through the village on a seaside boardwalk, observing sea otters, bald eagles and other intertidal wildlife. A favorite local hike along the **Grant Bay Trail** leads to a glorious stretch of sandy beach.

## WOSS

Situated in the heart of the Nimpkish Valley, Woss is within easy reach of some of BC's finest wilderness parks, including **Woss Lake and Schoen Lake Provincial Parks**, and **Little Huson Cave Regional Park**, a day-use delight offering self-guided tours of unique karst (limestone) formations. Nearby Nimpkish Lake is a popular windsurfing and kiteboarding destination. World-class powder conditions and a friendly community atmosphere draw skiers and riders to the slopes of **Mount Cain Ski Area** each winter.



Boomer Jerritt - Skiing at Mt. Cain



Boomer Jerritt - Whale Watching in Telegraph Cove

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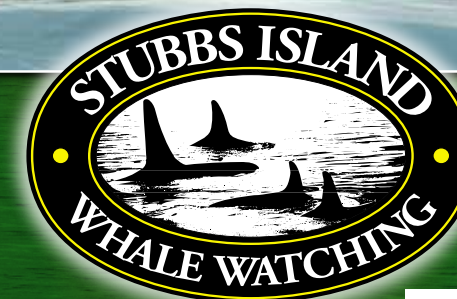
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# Regional Features



## PORT HARDY

### Quatse River Regional Park & Campground 54

This riverside campground is set amidst a towering old-growth forest and town is only 5 minutes away. There is also plenty of family oriented fun within walking distance that can be reached without moving your RV or camper. 62 campsites, most with water and electricity, coin laundry, and a sani-station that is free for campers

### Quatse Loop & Estuary Trail 53

Take in the scenery as you enjoy an easy 2.5 km riverside loop or take a side trail to a wildlife-viewing platform in the estuary. There is an option halfway through the loop to head into town on a well-maintained community trail along the Quatse River and shoreline of Hardy Bay.

### Carrot Park & the Sea Wall

In the heart of Port Hardy, this waterfront walkway offers more than a quarter mile of promenade space. The stroll begins at Rotary Park, where two family playgrounds, public washrooms and the Visitor Centre are located. Carrot Park is the location of the unique monument remembering years of effort to persuade the Province to extend its road network to the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

### Fort Rupert Trail 22

The Fort Rupert Trail runs between Storey’s Beach and Bear Cove Road. This 3.7 km trail follows the traditional route the Kwakiutl First Nations took overland to Bear Cove. The trail is varied in terrain including boardwalk and some uphill sections. It is not uncommon to see many different types of wildlife along the trail. Keep an eye out for culturally modified trees.

### Storey’s Beach 64

This is a fun in the sun sandy beach that goes on forever when the tide is out. This is a popular family picnic area that offers a covered Rotary pavilion, barbecue pits, tables nestled under the trees, three ball fields, the Fort Rupert Curling Club and a forested area ready to explore.

### Tex Lyon Trail 65

The Tex Lyon Trail begins at the north end of Storey’s Beach. This challenging 12-kilometre trek to Dillon Point offers a wonderful adventure, but you need to be prepared before experiencing it. Tell someone where you’re going and when you expect to be back, check the tide schedule, allow eight hours for the round trip, wear good hiking boots (no sneakers) and be aware of wildlife.

## Port Hardy Recreation Complex

The District of Port Hardy provides year-round activities at the Port Hardy Recreation Centre. This complex includes a 25 meter indoor swimming pool, ice skating arena and large, modern Civic Centre. The complex also houses two tennis courts and a skateboard park on the grounds. The skateboard park is open year-round and skaters are invited to utilize this amenity at their own risk.

## PORT MCNEILL

### Broughton Strait Campground 13

A quiet little campground set in the midst of a grove of evergreens, where it’s not unusual to see deer, eagles and other wildlife. Enjoy the feel of being secluded and tucked away in this rustic oasis, while just a quick walk through the nature trails takes you into town.

### Port McNeill Harbour & Marina

The Port McNeill Harbour is open year-round with both commercial and pleasure berthing available for all sizes of boats. It is centrally located so laundry, specialty shopping, groceries, banking, liquor, pharmaceuticals, tackle, repairs, and doctors are all just a short walk away. As such, Port McNeill has become a major re-supply point for travelers up and down the coast of British Columbia.

### Port McNeill Swimming Pool

The heated, outdoor pool in Port McNeill is open from early-May to late-August. Visitors and residents are welcomed for public, family, and length swims as well as Aquafit classes. Schedules available at the pool.

### Chilton Regional Arena

The Regional District of Mount Waddington provides a seasonal ice rink and rents space within the facility for workshops, meetings, or community activities. The illustrious Stanley Cup visited the Chilton Arena when Willie Mitchell, member of the 2012 NHL champion LA Kings hockey team, brought the Cup back to his home town.

## PORT ALICE

### Link River Regional Park & Campsite 35

Link River Regional Park has 22 campsites with a mix of lakefront and riverside sites. These sites do not provide water, hydro or sewer. Please bring your drinking water. Link River flows into Alice Lake and provides a great beach for swimming. A boat launch is there for your use. There are three sheltered barbeque sites available free of charge.



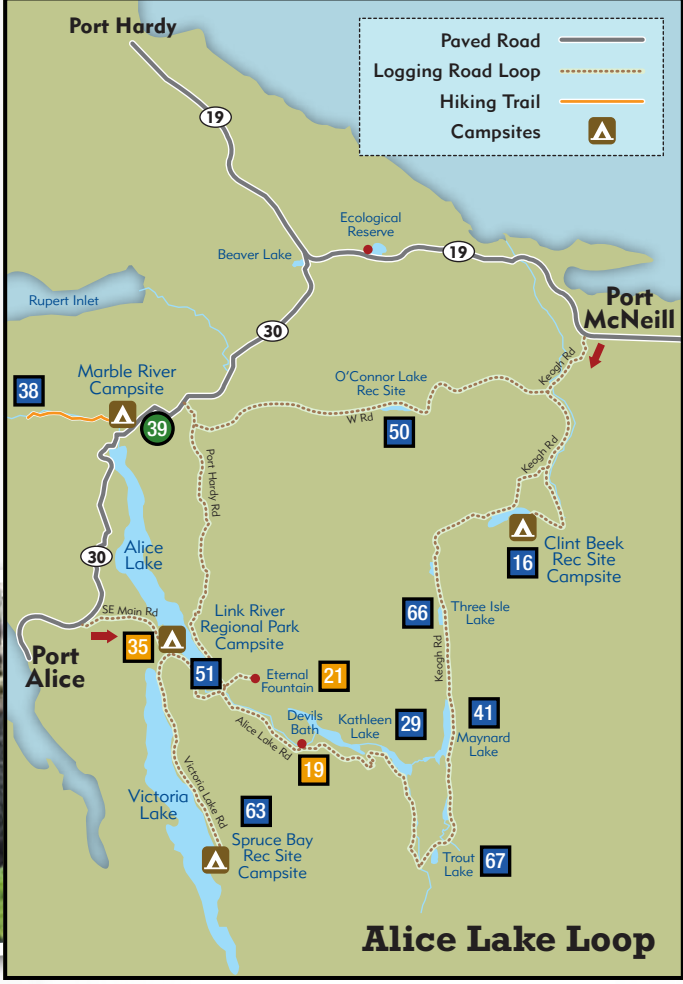
Catherine Hufnagel - Black bear

## Port Alice Seawalk

Enjoy strolling the Seawalk in Port Alice, a wheelchair-accessible pathway that follows the community’s coastline. Have a picnic, hike a short distance to Walk-out Island when the tide is low, and don’t forget the binoculars.

### Alice Lake Loop Tour (see map below)

This area offers one of the best opportunities in Canada to view features typical of a fascinating landform known as karst. Named for a region in Europe’s Balkans where it was first studied, karst is a landscape largely formed by water action in soluble bedrocks, notably gypsum and carbonates such as limestone and marble. Stop at the feature sites, Eternal Fountain and Devil’s Bath to get a closer look at these formations. Interpretive signage will help explain the process that has shaped these features.



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## Port Alice Boat Launch

Public launching facilities in Port Alice offer easy ocean access for travelers towing their own boats. This thriving community is the most southerly access point to Quatsino Sound and gives kayakers, scuba divers and charter fishing crews access to the open Pacific Ocean.

## ALERT BAY

### Alert Bay Campground 1

Relax and enjoy the quiet Island life in the fully-serviced Alert Bay Campground. The campground neighbours the Alert Bay Ecological Park and is a great starting place for the Alert Bay Trail System that takes you throughout the Island.

### Alert Bay Ecological Park 2

A birder’s delight! Walk the short woodland trails, traverse the boardwalk and keep an eye to the sky for bald eagles, ravens and other birdlife.

### Alert Bay Trail System 3

20 km of trails make up this system that takes you throughout Cormorant Island. The trails are suitable for hiking and/or mountain biking. Although the island is a compact half-mile wide and three miles long, it is extremely hilly in some areas so please be prepared. Alert Bay can be enjoyed on foot along the waterfront boardwalk, but a bike or car will give you the ability to explore all the island has to offer.

### Alert Bay Harbour Centre

The new Alert Bay Harbour Centre is fully equipped with public washrooms, laundry and is a resource for information on the regulations in our waterways.

## WINTER HARBOUR

### Kwaksistah Regional Park & Campground 31

This campsite sits among tall trees at the water’s edge. You’ll find fire pits, 7 campsites, picnic tables and a sheltered barbecue. This campsite is very rustic and not suitable for tents. Kwaksistah Regional Park campsite does not have running water or power. Please bring drinking water. There are outhouses provided for use. A boat launch for very small boats is at the campsite for use free of charge.

### Winter Harbour Boardwalk

The seaside boardwalk used to be the only transportation route to get around the village before the main road was introduced. It remains today as a fantastic way to view the harbour and experience its history.

### Botel Park Trail 11

A short hike through a rainforest and old-growth trees leads you to the park site and a view which takes you down Forward Inlet, past Robson and Low Islands to the opening of the Pacific Ocean to Quatsino Sound.



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# Regional Visitors Map



Boomer Jerritt - Hikers at San Jose Bay

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