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Campsites
Lighthouse


ALICE LAKE LOOP



Port Hardy
Paved Road
Logging Road Loop
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Campsites


Port Alice
Port McNeill

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Communities of Northern Vancouver Island

ALERT BAY
Connected by a 35-minute ferry from Port McNeill, Alert Bay is an important landmark of Indigenous culture and history, including the world's tallest Totem Pole, the U'mista Cultural Centre with its collection of sacred potlatch regalia reclaimed by the Kwakwaka'wakw people, and the N'namgis original burial grounds. Explore the marshland boardwalk trails in the Ecological Park, with bald eagles and ravens soaring above, then stop and savour an authentic salmon barbecue.

COAL HARBOUR
Coal Harbour is the secret entrance to the many boating and charter fishing opportunities of Quatsino Sound. 20 minutes west of Port Hardy, this cute community delivers natural wonders and local history.

HOLBERG
Stop at the infamous Shoe Tree on your way to this quaint community, then enjoy the delicious flavours at the local pub before exploring Ronning's Garden, established in 1910 with seeds and cuttings from around the world.

PORT ALICE
Kayak, stand-up paddle board, or canoe the waters of Neroutsos Inlet, at this gateway to the Wild West Coast, then explore the unique karst formations – including the Eternal Fountain and Devil's Bath, Canada's only cenote. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and explore the community on the wheelchair-accessible Sea Walk.

PORT HARDY
The region's largest community offers easy access to offshore charter tours, BC Ferries sailings to Prince Rupert and Bella Coola, and a community rich with First Nations history. Experience the Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre, meet the curator in the museum, picnic and stroll at Storey's Beach, or go west to hike the Cape Scott Trail or the North Coast Trail.

HOW TO GET HERE BY LAND, AIR AND SEA



PORT MCNEILL
The perfect base camp for wildlife tours and adventures on the pristine waters of the Broughton Archipelago. Stop at the museum to learn of the town's connection to the logging industry, then visit Alert Bay and Sointula via BC Ferries. Sip and savour the flavours of Vancouver Island North's first craft brewery, Devil's Bath Brewing.

QUATSINO
Arrive by floatplane, private boat, or water taxi to enjoy the sport fishing lodges of this west coast Shangri-La, then explore the sunny shoreline and art studios in this tiny west coast community.

SOINTULA
Literally translated, this Finnish-settled community is a 'place of harmony', and features excellent hiking and easy strolling, fresh air and saltwater. Bring your car on the ferry from Port McNeill, or borrow a bike from the Sointula Resource Centre to explore the island.

TELEGRAPH COVE
This local landmark has served many functions over the decades: a one-man telegraph shack, a lumber mill, and a salmon saltery. With a resort, cabins, campgrounds, marinas, and boardwalk, it's the perfect place for eco-adventures, kayaking and wildlife tours.

WINTER HARBOUR
On the edge of Quatsino Sound, this historic fishing village offers easy access to sport fishermen seeking big trophies, as well as oceanfront hikes, kayaking adventures, and sandy beaches for everyone. An excellent spot to watch for sea otters, bald eagles, and intertidal life.

WOSS
The heart of the Nimpkish Valley, this petite community offers excellent hiking, caving, skiing, and watersports. The rebuilt fire tower delivers incredible views of the valley, and nearby Nimpkish Lake and Woss Lake provide amazing windsurfing and kitesurfing conditions.

WILDLIFE ESCAPES

- Set off on a grizzly bear day tour from **Telegraph Cove** to Knight Inlet on the mainland BC coast
- Use the whale watching platform in **Sointula** to watch for orcas rubbing the rocks of Bere Point
- Take part in a wildlife tour from **Alert Bay, Port Alice, Sointula, Quatsino, Telegraph Cove, Port McNeill, or Port Hardy**
- Visit the Quatse Estuary near **Port Hardy** to see eagles, herons, and other beautiful birds

BIRD LOVERS UNITE!
Witness a variety of bird life that calls Vancouver Island North home. From a self-guided trip to the Salmon River and Quatse River Estuaries, to a once in a lifetime excursion to the Scott Islands off the northwest tip of Vancouver Island to see a breeding colony of tufted puffins, there's ample opportunity to tick birds off of your list. Get involved with the local community by participating in the Sointula bi-annual bird count. Visit bcbirdtrail.ca for more information.

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The Wild Pledge (#LiveTheWildPledge) is a promise to practice responsible tourism and journey with care when visiting Vancouver Island communities, businesses, Indigenous communities, forests and oceans. By taking The Wild Pledge, you are making a commitment to be a more sustainable traveller by doing the following:

PLEDGE TO:

- Leave no trace when exploring our beaches, forests, and land.
- Encourage the celebration of local cultures, traditions and heritages.
- Observe and not disturb our wildlife and natural habitats.
- Support local lives by eating, staying, and shopping locally.
- Prepare for any experience in our trails, mountains, and waters.
- Share the trails, roads, routes, and parking areas.

TAKE THE PLEDGE ONLINE
vancouverislandnorth.ca/takethepledge
#LiveTheWildPledge



LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING
Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Respect the wildlife of Vancouver Island North by disposing of waste properly and packing out what you pack in. Hike designated trails only and be smart about campfires.

TRAVELLING LOGGING ROADS
Be safe. Buckle up and leave the headlights on. Yield to industrial traffic, drive to road conditions, and ensure you're equipped for the trip. Forest Safety Council road information: bcforestsafe.org/forestry_trucksafe/safe_driving_info.html

MARINE NAVIGATION
Use Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) nautical charts and navigational products for safe navigation, and follow current official charts and publications. Vancouver Island North nautical charts available at charts.gc.ca

BE AWARE OF THE WATER
Pay attention to the weather and travel carefully. Dense fog isn't unusual during summer months. Winds can build suddenly and rough waters change quickly. Use VHF marine radios for weather updates. Bring safety equipment.

MINIMIZE MARINE IMPACT
Use nautical charts and navigation equipment in water deeper than 10 metres. Do not motor where marine plants are abundant, and go ashore away from seagrass meadows and kelp beds.

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE
There may be little to no cell coverage in the backcountry of Vancouver Island North. Don't rely on coverage outside of one of our communities. Grab the North Island Trail Guide app for offline trail info. Free download for Apple or Android.

ACCESSIBILITY
The Vancouver Island Accessible Travel Guides are crafted by travellers with disabilities (both visible and invisible) to provide recommendations and share trip considerations. The information provided is based on consultations with accessibility experts, as well as first hand experience at the time of our visit. The experiences will be different for each traveller and we hope this information will ease some of the trip planning. Learn more at vancouverislandnorth.ca/accessibletravel

ALE TRAIL
Sip your way through the Vancouver Island North Ale Trail. Devil's Bath Brewing, which was named after Canada's largest cenote located nearby is the first brewery to open on the North Island. The brewery has water views and a giant patio where you can linger while enjoying delicious food and drink. Support local at the Scarlet Ibis Pub located in Holberg, an hour and a half drive from Port McNeill on your way to Cape Scott Provincial Park. Try their North Coast Trail Ale, which gives a percentage of sales back to maintaining the North Coast Trail, or the Red Bird Logger.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Vancouver Island North is proud to support the Marine Education and Research Society (MERS) and the North Island Marine Mammal Stewardship Association (NIMMSA).

Find more information at mersociety.org and nimmsa.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
See the following websites for additional information on the parks and trails shown on this map.

vinmap.ca
vancouverislandnorth.ca
bcparks.ca
rdmw.bc.ca
sitesandtrailsbc.ca
porthardy.ca
town.portmcneill.bc.ca
visitporthardy.com
portmcneill.net
portalice.ca
alertbay.ca

UNIQUELY NORTH ISLAND
EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH

- Discover the curious karst formations on the Alice Lake Loop near **Port Alice** – especially the Eternal Fountain and Devil's Bath
- Hike the Tex Lyon Trail from Storey's Beach near **Port Hardy** for a true coastal hiking experience
- Climb the restored fire tower on the Lookout Trail in **Woss** to get a panoramic view of the Nimpkish Valley
- Enjoy the water with a guided kayak trip out of **Telegraph Cove, Alert Bay, or Quatsino**
- Find remnants and relics of early Danish settlements near Hansen Lagoon in **Cape Scott Park**
- Explore the boardwalk and Ecological Park in **Alert Bay** on Cormorant Island
- Take part in **Malcolm Island's** vibrant arts scene with local artists and musicians
- Visit the world's largest burl in **Port McNeill**

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DISTANCE CHART - FROM PORT HARDY

TO	KM	TIME	TO	KM	TIME
ALERT BAY	43km	1 1/2 hours	WOSS	104km	1 1/2 hours
CAPE SCOTT TRHEAD	68km	1 1/2 hours	SAYWARD JUNCTN	168km	2 hours
COAL HARBOUR	18km	20 mins	CAMPBELL RIVER	232km	3 hours
HOLBERG	48km	1 hour	COURTENAY	292km	3 1/2 hours
PORT ALICE	55km	45 mins	NANAIMO	387km	4 1/2 hours
PORT MCNEILL	43km	30 mins	CIEMANUS	493km	4 1/2 hours
SOINTULA	43km	1 1/2 hours	DUNCAN	437km	5 hours
TELEGRAPH COVE	63km	1 hour	VICTORIA	497km	6 hours
WINTER HARBOUR	73km	2 hours	TOPINO	502km	6 1/2 hours



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INDIGENOUS CULTURE

Vancouver Island North is home to the 18 First Nations of the Kwakwaka'wakw. Their songs, stories and dances honour the animals, rivers, cedar trees, salmon and all that sustains their people physically and spiritually. Today, the First People here are celebrated for blazing the trails and pathways throughout the region you are about to experience.

Cultural centres around the North Island share the vibrant stories of the First Nations people, and offer interactive experiences to learn through cedar bark weaving, traditional dancing, story-telling, carvings, memorial poles and totems.

TAKE THE VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH ART TOUR

Experience Vancouver Island North at your own pace and through the eyes of local artists. This self-guided art tour includes over 15 unique stops at art studios and galleries, each featuring a variety of art work from sculptures to paintings and carvings to stained glass. Take advantage of the quieter months of the late fall, winter, and early spring to enjoy a more private experience at the more popular galleries and studios. **Learn more on our website, or find the Art Tour on the North Island Trail App.**

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Grizzlies and black bears, orcas and humpback whales; Vancouver Island North is an active member in the protection of these – and many other – incredible animals. The Great Bear Rainforest, a quick flight or an easy cruise from Vancouver Island North, is home to substantial conservation efforts to protect the Great Bears, and the Robson Bight Ecological Reserve is designated Critical Habitat for Northern Resident Killer Whales.

Take a guided tour – hiking the land or paddling through the kelp beds – to learn how the region's communities are working together to ensure the protection of all species.

NATURE, NATURALLY

The pristine lakes and rivers, lush forests, rocky mountain ranges, and sandy shores encompassed by tidal waters that provide nourishment and protection, give Vancouver Island North an incredible ecosystem. Experience a hugely diverse selection of flora and fauna, lands and waters, and the ability to enjoy your passion, your way.

Traverse the land – an underground network of caves, kilometres of trails, rocky shores and sandy beaches – or enjoy the waters – fishing the secret coves and hidden streams, or diving beneath the waves to enjoy the spectacular undersea gardens, in waters described as "some of the world's best temperate diving."

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Map #	Parks, Trails & Recreational Sites	Difficulty	Camping	Hiking	Km
1	Alert Bay Campground	E	A		
2	Alert Bay Ecological Park	M		X	1.3
3	Alert Bay Trails Network	M			16
4	Mateoja Lake Recreation Site	M	W		
5	Atluck Lake Recreation Site	M	W		
n/a	BC Marine Trails Network				
6	Beautiful Bay Trail	M		X	2.5
7	Beaver Lake Recreation Site and Interpretive Trail	E		X	1.3
8	Bere Point Regional Park & Campsite	M	A		
9	Blinkhorn Peninsula Recreational Site*	M	W		
10	Bonanza Lake	M	W		
11	Botel Park Trail	M		X	0.5
12	Broughton Archipelago Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
13	Broughton Strait Campground	E	A		
14	Cape Palmerston Beach Recreation Site	M	W	X	1
15	Cape Scott Provincial Park & Trail	D	A	X	23.5
16	Clint Beek Recreation Site (Kogah Lake)**	M	A		
17	Cluxewe Beach	E	A		
18	Cluxewe Salt Marsh Trail	M		X	1
19	Colony Lake Trail	M		X	1
20	Cormorant Channel Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
21	Devil's Bath View Point	M			
22	Echo Bay Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
23	Eternal Fountain Recreation Site	M		X	0.3
24	Fort Rupert Trail	M		X	3.7
25	Georgie Lake Recreation Site & Songhees Lake Trail	M	W	X	3.4
26	God's Pocket Marine	D	W		
27	Goodspeed Fossil Bed	M			
28	Grant Bay	M	W	X	0.5
29	Hoomak Lake Trail and Rest Stop	E		X	3.4
30	Ida Lake	M	W		
31	Kalkash Creek*	D	W		
32	Kaleva Road Walkway	E		X	3
33	Kathleen Lake Recreation Site	M	W		
34	Klakkakama Lake Campground & Interpretive Trail	M	W	X	0.25
35	Kwakwaka'wakw Regional Park & Campsite	M	A		
36	Lady Ellen Point Trail	M		X	1
37	Lawn Point Provincial Park*	D	W		
38	Ledge Point Trail	M		X	
39	Link River Municipal Park & Campsite	M	A		
40	Little Huson Cave Regional Park	M		X	1.5
41	Mahatta River	D	W		

Map #	Parks, Trails & Recreational Sites	Difficulty	Camping	Hiking	Km
42	Marble River Provincial Park & Trail**	M		X	4.5
43	Marble River Recreation Site	E	W	X	
44	Mateoja Heritage Trail	M		X	3.5
45	Maynard Lake Recreation Site	M			
46	Merry Widow Mountain Trail	D		X	4
47	Mine Lake	M	W		
48	Mount Cain Ski Area and Algaie Trails	M	W	X	
49	Muquin / Brooks Peninsula Provincial Park*	D	W		
50	Nahwitli Lake Recreation Site	M	W		
51	Nahwitli River Trail	E			
52	Nimpkish Lake Provincial Park*	D			
53	Nimpkish Lake Windsurfer's Campground	M	W	X	1.5
54	North Coast Trail	D	A	X	59
55	O'Connell Lake Rec Site	M			
56	O'Conner Lake	M			
57	Pinch Creek Recreation Site	M	W	X	
58	Port McNeill Rotary Trail	E		X	2
59	Pulteney Point Lighthouse Trail	M		X	1.3
60	Quatse River Loop & Estuary Trails	E	A	X	3
61	Quatse River Regional Park & Campground	E	A		
62	Quatsino Provincial Park*	D	W		
63	Raft Cove Provincial Park & Trail	M	W	X	2
64	Robson Bight Ecological Reserve				
65	Ronning's Garden	M			
66	San Josef Bay Trail (within Cape Scott Provincial Park)	M	A	X	2.5
67	San Josef River Recreation Site	M	W		
68	Schoen Lake Provincial Park	M	A		
69	Schoolhouse Creek Trail	M		X	1.5
70	Seven Hills	E	A		
71	Spencer Cove Recreation Site	M	W		
72	Spruce Bay Recreation Site and Interpretive Trail	M	W	X	2.7
73	Storeys Beach	E			
74	Telegraph Trail	M		X	4
75	Tex Lyon Trail	D		X	5
76	Three Isle Lake Recreation Site	M			
77	Trout Lake Recreation Site	M			
78	Vernon Lake Recreation Site	M	W		
79	Woss Heritage Park	E			
80	Woss Lake Provincial Park*	M	W	X	
81	Woss Lookout Heritage Trail	D		X	1.8
82	Woss Campground & Woss River Recreational Trail	M	W	X	6.4

** Marine or Boat Access Only
** Seasonal openings (May long weekend to September long weekend)
Camping: A = Attendant, W = Wilderness or user maintained
Out-and-back trail Km columns indicate one way distances