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> (250) 928-3090 www.grizzlycanada.com



TELEGRAPH COVE RESORT

Telegraph Cove is tucked away on the eastern coast of Northern Vancouver Island. This tiny and picturesque village is a major destination during the summer months when the snug little bay bustles with activity. Telegraph Cove has a rich and colourful past and is one of the last boardwalk settlements left on Vancouver Island.

> (250) 928-3131 www.telegraphcoveresort.com

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.



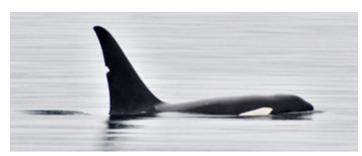
North at your own pace and through the eyes of local artists. This self-guided art tour includes over 15 unique stops at art studios and galleries, each featuring a variety of work from sculptures to paintings and carvings to stained glass. Take advantage of the quieter months of the late fall, winter, 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.



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."



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.

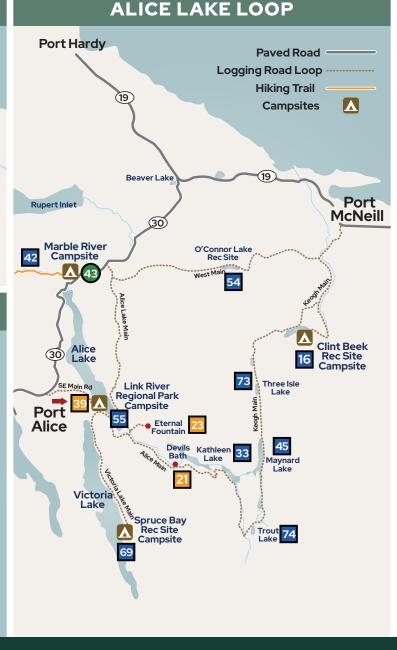
Take a guided tour – hiking the land or paddling through the kelp beds – to learn how the region's communities are working together to ensure the protection of all species.

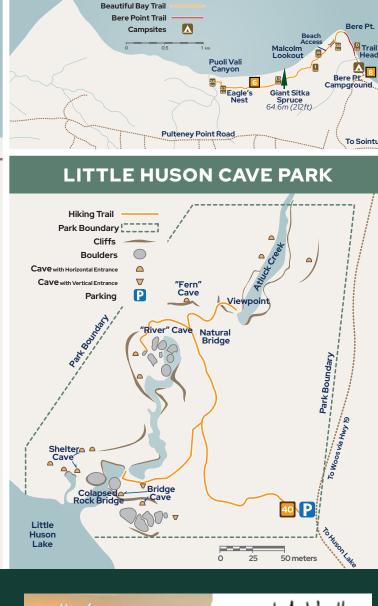
Мар#	Parks, Trails & Recreational Sites	Difficulty	Camping	Hiking	Km
1	Alert Bay Campground	E	A		
2	Alert Bay Ecological Park	М		X	1.3
3	Alert Bay Trails Network	M		7	16
4	Anutz Lake Recreation Site	 М	w		10
5	Atluck Lake Recreation Site	M	w		
n/a	BC Marine Trails Network				
6	Beautiful Bay Trail	М		X	2.5
7	Beaver Lake Recreation Site & Interprtive Trail	E		Х	1.3
8	Bere Point Regional Park & Campsite	М	А		
9	Blinkhorn Peninsula Recreation Site*	М	W		
10	Bonanza Lake Recreation Site	М	W		
11	Botel Park Trail	М		X	0.5
12	Broughton Archipelago Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
13	Broughton Strait Campground		Α		
14	Cape Palmerston Beach Recreation Site	М	W	Х	1
15	Cape Scott Provincial Park & Trail	D	Α	Х	23.5
16	Clint Beek Recreation Site (Keogh Lake)	М	Α		
17	Cluxewe Beach		Α		
18	Cluxewe Salt Marsh Trail	М		X	1
19	Colony Lake Trail	М		X	1
20	Cormorant Channel Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
21	Devil's Bath View Point	М			
22	Echo Bay Marine Provincial Park*	D	W		
23	Eternal Fountain Recreation Site	М		X	0.3
24 25	Fort Rupert Trail Georgie Lake Recreation Site	M M	W	×	3.7 3.4
26	& Songhees Lake Trail God's Pocket Marine	D	w		
27	Goodspeed Fossil Bed	M	VV		
28	Grant Bay Recreation Site	M	w	X	0.5
29	Hoomak Lake Trail and Rest Stop	E	7.7	X	3.4
30	Ida Lake Recreation site	М	w	,	5.7
31	Kaikash Creek Recreation Site*	D	W		
32	Kaleva Road Walkway	E	. ,	X	3
33	Kathleen Lake Recreation Site	M	W	.,	J
34	Klaklakama Lake Campground	M	w	X	0.25
35	& Interpretive Trail Kwaksistah Regional Park	М	А		
	& Campsite				
36	Lady Ellen Point Trail	М		X	1
37	Lawn Point Provincial Park*	D	W		
38	Ledge Point Trail	М		X	
39	Link River Regional Park & Campsite		А		
40	Little Huson Cave Regional Park			Χ	1.5

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Ma	Recreational Sites	Difficulty	Camping	Hiking	Km
41	Mahatta River Recreation Site	D	w		
42	Marble River Provincial Park & Trail	М		X	4.5
43	Marble River Recreation Site		W	X	
44	Mateoja Heritage Trail	М		Χ	3.5
45	Maynard Lake Recreation Site	М			
46	Merry Widow Mountain Trail	D		Χ	4
47	Mine Lake Recreation Site	М	W		
48	Mount Cain Ski Area and Alpine Trails	М	W	Х	
49	Muquin / Brooks Peninsula Provincial Park*	D	W		
50	Nahwitti Lake Recreation Site	М	W		
51	Nimpkish Lake Provincial Park*	D			
52	Nimpkish Lake Windsurfer's Campground & Recreatio	М	W	X	1.5
53	North Coast Trail	D	Α	X	59
54	O'Conner Lake Recreation Site	М			
55	Pinch Creek Recreation Site	М	W	X	
56	Port McNeill Rotary Trail			X	2
57	Pulteney Point Lighthouse Trail	М		X	1.3
58	Quatse River Loop & Estuary Trails	E		X	3
59	Quatse River Regional Park & Campground	E	А		
60	Quatsino Provincial Park*	D	W		
61	Raft Cove Provincial Park & Trail	М	W	X	2
62	Robson Bight Ecological Reserve	This is a sanctuary	for killer whales, all b	oaters refrain from e	ntering the res
63	Ronning's Garden	М			
64	San Josef Bay Trail (within Cape Scott Provincial Park)	М	А	Χ	2.5
65	San Josef River Recreation Site	М	W		
66	Schoen Lake Provincial Park	М	Α		
67	Schoolhouse Creek Trail	М		X	1.5
68	Spencer Cove Recreation Site	М	W		
69	Spruce Bay Recreation Site and Interpretive Trail	М	W	Х	2.7
70	Storeys Beach	Е			
71	Telegraph Trail	М		X	4
72	Tex Lyon Trail	D		X	5
73	Three Isle Lake Recreation Site	М			
74	Trout Lake Recreation Site	М			
75	Vernon Lake Recreation Site	М	W		
76	Woss Heritage Park	Ε			
77	Woss Lake Provincial Park*	М	W	X	
78	Woss Lookout Heritage Site & Trail	D		X	1.8
79	Woss Campground & Woss River Recreational Trail	М	W	X	6.4

Out-and-back trail Km columns indicated one way distances

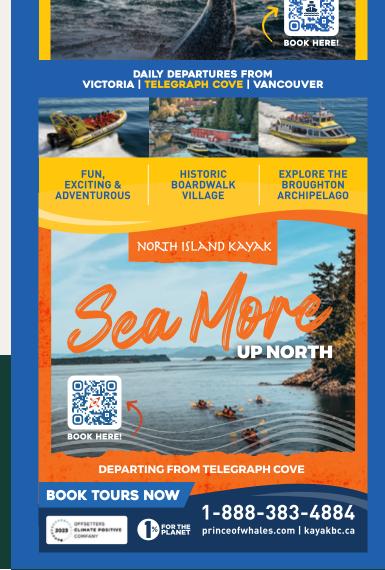






BEAUTIFUL BAY TRAIL

Logging Road



VANCOUVER ISLAND

RECREATION MAP

PRINCE of WHALES

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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 '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.





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 the Whale Interpretive Centre and boardwalk, it's the perfect place for eco-adventures and

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.

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

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getaways to family retreats, the Cabins

at Alert Bay offer the perfect blend of

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NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Gateway to the Wild West Coast

· Visit Ronning's Garden near **Holberg**, an exotic

Experience the islands and inlets of **Broughton**

pioneer garden in the middle of the coastal rainforest

Archipelago Provincial Park, BC's largest marine park

Kayak, or canoe the gentle waters of Port Alice, the

Witness a variety of bird life that calls Vancouver Island North home. From a selfguided trip to the Salmon

BIRD LOVERS UNITE!

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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.



Seine Boat Inn 60 Fir St, Alert Bay



Sailcone's Grizzly Bear Lodge Minstrel Island 1-877-764-4286 www.grizzlybearwatching.com



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VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH IS HOME TO TRUE WILDERNESS

The Wild Pledge is a promise to practise 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.





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 ON 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.

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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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