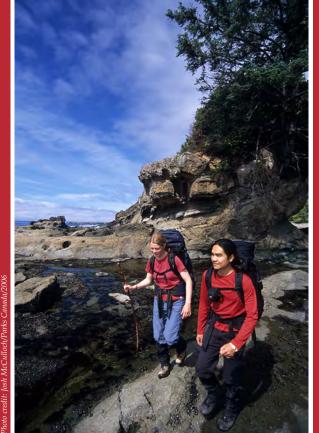


PACIFIC RIM

West Coast Trail Map

Bamfield to Port Renfrew Vancouver Island



The West Coast Trail is recommended for experienced backpackers only.

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Entrance Anchorage **LEGEND** highway all-weather road ---- West Coast Trail forest route West Coast Trail Torest Todie distance in km from Pachena Trailhead IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE, G TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAY ····· West Coast Trail - beach route **Bamfield** outhouse IR 12 Indian Reserve Th trailhead swampy area buildings ba beach access sand, foreshore flats parking rocky ledge, rocky reef extensive mud flats at low tide passable at tides 6ft/1.8m shipwreck, general location only cable car campsite - all campsites are located impassable headland n the beaches on and off the West Coast Trail Information Centre difficult surge channel Taylor Is viewpoint, point of interest Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Marine Zone Whittlestone Pt Pachena Tide heights quoted on the face of the map are approximate photographs courtesy Parks Canada and assume calm seas; use tide tables for Tofino, B.C. Add one hour during summer months for Pacific Daylight Lawton Pt

WEST COAST TRAIL POLICY AND PROCEDURES The WCT is open from May 1 to September 30. The trail is closed October 1 to April 30 due to frequent and prolonged periods of heavy rain, strong winds, high tides, large waves and short days. The park superintendent may close the WCT at any time to address public safety, environmental or operational concerns.

PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK RESERVE of Canada

West Coast Trail Unit

The West Coast Trail (WCT) is one of three units of Pacific

Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR), administered by

Parks Canada. Pacific Rim protects and presents the

coastal temperate rainforest, near shore waters and

of Canada's national park system.

cultural heritage of Vancouver Island's west coast as part

Peak season is July and August - to avoid crowds schedule your trip during May, June or September. Entrance points: Pachena Bay (north) and Gordon River

Exit points: Pachena Bay, Gordon River and Nitinat Lake. Entrance or exit at any other point is not permitted unless an evacuation is required

Two ferry crossings are operated throughout the hiking season: Gordon River and Nitinat Narrows (additional fees

Maximum group size: 10 hikers.

Pets and firearms are prohibited on the WCT.

All users must obtain a permit.

• Day users require a Day Use Permit.

• Overnight users require a WCT Overnight Use Permit

OPTIONS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT

Reservations for the current year may be made on or after

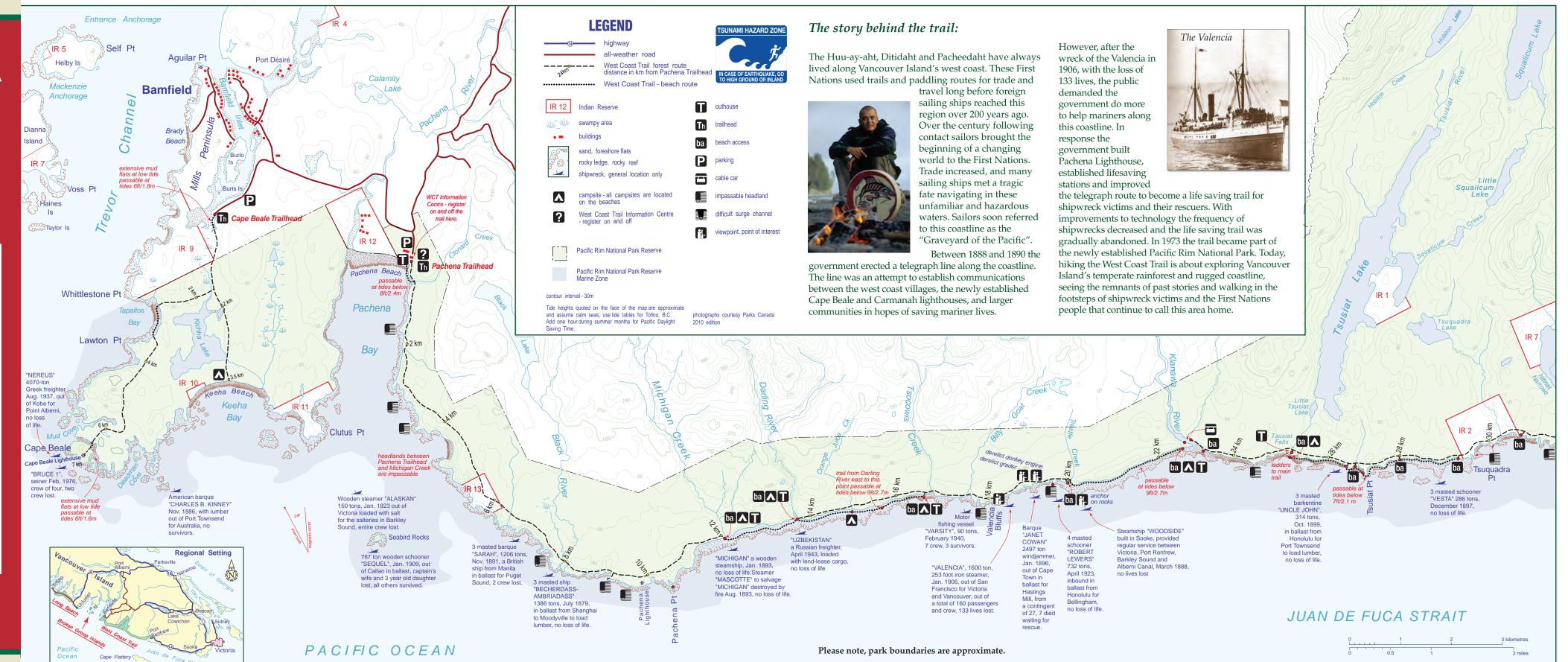
604-435-5622 Greater Vancouver 1-800-435-5622 Canada and USA

- 3. Standby: spaces are available every day. Apply at WCT
- **4. Contacting a commercial operator:** obtain a list of operators from the national park.

For essential planning information or to make a reservation for a school, non-profit group or commercial operator contact:

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve 2185 Ocean Terrace Rd. P.O. Box 280 Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0 Canada **Phone:** 250-726-3500 Fax: 250-726-3520 Email: pacrim.info@pc.gc.ca Website: www.pc.gc.ca/pacificrim

(a Park Use Fee applies). April 1st of that year by: 1. Web: www.pc.gc.ca/pacificrim 2. Phone: 250-387-1642 International **Information Centres.**



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Nitinat Cone except by boat - ferry service available for a fee during summer season only. schooner "RAITA", 309 tons 600 tons, Jan. 1925, steel steamer, 506 tons "SANTA RITA" loaded with Oct. 1906, Feb, 1923, lumber, no no loss of life. to load lumber, schooner "DARE", no loss of life.

Please note, park boundaries are approximate.

between 38.6km and

below 7ft/2.1m

41km passable at tides

between 41.5km and

Carmanah Point

passable at tides

below 7ft/2.1m

sea lion

haul out rock

259 tons,

out of San

ballast for

Tacoma to

load lumber

no loss of life.

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PROTECTING, PRESENTING AND PRESERVING

Vancouver Island's west coast has provided abundant resources to the Huu-ay-aht, Ditidaht and Pacheedaht First Nations, which supports and sustains their social, cultural and economic livelihood. For these three First Nations the West Coast Trail is home, an area they have occupied



Together we work towards a common goal of protecting and presenting the natural and cultural history of the region. We need you to help us achieve this goal. Respectful behavior by hikers will lead to a safe and rewarding experience and contribute to a healthy ecosystem for present and future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

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"PURITAN", 614 tons,

Nov. 1896, inbound

in ballast from San

Francisco for Port

Gamble, no loss of life.

"LIZZIE

Feb 1884 no

and history.

BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE

- Respect other hikers and protect the quality of their experience.
- Use outhouses when possible: human wastes outside outhouses must be buried in a 20 cm (7inch) hole a minimum of 30 m (100 feet) from waterways and trails. Deposit toilet paper in the next outhouse or burn it. Pack out hygiene products.
- Use a stove: minimize fires.
- Small driftwood fires are permitted below the high tide-line on beaches: fires are not permitted in the forest.
- Camp on the beach at designated campsites: the forest environment is sensitive to damage.
- Wash dishes and bathe in the ocean: never contaminate fresh water sources.
- Pack it in: pack it out (orange peels, food packaging, tarp ropes, wet clothes etc).
- Indian Reserves are private property: stay on the main trail and obey signs.

Under the *Canada National Park Act*, it is illegal to collect, remove, or damage, any natural and cultural resource within the national park (e.g. marine life, shells, fossils, artifacts, and plants).

SAFETY

The West Coast Trail is for hikers who are:

and Bonilla Pt passable

at tides below 10ft/3.0m;

beach is the usual route.

BROTHERS", 681 tons,

Oct. 1901, inbound from

San Pedro to pick up

loss of life. lumber in Puget Sound.

- able to walk long distances through rough terrain with a heavy pack;
- prepared to have an isolated wilderness experience and adhere to low impact back country camping policies.

at tides below 9ft/2.7m;

and when Walbran Cree

is not in flood

The West Coast Trail should not be considered by:

- children under twelve.
- backpackers with little experience in multi-day backpacking trips.
- those with little stamina or recurring knee, back or ankle injuries.

More than 100 seriously injured hikers are evacuated every season. Prolonged wet periods increase the incidents of hypothermia and injury. Hypothermia lowers the core body temperature and, if not stopped, can lead to death. Symptoms include slurred speech, lack of coordination, uncontrolled shivering, loss of consciousness and heart failure. Ensure your party is warm, dry, and well fed.

Many sprains, fractures, and dislocations happen because o a slip or trip. Progressive ankle and knee injuries are also common and, over a period of days, may become so sore that hikers cannot carry their pack. Factors that contribute to injuries: inadequate gear or footwear, excessively heavy packs, poor physical condition, inexperience, poor judgement, and bad weather.

If an injury occurs, follow the Evacuation Information Form issued with the WCT Overnight Use Permit. Call 250-726-3604 (monitored 24 hours/day) or send written message for help. Detail location, name, age, date, time, and specifics of accident and injury. Evacuation points are Thrasher Cove, Camper Bay, Cullite Cove, Logan Creek, Carmanah Light Station, Nitinat Narrows, Tsocowis Creek, or Pachena Light Station. Wait in a visible location. Parks Canada staff patrol the trail by boat. Be prepared to signal. Never leave an injured party member by themselves. It may take more than 24 hours for assistance to arrive.

From May to October, the WCT is closed to harvesting and consumption of all bivalves (clams, mussels, oysters) due to regular occurrences of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). PSP can result in serious illness or death.

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dangerous surge channel

at waterfall, hikers stay on

the trail between Logan and

Walbran Creeks and do not

attempt to cross Adrenaline

surge channel.

British iron barque

"DUCHESS OF

ARGYLE", Nov. 1887

in hallast from San

Francisco for

Vancouver

no loss of life

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HIKE

- Leave a written trip plan with a responsible person (e.g. family or friend). Detail who you are going with, where, and expected date of return. A WCT Overnight Use Permit does not fulfill this role.
- Use good quality, lightweight equipment and be familiar with it before your hike.
- Take your time: 6-7 days is the average duration on
- Hike at the speed of your slowest hiker.
- Do not hike when you are tired, it is late, or dark.
- Hike with a partner: avoid hiking alone.
- Assume all surfaces are slippery.
- Maximum two people on a bridge, ladder, or cable car
- When crossing creeks, always undo pack hip-belt: wait for swollen rivers to diminish.
- Study the map, tides, waves and weather before choosing a route.
- In a wildlife encounter, stay calm: follow guidelines outlined during park orientation. • Use bears caches or hang your food, garbage and
- toiletries away from tents: never cook or eat food in or near your tent.
- Keep, and leave, your campsite and the trail clean: bears, cougars, wolves, and other wildlife are attracted to food scraps and packaging.
- Collect drinking water upstream then purify, boil,

3 masted shi

"JOHN MARSHAL

321 tons, Nov. 1860

out of San Francisco

in ballast bound for

no loss of life

Seaback, Washington

• Consider exiting the trail if forecast calls for prolonged periods of rain.

VILLIAM TELL

Dec. 1865,

inbound from

South Africa

in ballast for

Puget Sound,

• Tsunamis: rare but dangerous. If you feel the ground shake immediately move to higher ground. Follow marked tsunami evacuation routes.

62 km



Information Centreregister on and off the WCT here. Gordon River Impassable except by boat - ferry service. available for a fee during 3 Dec. 1858, out or Po Townsend laden with lumber for San Francisco. no loss of life. tug "ST. CLAIR" Port Renfrew Woods Nose Quartertide Rocks 3 masted barque "REVERE" Sept. 1883, or Puget Sound, Hammond Rocks * Kellet Rock Cerantes Beach Access A to asher Cove is Botanical Beach sable at tides below 8ft/2.4 m except at Owen Pnt where tides below 6 ft/1.8 m are required. Difficult route. many boulders

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