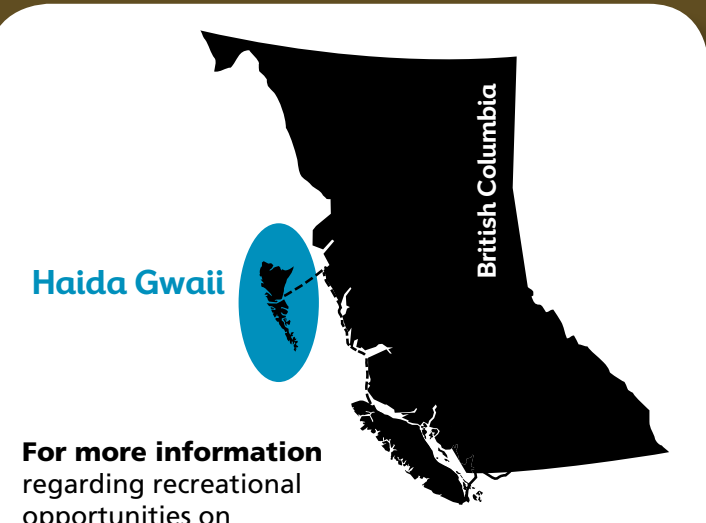


A Guide to Recreation & Trails on Haida Gwaii



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Recreation Sites & Trails BC
250-559-6200 • www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca

BC Parks
250-557-4390 • www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site
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1 Duu Guusd Heritage Site/Conservancy Rennell Sound

Easy

Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Queen Charlotte take the Queen Charlotte Mainline 22 km to the Rennell Sound Road. From Port Clements, travel 48 km on the Queen Charlotte Mainline to the Rennell Sound Road. Travel 11 km to the bottom of the Rennell Sound hill. Follow the directional signs to the sites and trails located within 15 km of this junction.

Description The Rennell Sound area offers exceptional wilderness camping and short trails for accessing remote west coast beaches.

1A Rennell Sound Campsite
A rustic campground featuring spectacular views of the ocean and surrounding mountain vistas.

1B Five Mile Beach Trail
A short trail that leads to a cobble beach overlooking 5-Mile Island.

1C Gregory Beach Trail
A ten minute meander through shoreline forest to a cobble beach. An excellent beach combing location.

1D Bonanza Beach Trail
The jewel of Rennell Sound offering an expansive sandy beach perfect for walk-in tenting and exploring.

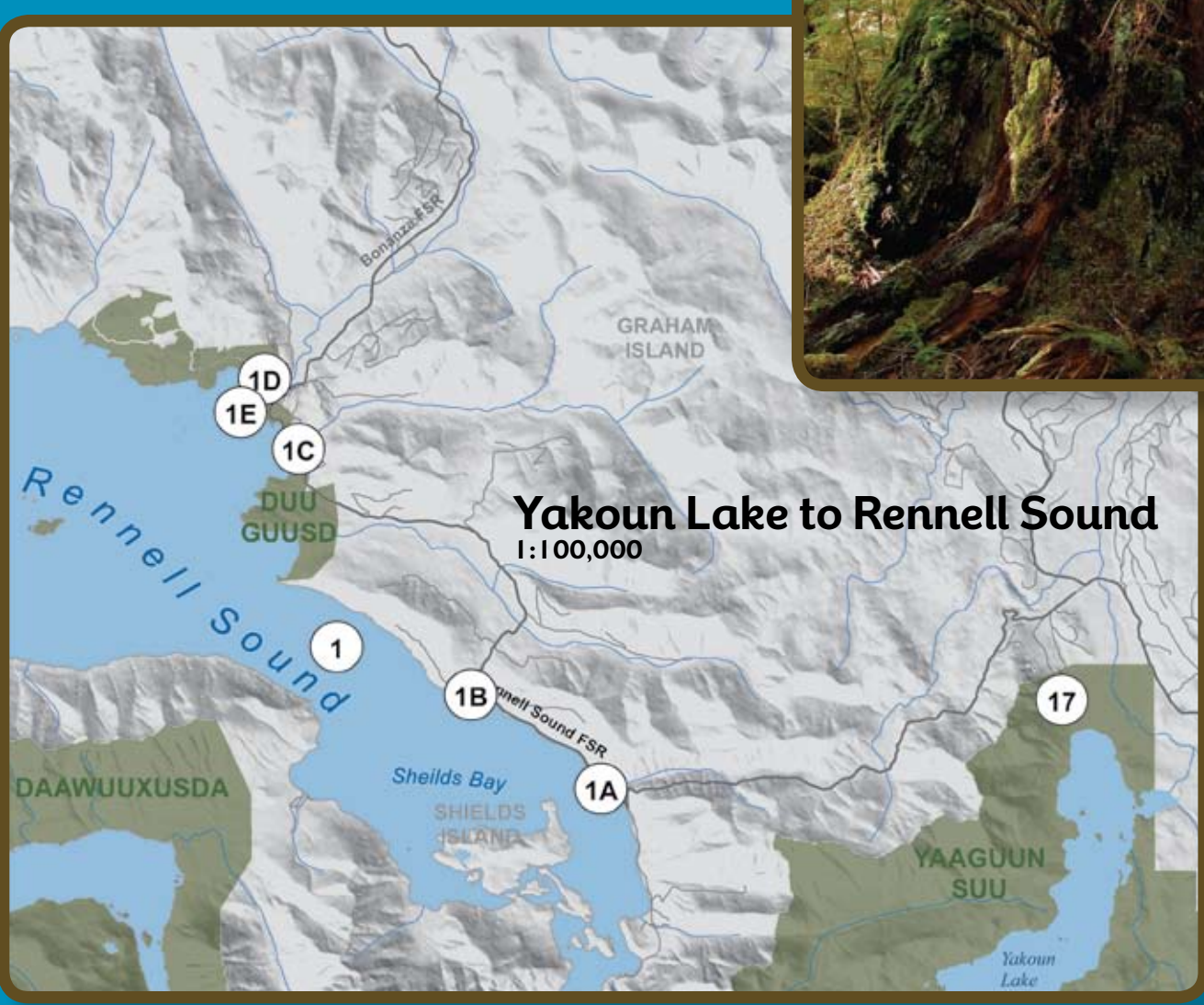
1E Cone Head
A cozy two site ocean hideaway featuring views of Conehead Mountain across Rennell Sound.

2 Sleeping Beauty & Slatechuck Mountain Trails

Difficult

Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Queen Charlotte take the Honna Mainline and follow the road markers for 10 km to the Slatechuck Trail access road. Carry on 1 km to the Sleeping Beauty Trail head.

Description A pair of difficult trails that climb steeply to the alpine areas of Mt. Genevieve (729 m) and Slatechuck Peak (1009 m). Enjoy the alpine ecosystems and wide views in all directions.



3 Spirit Lake Trail

Easy to Moderate

Access Find the trail head in the Village of Skidegate on Hwy 16, across from the George Brown Community Centre.

Description The Spirit Lake Trail is an excellent family hike offering forest hiking and lakeside picnic areas. Complimentary guided interpretive walks are offered June – August by Gwaii Haanas staff. Check the Gwaii Haanas website or call the office for specific days and times the tours are offered.

4 Haydn Turner Community Campsite

Easy

Access In the Village of Queen Charlotte, follow Oceanview Drive to western end point

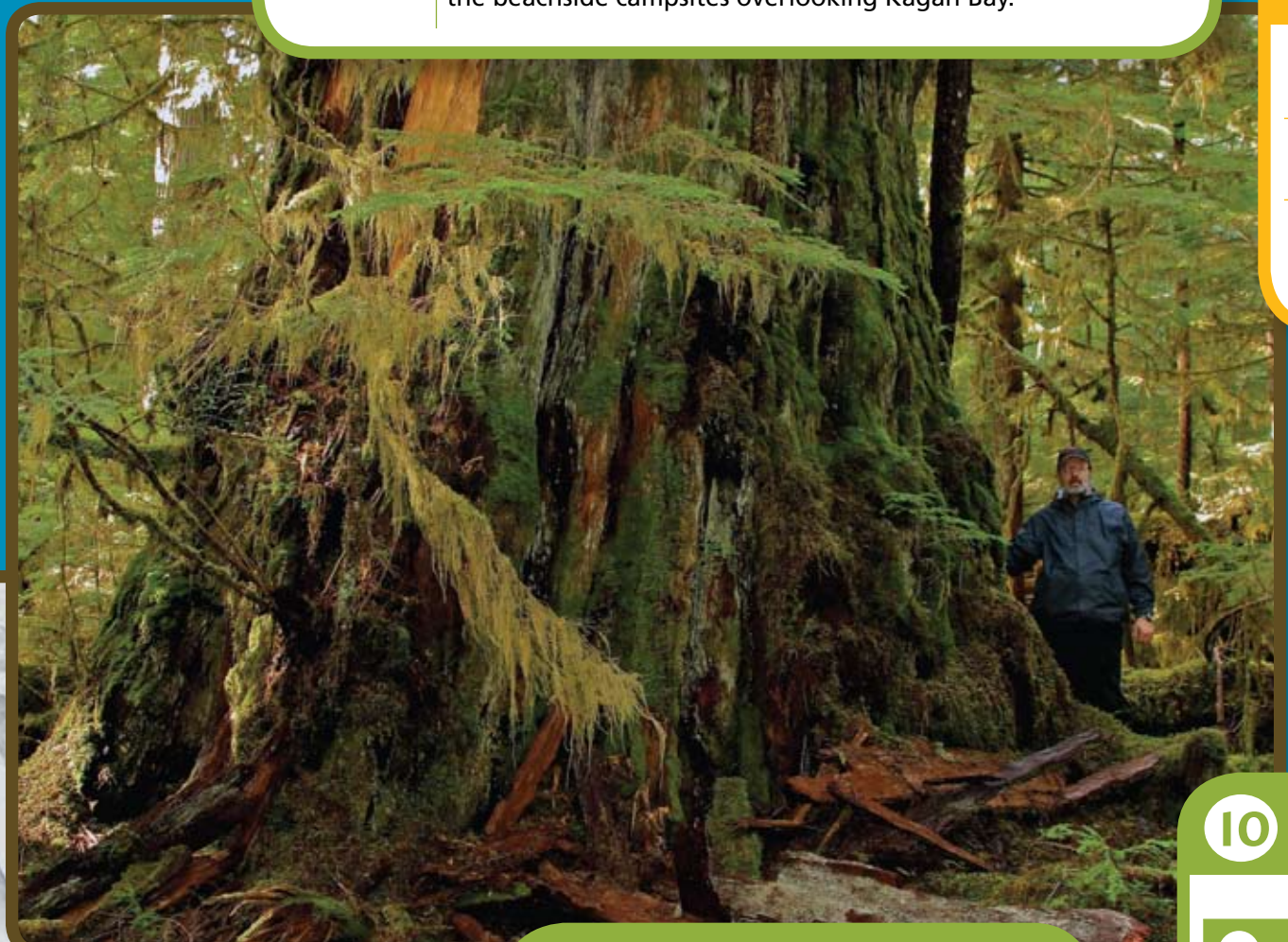
Description Set up your RV in one of the wooded sites or pitch a tent next to the beach and enjoy the view across Bearskin Bay and Lina Island.

5 Kagan Bay Day Use Area & Camp/Recreation Site

Easy

Access From Queen Charlotte, take the Honna Mainline for 2.2 km to the Day Use area and a further 1.1 km to the recreation site.

Description Have a picnic in the day use area overlooking the Honna Estuary, Bearskin Bay and Lina Island or set up camp in one of the beachside campsites overlooking Kagan Bay.



6 Sunset Park & Trail

Easy

Access From Port Clements, follow Bayview Drive south towards Juskatla.

Description Situated along the Yakoun river estuary, Sunset Park offers campsites with electrical hook ups and covered picnic shelter. There is also a bird watching tower for visitors to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the estuary. Best location on Graham Island to enjoy sunsets.



7 Yaaguun Gandlaay Heritage Site/Conservancy Golden Spruce Trail

Easy

Access From Port Clements, follow Bayview Drive south towards Juskatla until you see the trailhead information shelter.

Description Short trail approximately 20 minutes to walk. Note: the top of the famous fallen golden spruce can be viewed, but not reached from this trail as it is located on the opposite side of the Yakoun River.

8 Damaxyaa Heritage Site/Conservancy Dover Creek Trail

Moderate

Access Located between Sandspit and the Alliford Bay ferry, look for the Haans Creek bridge and trailhead signage.

Description This loop trail follows Haans Creek and then winds through a beautiful forest of large cedar and spruce trees. Approximately 2 hours to complete.

9 Onward Point Trail

Easy

Access Located on Alliford Bay Rd. Travel 6 km from the Alliford Bay Ferry Terminal or 7 km from Sandspit.

Description A scenic 15 minute hike through shoreline forest leading to a covered lookout over Skidegate Inlet. Watch for whales between April and June.

10 Kunxalas Heritage Site/Conservancy

10A Sheldens Bay Day Use Area
Easy
Access Limited to high clearance vehicles or better. Located 22 km from Sandspit via the Copper Bay Mainline. Follow signage.
Description Popular location for enjoying Sheldens Lagoon and exploring the beach.

10B Gray Bay Campsite & Secret Cove Trail
Easy
Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. Located 22 km from Sandspit via the Copper Bay Mainline. Follow signage.
Description Campsite and day use area bordering the expansive shoreline of Gray Bay. Excellent location for families looking to enjoy beach walking and exploring. Secret Cove trailhead is located at the campsite entrance – watch for signage. The trail is 1 km to the beach.

General information

The following sites, trails and parks are within easy driving distance of any community on Haida Gwaii and are 2 wheel drive accessible unless otherwise noted. All distances noted are one way. All sites are user maintained unless otherwise noted. Please take all your garbage with you when you leave.

Tips for safe hiking in bear country
Bears feel threatened if surprised – hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing or carry noise makers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense brush and near running water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails. Be especially alert when travelling into the wind, a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.

When camping, keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly.

Cultural Features
• Many areas on Haida Gwaii contain culturally modified trees. Please do not disturb these culturally significant features.

Forest Fires
• Should you spot a forest fire phone 1-800-663-5555. This is a free province wide, forest fire emergency phone number.

Campground Reservations
• No campsite reservation service available.

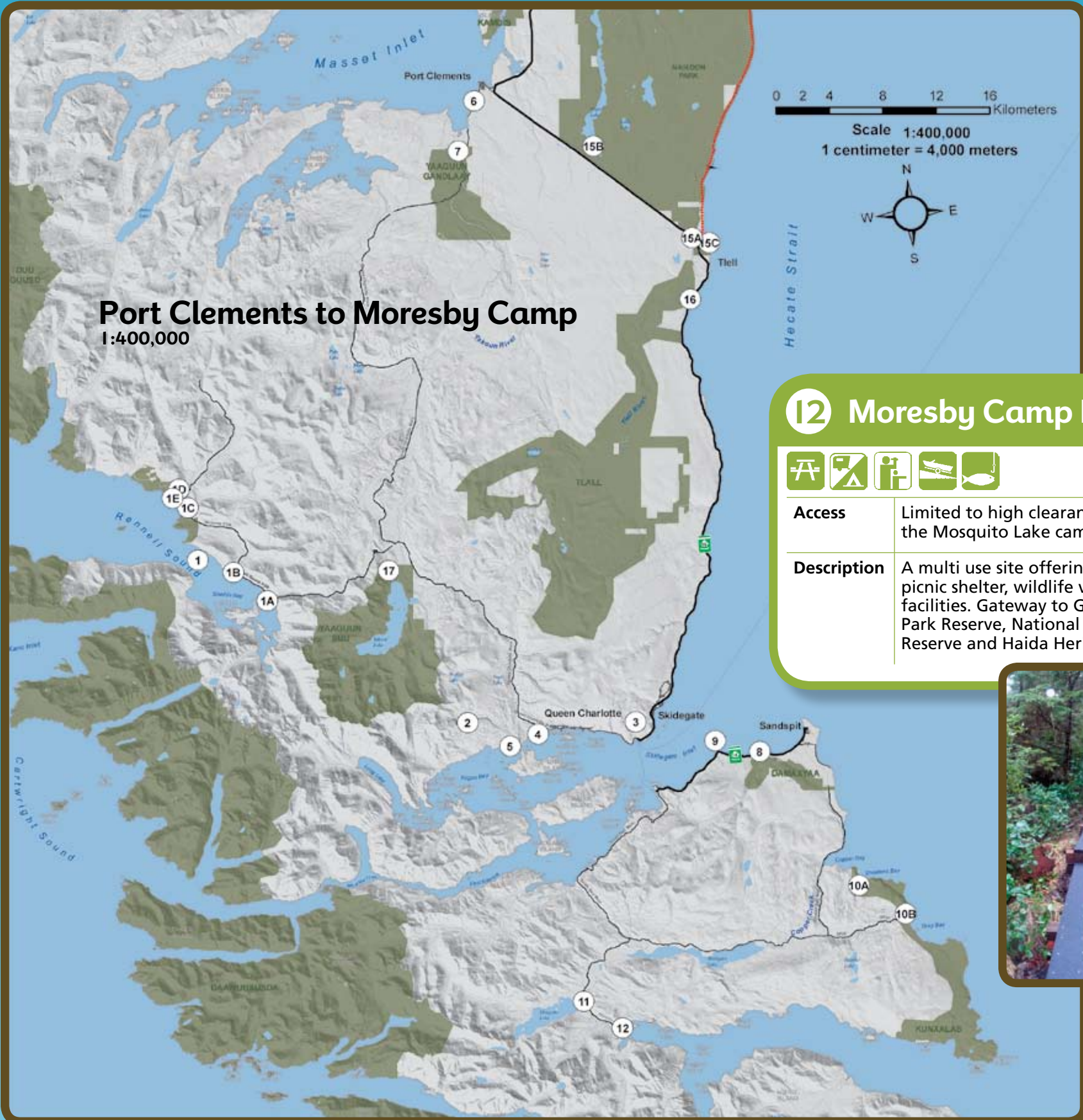
Safety Tips

- Never hike alone.
- Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning. Always contact that individual when you return.
- Some trails are not clearly marked. Be prepared and take a map, compass, food, emergency gear and a GPS Unit.
- Assume you will be staying overnight
- Shoreline hikes may be limited by tides. Consult tide tables before heading out.
- Avoid hiking during strong winds.
- In case of emergency contact the R.C.M.P. Queen Charlotte Detachment: 250-559-4421 or Masset Detachment: 250-626-3991.
- In case of medical emergencies contact BC Ambulance: 1-800-461-9911.

Resource Road Safety

- Many sites and trails are accessed by active industrial resource roads. Follow all posted signs and yield right of way to industrial traffic. Contact the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations at 250-559-6200 or the Queen Charlotte Visitor Information Centre 250-559-8316 for more information.
- Road conditions can be variable and access closed or limited due to weather especially during winter months.





11 Mosquito Lake Recreation Site

Easy

Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. From the Alliford Bay Ferry Terminal, follow the Beach Main and Alliford Bay Main for 10 km to the South Bay dry land sort. Travel 7 km on the South Bay Main to the Moresby Road and then 7 km to the campsite.

Description Rustic camp site situated on the shore of Mosquito Lake with stunning views of the surrounding mountains. A small boat launch is located next to the day use shelter.

12 Moresby Camp Recreation Site

Easy

Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. Travel 4 km past the Mosquito Lake campsite on Moresby Road.

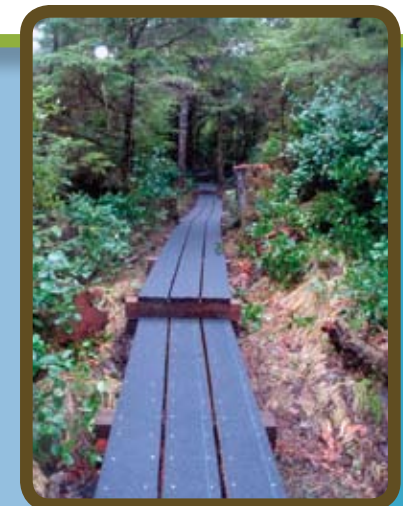
Description A multi use site offering eight rustic campsites, a picnic shelter, wildlife viewing and boat launch facilities. Gateway to Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site.

13 Pure Lake Provincial Park

Easy

Access Along highway 16 between Port Clements and Masset. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description Short walk to lakeside picnicking. This shallow lake is a popular spot for great family swimming in the summer.



14 Naikoon North

14A Tow Hill Day Use Site

Easy to Moderate

Access 24 km north of Masset along Tow Hill road. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description 2.2 km loop trail on Tow Hill. Wheelchair accessible walkway parallels the Hiellen River. Two viewing platforms for spectacular views of North Beach and the Argonaut bog (not wheelchair accessible).

14B Cape Fife Trail

Easy to Moderate

Access From Tow Hill day use area, follow signage to trailhead. Variable trail conditions.

Description 10 km hike through forest and bog landscape to the dunes on East Beach. Some sections of boardwalk along trail. Overnight longhouse shelter available on a first come-first-served basis.

14C Rose Spit Loop Trail

Easy to Moderate

Access From Tow Hill day use area, follow signage to Cape Fife trailhead. Hike Cape Fife trail to the shelter at East Beach – then turn northward along the beach to Rose Spit.

Description A two/three day wilderness hike through coastal forest, bogs and sandy beaches. Loop distance approximately 35 km return trip.

14D Agate Beach Provincial Campground

Easy

Access 22 km north of Masset along Tow Hill Road. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description Oceanside campground with 43 sites offering spectacular views of Dixon Entrance and Tow Hill. Camping fee in effect June - September. No power on site.

15 Naikoon South

15A Tlell River Day Use Site and Pesuta Shipwreck Trail

Easy

Access Along highway 16 in the community of Tlell. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description This hike winds through a forest setting and then follows the riverbank of the Tlell River to the river mouth and East Beach. The remnant bow of the log barge carrier "Pesuta" is still present on the beach. Best to approach the hike on a receding tide to avoid walking the riverbank during high water. 10 km return trip. Do not hike during high winds.

15B Mayer Lake Day Use Site

Easy

Access Along highway 16 approximately 10 km west of Tlell. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description Popular day use site for picnicking and launching canoes. A short walk along the east side of the lakeshore leads to the outlet of the lake. No maintained or marked trails.

15C Misty Meadows Provincial Park & Loop Trail

Easy

Access Along highway 16 within the community of Tlell. Follow Provincial Park signage.

Description Misty Meadows campground offers 30 sites nestled in a forest setting adjacent to East Beach. Camping fee in effect June - September. No power on site. A hiking sign next to the information shelter marks the start of the loop trail. Hikers will walk through a wetland-dune transition landscape to the shore of East Beach. Follow the beach northwards until you see the signpost marking the trail back to the campground. Approximately 1 hour.

15D East Beach Hike

Moderate to Difficult

Access Hike begins at Tlell River day use site. Follow trail to East Beach & Pesuta shipwreck. Continue along East Beach for 78 km to the Cape Fife shelter and trail head.

Description This is a long and demanding wilderness hike along the length of East Beach requiring sufficient preparation and supplies. Please see the BC Parks web-site for planning information www.bcparks.ca or contact BC Parks staff at 250-557-4390.



16 Tlell Heritage Site/Conservancy Anvil Trail

Moderate

Access Along Highway 16, trailhead is 1.3 km north of the Tlell post office – across from telephone pole #767. Parking is available across from trailhead at Mariner's Point.

Description 5 km loop trail through a rich floodplain and patches of old growth forest that survived a huge forest fire in the 1840's. Approximately 2 hours return. Heavy rains and flooding from September through April can render sections of the trail inaccessible. Do not hike during high winds.

17 Yaaguun Suu Heritage Site/Conservancy Yakoun Lake Trail

Easy to Moderate

Access Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Queen Charlotte take the Queen Charlotte Mainline 22 km to the Rennell Sound Road or 48 km on the Queen Charlotte Mainline from Port Clements. Follow directional signs.

Description A twenty minute walk through old growth forest leads you to the sandy shore of Yakoun Lake. Please respect established plant enclosures.

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