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Tadswii’ • Kaats’ii Hla

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The star filled night from Kuu Jad TlladaGaaw Sleeping Beauty mountain.

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These Islands are home to the Haida Nation and many other people – those born and raised here, those arriving for a holiday and staying a lifetime, and those who come with intention. This diversity has produced a rich culture with a history that includes an innovative Islands’ system of governance and a track record of working together for the betterment of those who call this place home.

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Welcome to our home! Tadswii’! Kaats’ii Hla! Come in, sit down and be humble.

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A NOTE ON HAIDA LANGUAGE USE: In this publication, the geographic location of the story determines which dialect is used. For the stories located north of Gamadiis Port Clements we use Gaw Xaad kil and for those south of Gamadiis we use HlGaagilda Xaayda Kil.

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At least ten bustling Haida villages flourished among the epic landmarks of Gaatsguusd the McIntyre Bay region. Long stretches of shoreline provide bountiful seafood of all kinds. Behind these beaches old growth spruce, cedar and hemlock support dense understories full of berries. Above these rainforests xíl medicinal plants thrive in vast bog environments. Salmon rivers run through and nourish all these ecosystems.

SGidlii Gandlee White Creek is one such salmon river. A walk along its banks, from its mouth on the sandy seashore to its source in southward marshes, will bring you through the diverse ecosystems of Gaatsguusd. For millennia, ease of access to these various environments helped Haida thrive.

In recent history, a surge of settlers also established homes in the area, starting around 1907. According to islands historian Kathleen Dalzell, settlers had pre-empted Gaatsguusd’s entire coast, from Gaw Masset to Nee Kun, by 1911. Although the region is far from ideal for farming, Dalzell says it was one of the most intensively-settled areas due to the long stretches beach, which settlers used as a road at a time when there were few other transportation options. Many of these settlers left when war broke out in 1914, and never returned. Today, the area lies within the Naay Kun Protected Area. The settlers’ cabins have disappeared back into the forest. But a few trails are still used. At SGidlii Gandlee, partway between Gaw and Taaw, you can hike inland along a trail that follows an old settler road, complete with ditches dug by hand over 100 years ago.

This is a relatively laid-back hike that can be as long or as short as you want to make it. The muskeg is a fascinating ecosystem filled with small ponds, tiny old-growth trees, several varieties
of thick, plush moss, and delicate bog flowers like xíl kagann *Labrador tea* and ta’inaang k’uug *Sundew*. It’s easy to spend a couple of hours exploring this hidden realm.

The trail starts at the south side of the White Creek bridge, 17.5 km east of Gaw along Taaw K’yuu Tow Hill Road, and is well marked with new black and yellow salmon-head trail markers designed by tlajang nang kingaas Ben Davidson. There is a small parking area on the northeast side of the bridge; the trail starts at the southwest side. The first section winds through forest and crosses a creek, then heads upwards. As you gain elevation, you will find yourself in the muskeg. On a clear day, from some spots, you may be able to catch a glimpse of Taaw to your left. To your right, the land slopes gently downhill, resulting in views of the interior plateau and eventually the small Heralda Lakes. You may be tempted to leave the trail to explore the mossy areas – just be sure to keep track of where you are and leave a visible marker to guide you back to the trail. The trail will continue through forested sections alternating with open areas of muskeg.

You can hike as far as 4.5 km inland before reaching the "End of Trail" sign, but you can also turn back before that point – or continue on. The trail is not marked past this point, so GPS is a must if you plan a longer trek. As with any hike on Haida Gwaii, you should bring the basics and be prepared for wet conditions: hiking boots, water, high-energy snacks, and rain gear. 🌿
K’il Llnagaay Sandspit Revisited

K’il Llnagaay Sandspit extends out into Kandaliigwi Hecate Strait on the very northeastern tip of Moresby Island, sitting atop rock formations that are among the youngest on Haida Gwaii. While other parts of the islands are over 200 million years old, the rocks under K’il Llnagaay were formed less than five million years ago. Geologically speaking, K’il Llnagaay is part of the Queen Charlotte lowlands, the low-lying muskeg and grasslands that make up the northeastern section of Haida Gwaii.

The shoreline here has not always looked this way. Around 14,000 years ago, the sea level was so much lower that the town would have been in the middle of Haida Gwaii. Land stretched to the mainland in the east. Over thousands of years, shorelines in Haida Gwaii rose even higher than they are now, then receded to their current levels. At the tip of Moresby Island is Kil Kun Spit Point. The spit stretches north, a shifting promontory of sand that curves out into Kandaliigwi for more than a kilometre and is a smaller version of Nee Kun Rose Spit to the north.

Haida respect the spit as one of the SGaanawaay Supernatural Beings that inhabit Haida Gwaii. The strand breaks up large rollers from open water, slowing their momentum and sheltering the inlet. Kuuniisii Haida ancestors also recognized the spit for providing protection against Kyang.ga red tide, which latched onto sunbeams with powerful tentacles to pull itself to the Islands from the mainland.

Close to the spit’s base is a small gap called K’waas Tamgid. It is big enough to fit a boat safely through on low tides. One story tells of Kaagwaal Stone Ribs wearing his halibut skin pushing his way through K’waas, leaving a gap behind him as he escaped pursuers. Paddlers moving between the inlet and the southern islands have made great use of K’waas Tamgid ever since.

Considering the importance of K’il Llnagaay, and the families flourishing...
in the surrounding areas many villages, canoe traffic through K’waas T’amgid was heavy. Today, alongside descendants of the settler lineages, Haida continue to fish the waters of Xaana Kaahlili GaawGaay Skidegate Inlet, harvest along Xaana Kaahlili SGaagiidaay Kuuyada the cherished shorelines of Skidegate Inlet, and hunt in surrounding rainforests.

The town we know today as Sandspit began with a few settlers in the early 1900s, who ranched and farmed in the grasslands where the airport now stands. By 1907 a wharf had been built west of Kil Kun, big enough for steamers to tie up to. The settlers raised cattle, sheep, chickens and even bees, according to islands historian Kathleen Dalzell. They built extensive gardens and a tennis court, and families regularly traveled by boat to HLGaagilda Skidegate and Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte. Big changes came during World War II, with logging company Crown Zellerbach starting a division in K’il Llnagaay, and the Royal Canadian Air Force building an airstrip.

The airstrip soon became a federal airport with daily service to T’agaan Vancouver, and through the 1950s and 60s, Sandspit grew into a busy logging town. By the early 1980s, K’il Llnagaay’s population reached its peak, with more than 700 people living here. More changes came in the late 1980s when Gwaii Haanas was established.
"We'll go out to the Sandspit Inn, but as soon as people see us, they don't just stop and say hi. They pull their table right over to ours, then more people come by and the table just gets bigger and bigger."

Today, K'il Llnagaay has a population of about 300. It's a town in transition with many residents employed in the logging industry, while others work for the airport or in the tourism sector, some commute by ferry to jobs on Graham Island.

For Ellen Foster, who moved to K'il Llnagaay three years ago after living in Daajing Giids and HlGaagilda, it's a magical place. Like so many others who live here, she savours the natural beauty: the beaches and tidepools, the constantly changing spit, the way you can see both the sunrise and the sunset, the old growth forest in the Damaxyaa Haida Heritage Site. But it's the people that have really won her over.

"Here's a story that really tells you all you need to know about Sandspit," she said. "Warren and I like to go out for date night on Fridays. Well, in Sandspit, date night has never been just the two of us. We'll go out to the Sandspit Inn, but as soon as people see us, they don't just stop and say hi. They pull their table right over to ours, then more people come by and the table just gets bigger and bigger."

Community celebrations are important here. Every summer, for more than 50 years, K'il Llnagaay has celebrated Logger Sports Day, and every fall there's a coho fishing derby that involves almost everyone in town. The newest event is the Wild Harvest Festival, started in 2014. Held over a weekend in early September, it celebrates wild plants, animals and marine life, with workshops about medicinal plants, hunting deer, and harvesting wild edibles like mushrooms, and a fabulous gourmet dinner composed almost entirely of local food.

"The goal of the festival is to attract people here and see Sandspit with different eyes," organizer Flavien Mabit said. "To understand Sandspit is not the dead end they might think it is."

Flavien, who came to K'il Llnagaay nine years ago from France, has worked as a tour guide in Gwaii Haanas and as the manager of the visitor centre. Now, he owns and operates a local bed and breakfast. Some of Flavien's guests are surprised when he suggests they forego renting a car and simply walk from the airport to the B&B. It's an easy 10-minute walk along a spectacular shoreline. They can rent bikes at the visitor centre to get around, and if they want to go to the ferry terminal or over to Graham Island, Flavien tells them to try hitchhiking.

"If you hitchhike to the ferry you will probably meet some friendly locals," he said. "Afterwards people tell me, oh my god, we hitchhiked, what an adventure! Instead of a big problem, it becomes part of the attraction."

Flavien points out that the town probably has more services and stores than other towns of the same size. There's a grocery store, two restaurants, a harbour, a school, and a library. "Here, we don't have a lot of choices, and that's perfect," he said.

Young people have been moving to K'il Llnagaay recently, attracted by the laid-back lifestyle and the relatively low cost of housing. One of the newest residents is Jamie Polk, who moved from Victoria with his wife and three-year-old daughter. They had spent time in K'il Llnagaay before deciding to make it home. Jamie was a kayak guide who spent several summers working for a local tour company. Now working as the executive director of the Sandspit Community Society, he likes the way there's always something practical to do here, like fishing or cutting firewood, and the way that people find a way to make their own fun, with potlucks and beach parties. It's a welcoming community.

"We always laugh, it seems whenever you come to Sandspit within 24 hours you'll end up with crabs left at your door," he said. "And crab is one of those things that makes living here pretty wonderful."

While the community may be small, it's got a big mix of people from all over the world during the summer season. Most come to kayak or boat in Gwaii Haanas, spending a few days in K'il Llnagaay on their way in or out. The Sandspit Community Society, a non-profit group formed a few years ago to promote economic growth and stability in the town is trying to build on this kind of eco-tourism. It runs the Sandspit Inn, operates the local visitor information centre, and has also started a bus service that takes tourists to Graham Island or Gwaii Kuns Moresby Camp, and can shuttle people between the airport, their accommodation and the ferry landing.

"We want to improve visitors' experience," said Jamie, who holds a Global Tourism Management degree from Royal Roads University. "We're also looking to improve the livability and viability of Sandspit."

He's spent a lot of time during his first few months listening to what residents have to say about their town and what they would like to see happen here in the future. He's heard lots of ideas and enthusiasm. "There's so much opportunity here," he said. "It's a great little community."
Summer's Star,  
Autumn's Aurora

BY PHOTOGRAPHER LAURA SAMPLE

The summer’s midnight glow across the northern horizon slips low and gives way to a pure deep indigo blue of starlit skies. This is what I look forward to every autumn and winter when the day’s light gives up to the early night’s darkness.

Clear autumn and winter night skies around K’iI Llnagaay Sandspit are a photographer’s dream. There is very little light interference. The stars glow bright early next to the streaming Taay.yan.nuhl Milky Way seen in its full length from south to north. Looking out over the ocean one can watch the moon rise, reflecting its light all across the surface of the water and shining brightly in still tide pools.

When the solar winds flow along the northern horizon, K’iI Llnagaay is the perfect place to photograph the green and red curtains of kwil k’al Guu aurora borealis. Your eyes adjust to the darkness during an easy walk out to the spit and reveal a silhouetted view of the ocean surface which increases the colour and intensity of your photo. Several large driftwood logs in the tall grass can create the perfect foreground.

The beaches around K’iI Llnagaay give wide open views of the night sky. The kuu kiidawaay Big Dipper is bright and points to Polaris, the North Star. Photographing star trails revolving around Polaris is always an intriguing project.

One of my latest attempts in astrophotography is to adjust the camera settings to pick up not only the bright stars we see with our eyes, but use the camera’s ability to absorb light from the dimmer stars our eyes miss. With so many stars in the photo streaming their trails, it will be a spectacular image.

I have been photographing the night sky from K’iI Llnagaay for several years. I love chasing after the kwil k’al Guu, k’ayts’awaay hlk’iiGwiigang shooting stars, finding new foregrounds for Taay.yan.nuhl, and even trying my luck light painting with a flashlight. I find that the tide pools create a wonderful way to catch a star’s reflection in my images.

When I get ready for a night shoot, I preset the camera and then adjust as required. I use a manual setting with a 20 second shutter speed. The focus is set to manual and on infinity. The aperture setting is the widest the lens will go (small number like F2.5). The ISO is set high at 2000. The white balance is set to Kelvin 2700.
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When you've reached the edge of your world, ours begins.

Haida Gwaii is a treasure. The wild beauty of Haida Gwaii strikes a deep impression on visitors and residents alike. Come here with curiosity and respect – you will always be welcomed back to the edge of the world.

We hope this guide will make planning your trip easy. One way to think of Haida Gwaii, is as a village of 4,500, hardy, unique characters who live in seven ‘neighbourhoods’ spread up and down the Islands. The ocean and the forest are our larder, the ferries are our connection to the mainland, and the ferry lineup is one of our gathering points where we socialize and politic – with coffee cup in hand.

For a trip to remember, book your accommodation, excursions and travel well in advance. We recommend six months to a year lead time to ensure you enjoy a smooth trip. Accommodation varies from rustic ‘off the grid’ beach cabins to modern and natural lodges and retreats, and extraordinary camping in old growth or on the beach. All accommodation is small scale and intimate. Each time you book you are talking with an owner who cares passionately about the quality of your experience.

There are no chain stores, fast food franchises or large hotels on the ‘Islands of the People’. Here we live slowly, at a pace that is rich with unique experiences. The winter season is the social season, full of concerts, artisan fairs, coffee houses and events throughout the Islands. We re-connect, regroup, and plan for high season tourism in the summer, but love to see visitors all year long.
Whether you’re planning travel to Haida Gwaii from T’agaa Vancouver, Toronto, Seattle, Beijing, London or your own special corner of the world, this information will help prepare your journey to Haida Gwaii.

**ARRIVING BY AIR**

Air service is available daily from Vancouver and Prince Rupert. For schedules and fares please check with the following carriers.

- Air Canada flies daily from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to Sandspit International Airport (YZP).
- Pacific Coastal Airlines flies daily between Vancouver’s South Terminal (YVR) and the Masset Municipal Airport (ZMT).
- Inland Air has regularly scheduled flights between Prince Rupert and the Village of Masset.

**ARRIVING BY WATER**

BC Ferries provides regular scheduled sailings to the Islands from Prince Rupert, year-round. Connector service is available in Prince Rupert for the Inside Passage route to or from Port Hardy on Vancouver Island, or north with Alaska’s marine ferry system. Arrive at terminals two hours in advance. Check for current conditions and changes in schedule at bcferries.com.

The Islands have long been known for their excellent recreational boating opportunities. Many of the communities have marinas, boat ramps and services catering to recreational boaters. Check the recreational boating directory at gohaidagwaii.ca for more information.

**AUTO RENTALS**

- **K’il Llnagaay Sandspit** - Budget Car Rentals 250.637.5688
- **Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte** - Budget Car & Truck Rentals 250.559.4641, Island Auto Rentals 250.559.4118, Haida Gwaii Vehicle & RV Rentals 250.637.1202
- **HiGaagilda Skidegate** - Gwaii Taxi & Tours 250.559.2380 & 250.637.1162, Rose’s Longhouse Gift Shop-National Car Rentals pick up and drop off 250.626.3833
- **Gaw Masset** - National Car & Truck Rentals 250.626.3833, Rustic Car Rentals 250.626.3756

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BIKE RENTALS

Gaw Masset - Masset Bikes 250.626.8939,
North Beach Surf Shop 250.626.7873,
Bike RePsych bikerepsych@gmail.com

K’il Llnagaay Sandspit -
the Sandspit Visitor Centre 250.637.5362

Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte -
Echo Bay Lodge 250.637.1758,
Bike RePsych bikerepsych@gmail.com,
Green Coast Kayaking 250.637.1093

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should I get travel insurance?

Travel insurance and/or trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Frequently, many transportation routes (plane and ferry), as well as tours on Haida Gwaii are postponed or canceled due to weather or sea conditions. This applies year-round.

Are there public transit buses on island?

Unfortunately, there is no public transportation on island. Most communities will have a taxi service. There are several companies on island that will provide taxi services and tours.

Are all roads on Haida Gwaii passable for a camper? A small vehicle? Are there unpaved roads?

There are only about 140kms of paved highways on the islands and many areas to camp in between the communities on the main highway. There is an extensive network of unpaved roads too, some suitable for a camper-van on short distances, and some not advisable. You will want to enquire locally for information on the state of the roads and logging activity.

How safe is it to bike around the islands?

Cycling is a great way to experience a destination, as it slows you down, keeps you active, gets you places you may not get to by conventional motor vehicle, and puts you in direct contact with the elements and with people. Haida Gwaii has a very limited network of paved roads, which means that if you choose to stick to the pavement, you won’t necessarily be cycling all that much, and you also will have a hard time getting lost. There is a much more extensive network of unpaved roads, logging roads, backroads etc, that can take you much farther into the wilderness, though it is not for everybody.

Is it necessary to book tours in advance or is it easy to book them when we arrive (e.g. excursions to Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, Haida Heritage Site, Naikoon Provincial Park, etc)?

All tours, especially to Gwaii Haanas, should definitely be booked in advance. The Haida Heritage Centre & Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum does not take bookings and has regular hours of operation. Naikoon Provincial Park does not take bookings either (campgrounds are on first come first served basis). You can hike in Naikoon Provincial Park and other areas at your leisure with no reservations required. See pages 62-63 for more information.

I would like to go to Gwaii Haanas, how can one get there?

There is no road access to Gwaii Haanas. It is only accessible by floatplane or boat. See page 60 for more information. For a list of licensed tour operators, including floatplane service, visit the Gwaii Haanas website at www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/gwaiihaanas
Things to do On-Islands

Choose one or more idea from each block and build your own itinerary, one day at a time! See gohaidagwaii.ca for more details and contact information.

**K’IL LLNAGAAY SANDSPIT AREA**

- Bike and kayak rentals, maps available at Sandspit Visitor Centre
- Bird-watching at the ’spit’
- Choice of restaurants and shops to explore
- Shoreline walk along K’il KaaGan Shingle Bay
- Picnic at the whale-watching gazebo at Kun Gwaay Onward Point
- Spend the day at Diinal GawGa Gray Bay
- Hike the Dover Creek Trail

**DAAJING GIIDS QUEEN CHARLOTTE AREA**

- Maps available at Queen Charlotte Visitor Centre
- Bike and Kayak rentals available
- A waterfront stroll on the sea walk and docks
- Guided or self-guided kayak tour of Daajing Giids GawGa Bearskin Bay or Tllgaduu GawGa Kagan Bay
- Explore the Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte and Tllgaduu GawGa Kagan Bay
- Enjoy a coffee overlooking the harbour
- Guided sightseeing or fishing charter to the Duu Guusd the West Coast of Haida Gwaii
- Guided single day boat tour exploring Xaana Kaahlilii GawGaay Skidegate Inlet
- Hike Kuu Jad TlldaGaw Sleeping Beauty Mountain
- Enjoy a variety of shops downtown
- Choice of restaurants for lunch and dinner

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HLGAAGILDA SKIDEGATE AREA

- Xaaydas Giinaa.ah Naay Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay and Saahlinda Naay the Haida Gwaii Museum
- Choice of grocery store, restaurants and food trucks for lunch and dinner
- Check your fuel at Taaw Naay Gas station
- Walk the front road and look for whales and seals
- Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum and Xaayda ‘Waadxanaay Longhouse Gift Shop
- Visit Haida artists at their studios (call before to confirm times and availability)
- GuuhiGa Siwaay K’yuu Spirit Lake Trail

TLL.AAL TLELL AREA

- Check out the artisan shops along Richardson and Beitush roads
- Visit local farms to see what’s growing
- Have a coffee and walk the never-ending Tlldas East Beach
- Stop at the Misty Meadows Campground for beach access
- Walk on the Anvil Trail and explore the upper reaches of the Tll.aal Gandlaay Tll.e River
- Hike to the Pesuta Shipwreck
- Explore Nee Kun area Naikoon Park

GAMADIIS PORT CLEMENTS AREA

- Take a guided kayak tour of Gaw Kaahlii Masset Inlet, Juus Kaahlii Juskatla Inlet and river tours
- Join a guided land tour and explore logging roads to get to Yaagun Gandlaay Yakoun River or Chaahluu Kaahlii Rennell Sound
- Explore the new walking paths throughout Gamadiis the Village of Port Clements
- Check out the pioneer artifacts and get up to date information at the Port Clements Museum
- Stroll through the historic St Mark’s Gift & Gallery for art, food and produce by local artists
- Walk along the great Sunset Park trail and go up to the bird-viewing tower at Yaagun Kaahlii Stl’ang Yakoun Estuary

GAW OLD MASSETT AND MASSET AREA

- Grab a bike or a water sport rental to get around
- Walk or drive through Gaw monumental pole tour
- Explore local history at the Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum
- Walk along to bird-view platforms at the Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary
- Choice of grocery store, restaurants and cafes to grab lunch or dinner
- Take a guided cultural tours on land or on the water
- Hire a fishing charters for a world-class fishing experience
- Walk the endless beaches and enjoy a pacific sunset

TAAW K’YUU TOW HILL ROAD AREA

- Stop by small local cafes for snacks and coffee
- Visit a gallery for artwork and more by local artists
- Hike up to the viewing platforms on Taaw Tow Hill
- Check out the impressive spray at Kwahtsiisda the Blow Hole
- Walk the 17 km (one way) beach to Nee Kun Rose Spit
- Search for agates on Hl’yaalan Galguusd Agate Beach
- Hike out to Tlldas East Beach via the Cape Fife Trail
- Explore the bogs and landscape of Nee Kun area Naikoon Park

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GyaaGang/ngaayy
Monumental poles
of Haida Gwaii

After the trees arrived in Haida Gwaii, SGaanuwee Supernatural Beings showed Kuuniisii Haida ancestors how to carve gyaaGang monumental poles. The Haida word for monumental pole is related to the word gyaaaxa stand up. After Haida carve, dance, and raise them, gyaaGang become living community members.

GyaaGang bring communities together and span generations. They remind people of a household’s powerful lineage; celebrate the wealth and provision of a generation; or honour the memory of an esteemed community member. They can be said to be divided into three general categories: gwaayyiGang crest poles; ‘waahl Gahl gyaa-Gang potlatch poles; and saahlin gyaaGang or xaad mortuary poles. While such events are rare, Haida and their coastal neighbours also raise gyaaGang to ridicule a person for behaving shamefully.

Haida carvers bring countless other creations into existence, including interior house columns, smaller decorative pieces, model houses and poles. Haida carve gyaaGang primarily with ts’uu Western red cedar, but sometimes use other materials like argillite. They also cast figures and poles in other material such as bronze, resin, silver and gold. Haida carvers most often bring their creations into our world for specific purposes; to honour kuuniisii, someone’s lineage, or SGaanuwee.

You will find gyaaGang throughout Haida Gwaii. We encourage you to admire our living community members from a respectful distance.
**XUUYA RAVEN**
Date raised: June 12, 2015
Location: Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte at Kwahgawgid, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School
Lead carvers: Jesse Jones, Jimmy Jones, Jason Goetzinger

**TS’AAHL**
Date raised: June 4-9, 2001
Location: Kay Llnagaay
Lead carver: Stlin’ll Garner Moody
Figures (bottom to top): Ts’ing, K’aag Gwaay, Taan, Xuuya, Ts’aag

**TS’AAG EAGLE**
Date raised: June 12, 2015
Location: Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte at Kwahgawgid, Gidgalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School
Lead carvers: Jesse Jones, Jimmy Jones, Jason Goetzinger

**HLGAAGILDA**
Date raised: June 4-9, 2001
Location: Kay Llnagaay
Lead carver: Gaahyaa Norman Price
Figures (bottom to top): Xuujji, XaaydaGaay Sding, Ts’aag, Kaagan, Xuuya, Gina Ga Ga Kyahts’as

**HLKINUL**
Date raised: June 4-9, 2001
Location: Kay Llnagaay
Lead carver: Gidansda Guujaaw
Figures (bottom to top): ChaaGan Xuujji, Hilanga transforming into human, St’aw, Ts’aag, Gina Ga Ga Kyahts’as with SGaana

**K’UUNA**
Date raised: June 4-9, 2001
Location: Kay Llnagaay
Lead carver: 7idansuu Jim Hart
Figures (bottom to top): Xuujji, ts’iil Sding SGaana, Maat, Xuuya, Kung with Taawla and Kwiiawah, Gina Ga Ga Kyahts’as
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GIDANSDA PERCY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: Summer 2017
Location: HlGaagilda Skidegate at 'Laana Gaahlinaas the Ball Field
Lead carver: Gidansda Guujaaw

GUD AD KIIGAWAAY GYAAGANG.NGAAY BORN TOGETHER CLAN POLE
Date originally raised: July 31, 2016
Location: HlGaagilda Skidegate in front of Dave's Take-out
Lead carver: St’inll Garner Moody
Assistant carvers: Kwakyans Tony Greene, Laada Tim Boyko, StllnGa Tyler York

EAGLE AND BEAR MOTHER
Date originally raised: 1993
Location: HlGaagilda Skidegate at the entrance to GuuhlGa Siwaay K’yuu Spirit Lake trail
Lead carver: Dick Bellis

WIIGAANAD SID CROSBY NAA ‘UUWANS
Date originally raised: May 1, 2011
Location: K’uust’an Xaana
Lead carver: Laada Tim Boyko and Jason Goetzinger
Figures (bottom to top): Xuujii holding SGaana, Xuuya, K’aaxada, Ts’aag, Daajing sgilgaay

XAAD XILAA GYAALHAANG GYAA’ANG MEDICINE STORY POLE
Date originally raised: May 18, 2009
Location: Gaw Masset in front K’aadiya Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital
Lead carver: Kihlguulans Christian White

YAAHL RAVEN ENTRANCE MONUMENT
Date originally raised: June 21, 2010
Location: Gaw Masset at K’aadiya Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital
Lead carver: Cooper Wilson

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GUUD EAGLE ENTRANCE MONUMENT
Date originally raised: June 21, 2010
Location: Gaw Masset at K’aadiya
Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital
Lead carver: Jordan Seward

GUUD AD YAAHL MONUMENTS
Date originally raised: June 21, 2010
Location: Tlaga Gawtlaas New Town
Lead carver: Todd and Derek White

KIHLGUULANS GEOFFREY WHITE MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: 2003
Location: Gaw Old Massett in front Tluu Xaadee Nee
Lead carver: Kihlguulans Christian White

WIIAA CHIEF MATTHEWS
Date originally raised: 2003
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: skil qa’t’la.aas Reg Davidson

IIDANSUU MORRIS WHITE MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: 1993
Location: Gaw Old Massett in front Tluu Xaadee Nee
Lead carvers: 7idansuu Jim Hart and Kihlguulans Christian White

FAMILY CENTRE POLE
Date originally raised: June 21, 2010
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: T’aag Guu iihing.nga Vernon White
SKILAY MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: 2003
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gwaii Old Massett at the Gwaii Trust Building
Lead carver: Tidansuu Jim Hart

RAVEN HOUSE
Date originally raised: 2010
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gwaii Old Massett at the Old Massett Village Council Administration Building
Lead carver: k’aajuü Xial Donnie Edenshaw

K’YAALUU EAGLE HOUSE
Date originally raised: 2010
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gwaii Old Massett at the Old Massett Village Council Administration Building
Lead carver: Jaalen Edenshaw

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH
Date originally raised: 1969
Location: Gad Gaywáas at St John’s Anglican Church in Gwaii Old Massett
Lead carver: Guud San Glans Robert Davidson

HEALTH CENTRE MONUMENT
Date originally raised: June 21, 2010
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gwaii Old Massett at the Old Massett Village Council Administration Building
Lead carver: Laada Tim Boyko

AMANDA EDGARS MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: 1992
Location: Ts’ágwaals in Gwaii Old Massett
Lead carver: Paul White
K’AADSNEE SHARK HOUSE
Date originally raised: 1986
Location: Gad Gaywáas in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: skil qaat’la.aas Reg Davidson

STAASTAS 7IDANSSU MEMORIAL
Date originally raised: 1998
Location: Gad Gaywáas in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: 7idansuu Jim Hart

YAN RAVEN
Date originally raised: 1973
Location: Gad Gaywáas by the ball field in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: HlGawangdlii Skilaa Lawrence Bell

YAN EAGLE
Date originally raised: 1973
Location: Gad Gaywáas by the ball field in Gaw Old Massett
Lead carver: HlGawangdlii Skilaa Lawrence Bell

TAAW
Date originally raised: 2016
Location: Taaw Tow Hill
Lead carver: Ga’uu Derek White
Figure: a portrait of Taaw

HAAPII
Date originally raised: 2016
Location: Taaw Tow Hill
Lead carver: Ga’uu Derek White
Story: Haapii is the hero who killed a beast living atop Taaw. The creature’s helpers, a SGaana and Ts’aag, left their marks at Taaw in the form of the blowhole and the scratches on Taaw’s side.
HL'YAALAN MEMORIAL
Date raised: June 21, 2017
Location: Hl'yaalan Lingee Hiellen village
Lead carver: Kihlguulans Christian White
Assistant carvers: T'aaguu iihing, nga Vernon White, T'aakeit Gaaayaa Corey Bullpit, Gaa'uu Derek White, Shayanna Brown, Hak'wanan Jay Bellis, Janeka Bell, Stacey White, Shane Bell, Skilaw Captain Stewart-Burton, Jaadaa Haanaas Tiffany Boyko, Shaylana Brown, Liihang Langaa Paul Byron, Ihlgeegaa Roger Smith
Figures: kilglaay holding t'aaguu in the arms of his wife, Xuuajii, two kulGaaayuuygwang in ears, Ts'ing, Xuuajii GidGalang, Syamsun blue mountain hawk, Sparrow Hawk, hl'yan K'uust'an, Xuuajii transforming, K'uuxan in its mouth, two more hl'yan K'uust'an, man wearing Guud K'al, Nang kilglaas, iihngas kyahjuu IlGaayGa, nang jaada kyahjuu IlGaayGa

ST'AAST'AS MONUMENT
Date originally raised: 1991
Location: Yaan Yan
Lead carver: Tidansuu Jim Hart
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Old Massett

K’IL LLNAGAAY

Sandspit

GRAHAM ISLAND

GAW

Masset

K ’IIS GWAAY

Langara Island

GAW

Masset

K ’IIS GWAAY

Langara Island

NEE KUN

Rose Spit

NEEDAN GAWEE

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BC FERRIES ROUTE TO PRINCE RUPERT

JUUS KAAHLII

Juskatla

G AATS’II G UNDAAY

Alliford Bay

TLLAAAL

Hecate Strait

DUU GUUSD

West Coast

SIIGEE

Dixon Entrance

Misty Meadows

HL’YAALAN

Hiellen

Sunset Park

HL’YAALAN G ALGUUSD

Agate Beach

TS’AA ALGUUSD

Chaatl Island

DAMAXYAA

Dover Trail

GAAY

Skidegate Inlet

H L GAAAGILDA

Skidegate

VLADIMIR J. KRAJINA

Ecological Reserve

YELLOWHEAD

Queen Charlotte Islands

DAAJING GIIDS

Queen Charlotte Islands

GRAY BAY

Marble Island

Vladimir J. Krajina Ecological Reserve

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Calendar of Haida Gwaii events

HAIDA GWAIII FILM FESTIVAL in March at Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte - The Haida Gwaii Film Festival, founded in 2009, brings Canadian and international films to Haida Gwaii.

ALL ISLANDS ART SHOW in March at Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum - The All Islands’ Art Show is an annual event held to showcase the artists of Haida Gwaii. A Youth All Islands’ Art Show is also held on a bi-annual basis.

SENIORS’ WINTER GAMES in April, an all island event - the ‘Winter Games’ is a popular event for all islanders (50+) and is organized each year by one of the communities.

TROUT DERBY in May on Moresby Island - This fun family event at Gawu Kuns Siwaay Mosquito Lake is hosted on the Sunday of the long weekend, by the Sandspit Rod and Gun Club. This is a popular weekend of camping and fishing for all ages. Contact Jim Henry for more information at 250.637.2212.

ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATION in Gaw Old Massett - every year on June 21. Come celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of the Haida Nation. This is a National event.

HOSPITAL DAY in Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte - every 3rd Saturday in June. Hospital Day has been an annual tradition on the Islands since 1908, when islanders came together to raise funds to build the first hospital.

CANADA DAY EVENTS on the nearest July 1 weekend, Gamadiis Port Clements - Mud bog, fishing derby and more. The day begins with a pancake breakfast followed by a parade leading the crowds to the community park to participate in go-cart races, games and more. The highlight of the celebration is the mud bog with participants from every community on Haida Gwaii.

SKIDEGATE DAYS in July at HlGaagilda Skidegate - canoe races, salmon BBQ and more. The Skidegate Days celebrations kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the ‘small hall’ in HlGaagilda. The multi-day event includes slo-pitch tournament, Haida canoe races, games, a salmon barbecue dinner.

TOTEM TO TOTEM MARATHON held in July at Kay Llnagaay. The marathon runs along gorgeous shoreline from the Haida Heritage Centre to St Mary’s Spring. This marathon is a designated qualifier race for the Boston Marathon. See tometototem.com for more information.

LOGGERS SPORTS DAY held in July at K’Il Llnagaay Sandspit - Loggers Sports Day has been a tradition in Sandspit for over 50 years. The day begins with a parade, followed by competitions in axe throwing, sawing, setting chokers, burling and a greased pole climb.

TLELL FALL FAIR August, Til.aal Tlell - Sunday of the long weekend. Earliest fall fair in BC! For event details call Linda Louis at 250.559.8975.

THE EDGE OF THE WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL August 9, 10, 11 2019 in Til.aal Tlell - Since 1975 this event has grown, attracting visitors from all over the world. See edgefestival.ca for more information.

AGATE MAN TRIATHLON held in August at Gaw Masset - The race consists of a 500m swim in Pure Lake, a 20km bike ride to the Masset Fire Hall, and a 6km run. Participants are welcome to register alone or in teams. To register call 250 626-5652 or e-mail qcirec@gmail.com.

HAIDA HERITAGE CENTER CELEBRATION August 17, 2019 in Kay Llnagaay - This celebration is for the award-winning cultural centre; it begins with a clan parade followed by a day of traditional Haida celebrations.

MORESBY EXPLORERS PIG ROAST Last Saturday in August at K’Il Llnagaay Sandspit - The Moresby Explorers crew welcomes everybody for an end-of-season party, Pig Roast and potluck-style dinner with live bands.

SANDSPIT WILD HARVEST FESTIVAL in September 6 & 7, 2019 in K’Il Llnagaay Sandspit - This event includes speakers, wild mushroom identification lessons, food processing workshops, botany ecology tours and more! Contact Flavien Mabit at sandspitwildharvest@gmail.com

HAIDA GWAIII MUSEUM GALA held in the fall at Kay Llnagaay. Collectors come to bid in an art auction featuring pieces from Islands artists. See haidagwaiimuseum.ca for more information.

COHO SALMON DERBY Late September/October, K’Il Llnagaay Sandspit & Kaasda GawGa Copper Bay - The annual Coho Derby hosted by the Sandspit Rod and Gun Club. Contact Jim Henry for more information at 250.637.2212.

EXPRESSION SESSIONS – held in November at Taaw Tow Hill - coincides with the November full moon. Each year North Beach Surf Shop organizes a weekend of surfing at Gaatsguusd North Beach. See northbeachsurfshop.com for more information.

The Gwaii Trust Society owns and manages a perpetual trust fund for the benefit of all residents of Haida Gwaii. Each year the Trust distributes funds through a variety of grant programs, including the Community Events grant. For more information, visit gwaitrust.com.
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Understanding Tides

Tidal currents occur in conjunction with the rise and fall of the tide. The vertical motion of the tides near the shore causes the water to move horizontally, creating currents. When a tidal current moves toward the land and away from the sea, it "floods." When it moves toward the sea away from the land, it "ebbs."

Tide tables are essential for exploring the beaches of Haida Gwaii. We have extreme tides here - up to 24 ft tidal variation. Booklets are published annually by the Canadian Hydrographic Service and they provide instructions on the use of tables to determine daily tides (time and height) for specific locations.

For Haida Gwaii you should obtain:

- **Canadian Tide & Current Tables Volume 7: "Queen Charlotte Sound to Dixon Entrance" or go to waterlevels.gc.ca or tides.gc.ca**

Tide tables provide information on the time and height of the tide. It’s important to remember there are factors that can increase the effects of the tides, such as your location and storms.

Learn to read tide tables before traveling along the beach. A famous Hawaiian, Duke Kahanamoku, helped popularize the motto, “Never turn your back on the ocean.” His reasons were twofold: he wanted people to watch out for the physical dangers of being hit by a wave, and he wanted mankind to show respect for the ocean. Sneak or rogue waves can appear at any time and on any beach.

Rip tides can form on any beach with surf. They are often found near jetties or between sand bars. If you are caught in a current that pulls you quickly from shore, swim parallel to the beach to break out of it.

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**TIDES IN HAIDA GWAI\I**

Compared to predictions for Prince Rupert

- **K’HUES GWAAY**
  - Langara Point
  - Flood starts 10 min early
  - Low 10 min later
- **GAWS**
  - Masset North Beach
  - Flood starts 20 min late
  - High 5 min later
- **GAE MATESGUUS**
  - Masset Inlet
  - Flood starts 2:50 after low
  - Ebb starts 2:30 after high
- **GAWS KAAHLLII**
  - Masset Inlet
  - Flood starts 2:50 after low
  - Ebb starts 2:30 after high
- **GAMADIS**
  - Port Clements
  - Low 3:05 later
  - High 2:50 later
- **DAALING GIIDS**
  - Queen Charlotte
  - Low 20 min later
  - High same as Prince Rupert
- **DAAL.ULGAAY**
  - Skidegate Narrows
  - (Floods west)
  - West Beacon
  - Flood starts 3:20-3:50 after low
  - Ebb starts 1:50-2:30 after high
  - East Beacon
  - Flood starts 1:50-2:30 after low
  - Ebb starts 1:50-2:30 after high
- **TAA SUU**
  - Hunger Harbour
  - 20 min early
- **GAWS**
  - Masset
  - Low 20 min later
  - High same as Prince Rupert
- **KUUGAHL**
  - McCoy Cove
  - Low 15 min later
  - High 5 min later
- **KYAL GAWGA**
  - Pacifi
  - Low 10 min later
  - High same as Prince Rupert
- **GWAAY K’AAS**
  - East Copper Island
  - Same as Prince Rupert
- **KAY TAY DAANAAY**
  - Cape St. James
  - Low 10 min early
  - High 5 min early

Estimated using predictions from the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Estimates are unofficial and may vary significantly from reality. Use with caution.

From Haida Fisheries Program / Crawford Ecological Consulting

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A tsunami is a natural hazard consisting of a series of long, surge-like waves generated when a large volume of ocean water is rapidly displaced. Most tsunamis are caused by major subduction zone earthquakes, where there is significant displacement of the ocean floor. Tsunami waves contain considerable energy; they can travel rapidly further inland compared to ordinary coastal waves. A tsunami may not look like a wave at all, but will have very strong currents under its surface.

Tsunamis are a challenging hazard to respond to. The arrival time of the wave generated far out at sea can be predicted fairly accurately, however, the intensity of the wave when it reaches shore is more difficult to predict, particularly in real time during an event.

While a distant tsunami will likely allow time for an official tsunami warning to be given, a local tsunami can reach the shoreline in minutes and may NOT allow for an official warning to take place.

**EVACUATION NOTIFICATIONS**

If you are near the coast and feel a major earthquake making it difficult to stand, you must "Drop, Cover, and Hold On", and then evacuate to higher ground immediately with your 72hr emergency kit. High ground is considered anything over 10m above the high water mark. If you are unfamiliar with the area, ask your accommodation provider about evacuation spots and muster points. In late 2018, BC Hydro poles were being painted with blue arrows to indicate the path to evacuation areas.

If a tsunami threat (or any other emergency like flooding or wildfires) is identified, authorities will notify the public via Environment Canada EC Alert, VHF 16, media like radio or TV, and direct to all LTE cell phones through AlertReady - the BC Emergency Alerting System - in the impacted area. The Haida Gwaii Emergency Management system will also send alerts via SMS, phone, email to those that have registered with the ePACT service epactnetwork.com/en/signup/haidagwaialerts.

When disaster hits, there won't be time to collect emergency supplies. Ensure you have emergency kits for your home, workplace and vehicle. They should all contain food, water and supplies for a minimum of 72 hours. A week or longer is better. Information on building these kits can be found here at emergencygov.bc.ca/PreparedBC. Do not return to low-lying areas to gather your belongings. People should wait until they get notification that the Tsunami Warning has been lifted or as instructed by Emergency Officials before returning to the inundation zone.

**TSUNAMI SIRENS**

Tsunami Sirens are located in the communities of Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte, HlGaagilda Skidegate, Gaw Masset and Old Massett. The warnings sound like an air-raid siren.

Every Tuesday at 7pm, the Village of Masset tests their emergency sirens; the fire department call out warning is first, and the tsunami warning siren is second. The Village of Queen Charlotte & HlGaagilda test their sirens every third Thursday in October on "Shake Out BC" day - please see shakeoutbc.ca for more information on this province-wide earthquake drill day.

**ON HAIDA GWAIJ, EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION CAN BE:**

- If you feel a prolonged earthquake large enough to make standing difficult
- Tsunami Siren
- Continuous vehicle horns or police/fire sirens
- AlertReady - all LTE cell phones, radio, TV
- ECAalert
- ePACT call out - SMS, phone, email (only if registered - epactnetwork.com/en/signup/haidagwaialerts)
- VHF16
- If you feel an earthquake you can check the Pacific Tsunami Notification Centre website for real-time warnings: ptwc.weather.gov

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In recent history Gaw Tlagee, the mouth of Massett Inlet area, was a busy metropolitan trading centre, crowded with canoe traffic. A rich natural ecosystem supported eleven Haida village sites found in and around Gaw Tlagee. Today the modern village of Gaw sprawls across three of these, including Gad Gaywáas at its north end, Ts’ágwaals towards its centre, and K’áayang towards its south.

Haida master carvers continue to fill Gaw’s skies with gyaaGang monumental columns, as they have since the arrival of kaaydaay trees up to 14,500 years ago. Please show respect to these living community members. Visitors also will find the village filled with woven, painted, carved, engraved, and hammered masterpieces. A stop at a gift shop will provide a glimpse into the diverse mediums Haida have mastered.

After exploring hungry visitors can find meals at the gas bar & grill or get snacks at the corner store. You might be fortunate to arrive in time for one of many ceremonies open to visitors, where you could join the community for dinner. A boat launch is available should you prefer to catch your own meal. You will find a gas station in town on Guud K’yuuwaas Eagle avenue.
Just uptown you will find the relatively young community of Massett, which shares its Haida name of Gaw with Old Massett. Registered in 1907, Gaw's roots lie primarily in fishing, logging and the military. The Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum will open a window into Gaw's maritime roots. All kinds of vessels arrive and depart from Masset Harbour, including local fishing charters.

You will find a visitor's centre, hardware, electronics, groceries, adventure-gear, marine sports equipment, credit union, gas station, repair-shop, restaurants, hotels, library, post office, coffee shop and b&b's. Masset Airport is a quick five-minute drive north.

Right behind Gaw is Dal Kaahlili Delkatla Bird Sanctuary. You can encircle its leisurely 5.6-kilometre trail and roadway in about 45 minutes. Depending on the season and the day, you may be in for some incredible bird watching. Dal Kaahlili offers you the chance to see some rarer species and perhaps even catch some once-in-a-lifetime phenomena.

A calm morning view of Masset Harbour.
S Gaanuwee Supernatural Beings inhabit all corners of Haida Gwaii. You can find many of them very easily. Just an hour drive east from Gaw Massett you will find Taaw Tow Hill. You can drive a flat gravel road through old growth forests, then follow a boardwalk to Taaw’s foot. With a flooding tide and strong swell you will see Kwahtsisda the blow hole throwing sea spray high into the air. You will find Hl’yaalang village on the eastern bank of Hl’yaalang Gandlee. K’aygang.nga the Haida canon of oral histories confirm, this village is one of the many villages existing below and above it, where S Gaanuwee live. Sprawling sandy and stony beaches, old growth forests and diverse bog ecosystems characterize the surrounding area. In our physical realm, many neighbouring villages concentrated along this coastline. The concentration of Haida households here may have supplied the area with its name; Naay Kun House Point.

From Hl’yaalang hikers can access the Cape Fife Trail. If the twelve-hour walk won’t suffice, then the three-day East Beach Trail stretches south to Tl’aal. Along the way you will pass through domains of numerous SGaanuwee, amongst whom live Gaahllnaas, Ut-láaman, Gadaa K’aw, Gaaaw XanhlGa Sk’aaajway, Xaasa, Kiid Gaataalaa, SGuuhlGuu Kuuna, Nang Na Sandlanee ‘Giidangwaas, Tl’aajaang Kuuna and NáaGa Saandllnaa Gaydangwas. Less ambitious hikers may settle for SGidlii Gandlee K’yuu White Creek Trail, an easy hour-long walk through beautiful bog ecosystems.

You will find numerous lodges and campsites in the area, gift shops and a coffee bus. Every year a few visitors lose their vehicles during a drive on the beach, to the annoyance and at times amusement of Islands Residents. Don’t risk being “that guy”. Do not take rental vehicles out on the beach, and do not drive above the high tide mark or on sensitive razor clams beds. Be respectful of the environment you are in.
A drive 35 minutes south up Gaw Kaahlì Massett Inlet will carry visitors through bogs and cedar forests, past Gantl' Gadaas Pure Lake to Gamadiis Port Clements. This is one of seven village sites that flourished around Yaagun Kaahlì St'ł'ang, an estuary at the mouth of Yaagun Gandlee Yakoun River to the west. With Gám-das Gandlee to its east, the modern village of Gamadiis lives amongst abundant natural ecological wealth. The waterways shelter nine salmonid species, two lamprey species, and birds of all kinds. These nourish and maintain surrounding spruce and cedar old growth forests.

The modern village at Gamadiis was founded in 1907 under the name Queenstown. Residents later changed the name to Port Clements in 1914. Today hard-working and friendly logging families fill the town. You will find a grocery store, hostel, restaurant and bar, gas-station, post office, library and docks. Some residents also maintain businesses in adventure tourism, including kayaking and fishing outfits. Be certain to stop at the Port Clements Museum to see a terrific collection of objects that defined Haida Gwaii's recent history.

On the west side of town you will find RV and camping sites at Sunset Park, a two-kilometre trail along berry-filled waterfront, and a walk through old growth at K'iid K'lyaas K'yuu Golden Spruce Trail. The gravel road leading west out of Gamadiis turns south to a vast network of logging roads. These roads will lead you to Chaahlulu Kaałii Rennell Sound and Yaagun Yakoun Lake. It can be easy to get lost. You will need accurate maps and a VHF radio tuned to the local frequency is recommended.
A brisk 20-minute drive south from Gamadiis will bring you to Tll.aal. Tll.aal Gandlaay Tlell River winds over 55 kilometres inland. Plentiful salmon return to spawn and support residents, just as they did when the site was a bustling Haida village, several thousand years old. Several daa.a House foundations are only around 150 years old; a testament to the area’s natural wealth. These houses were classic monumental cedar structures. In summer, Haida gathered in the area before departing for the mainland in canoe armadas.

Today gorgeous shorelines, old growth forests, rich rivers and beautiful birds draw beachcombers, hikers, fishers and birders alike. More serious hikers can access East Beach Trail on Tll.aal Gandlaay’s north shore. You can also settle for the day-hike through old growth to the shipwreck along Pesuta Trail. The Anvil Trail will take you through flourishing rainforest along Tll.aal Gandlaay’s southern banks.

Hungry hikers can enjoy fine dining at a restaurant and bar along Tll.aal Gandlaay. Sleepy ones can rest at a lodge-resort, choose from several bed and breakfasts or settle in at the Misty Meadows provincial campground. The next morning the local coffee house will get you started off right. To remember your adventures, a few artisanal stores and studios will connect you with talented local artists.

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Visitors arriving at GuulGa Siiwaay Xaana (Skidegate Landing) can drive four minutes north to get to HLGaagilda Skidegate. The village’s primary Haida name means “Place of Stone”. The modern village stretches across four separate village sites including K’uust’an Xaana to the north, HLGaagilda towards its centre, and ‘Laana Xaaajuwaay and HLGaaxid at its south. Haida history here reaches back to the late glacial maximum, when ice sculpted the hills and eskers now hidden beneath thick rainforests. You can see the clearest signs of these vanishing beings along the coasts where they left trails of boulders, called moraine deposits, behind.

HLGa K’aaayhlnga Balance Rock represents one of these boulders, delicately set in place by a powerful glacier. Visitors are welcome to explore the inlet’s beautiful swimming beaches, but please show respect to this SGaan Supernatural Being. To explore the woods you can hike GuulGa Siiwaay K’yuu Spirit Lake Trail, right behind the HLGaagilda. A carved cedar panel and longhouse mark the trailhead, which will lead you on a two-hour walk through a diversity of forest habitats. Hikers will likely see some of Haida Gwaii’s mammalian, amphibian, avian and myxogastrian inhabitants.

Just as in Gaw, Haida have filled HLGaagilda with carved cedar monuments, which you will see throughout town. Please admire these living community members respectfully. Explorers can relax at two restaurants or make reservations at a private diner. You will also find a grocery store, gas station, coffee house and gift shop.

KAY LLNAGAAY

From HLGaagilda you can drive two minutes south to Kay LLnagaay. Haida have lived at Kay for millennia. Today it is home to the Xaaydus Giinaa.ah Naay Haida Heritage Centre and Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum, which safeguard a world-class collection of Haida objects.

Another minute drive along the Highway will bring you to the BC Ferry terminal at GuulGa Siiwaay Skidegate Landing, from which visitors can reach K’iil Llnagaay Sandspit and Kxeen Prince Rupert.

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Another ten minutes south will bring you to Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte. The modern village spreads across three Haida village sites, with Daajing Giids towards its eastern downtown centre, Kwahgawgid Llnagaay farther up-inlet, and Xaana at its western extremity. Daajing Giids is just one of dozens of village sites that proliferated in the rich and protected waters of Xaana Kaahlili GawGaay Skidegate Inlet.

You can explore the many islands, coves, rivers and narrows by hiring charters based out of the harbour at Kyahjuu GawGa Queen Charlotte Harbour or the boat launch at Chaana GndGaw GndGaaay Muncord Creek. You can get on the water in kayaks or powerboats. Float planes fly also out of Kyahjuu GawGa should you prefer to skip the waves and get to your destination by air. In Daajing Giids you will find a visitor’s centre, grocery store, restaurants, accommodations, camping, laundry, public library, post office, corner store, repair shop, gas station and credit union.

To the village’s eastern end, hikers can access Regier Lake trail via Forestry Hill. The trail leads you up the slopes behind Daajing Giids to Regier Lake. A little farther west NansG GndGaaay Kyuu Gore Brook Trail covers easier ground, looping behind the village. You will find a trailhead at the top of 8th Street. The trail exists behind ‘the Fishbowl’, a cul-de-sac a little farther west. You can also walk through old growth forests at Kaahlgwa GndGaaay Kyuu Crabapple Creek Trail. While exploring forests behind Daajing Giids, be certain to watch for your trail markers carefully. A whole network of ‘backyard trails’ can lead the unfamiliar astray.

Camps sites are available at the western end of town at Hayden Turner Camp Ground and Kagan Bay Recreational Site. At the end of the gravel road, called Honna Road, you can launch boats on the north shore of Tl’lnaa St’l’ing, the eastern end of Tl’Gaduu GawGa Kagan Bay. While visitors sometimes decide to camp there, you should be aware that residents often use the area for late night fires and to sight rifles in.

**BACKROADS AND QUEEN CHARLOTTE MAINLINE**

Towards the western end of Daajing Giids you can turn north to enter Queen Charlotte Mainline, which leads to Yaagun Yakoun Lake and Chaahluu Kaahlili Rennell Sound. QC Main will lead you into a network of logging roads that are variously maintained. These are working logging roads. Visitors should bring a trusty map, a properly tuned VHF radio and some good sense.
The sunny village of K'il Llnagaay is one of the many dozens of village sites that flourished along the inlet’s southern shore. Gorgeous beaches, mountain hikes, rivers and forests distinguish the surrounding country. Just on the west end of town you will find the head of Haans Creek Trail, where you can explore a little of this beauty.

In town you will find a boat launch, restaurants, a grocery store, airport, hostel, bed and post office. A number of fishing and adventure tourism outfits will get you ready for your next adventure in Gwaii Haanas. These outfits can drive you along the network of logging roads to Gawu Kuns Moresby Camp, an important Haida historical site that is many thousands of years old. Many adventures into Gwaii Haanas start at the boat launch there.

A drive south along gravel logging roads will bring you to 'Laana GaayGaagings Copper River Village, where Haida still maintain a fishing village. Further south you will find popular campsites at Diinal GawGa Gray Bay. With more back-roads navigation you will find K'aa'yaxda Tll-daGawaay Mount Moresby and neighbouring Hl Guu K'aw.was TlidaGaw Mosquito Mountain, both of which have popular trails. The difficult climb is well worth the rewards at their peaks, where you can admire stunning views of Haida Gwaii’s eastern and western coasts.
The road less traveled

TRAVELING ON LOGGING ROADS

Turn your lights on! Day or night, the more visible you are, the better your chances of avoiding trouble. Use your lights at all times. Forest roads are not built to the same standards as public highways. For example, they often have sharp, blind corners and narrow sections. All drivers must be prepared to react to unexpected conditions and to be able to stop safely. For your own sake, stay alert and always be ready to take evasive action. Remember, dust means traffic.

Logging trucks use all or most of the road width because of their size. Please give logging trucks and other industrial traffic the right-of-way. Due to their size, they just can’t manoeuvre the way personal vehicles can.

Loaded logging trucks definitely have the "right-of-weight"! When you see a logging truck or any other heavy equipment coming, get to a turnout and let the oncoming vehicle pass by. You may find turnouts on either side of the road -- whichever side it’s on, get to it and wait until it is safe to proceed.

Before you go, let someone know where you’re heading and when you expect to return. If you do get lost or stranded, stay with your vehicle. It will provide shelter until help arrives, and generally, rescuers can find it more quickly than they can an individual in the woods. Forest road users must be prepared for emergencies; there are no hospitals, restaurants, telephone booths or gas stations. Be sure to take the following:

- emergency food and water
- navigational/communication aids (maps, compass, charts, and fully charged GPS, cellular or satellite phone, VHS or hand-held radio, battery charges)
- extra fuel/fire extinguisher/axe
- first aid kit/warm clothing/sleeping bags
- a tool kit/shovel/tire emergency repair kit

A WORD ABOUT MOBILE DEVICE ACCESS ON HAIDA GWAI'I

Mobile phone coverage on Haida Gwaii is good in some locations and "iffy" in others. You can pick up a reliable signal in the area around Xaana Kaahlili Gaw Gaay Skidegate Inlet – Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte, Hl Gaagilda Skidegate, K’iIl Llnagaay Sandspit – and up coast to about Gandil Skahl Gaal St. Mary’s Spring. After that your bars drop rapidly. Further north there are a couple of spots where texts can be picked up but the next most reliable spot is at the end of Wiggins Road in Tll.aaal Tlell. Going north, your phone will chirp again just south of Gaw Masset. Service in the area around Gaw Kaahlili Masset Inlet is reliable, but as you head out to Gaatsguusd North Beach service thins out. Check out the centre-fold map for locations, and remember, the back country is a "signal-free" area – enjoy!

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Haida Gwaii cannot yet be designated as wheelchair-friendly but communities are working toward that goal. There are a number of attractions and activities that are accessible to people with limited mobility.

- Gaatsguusd North Beach area offers easy access to the beach with parking immediately beside the beach. The beach might prove challenging as the ground is often soft depending on wind and tides. The area has many places to sit and enjoy the surf in close proximity to one’s parked vehicle. At the Hiellen Campground:
  - Kwahtsiisda the Blow Hole at Gaatsguusd North Beach area and a tour of the monumental poles in Gaw Old Massett is an enjoyable and easily navigable north-island tour. The monumental poles in Gaw can be viewed from the roadside and the Kwahtsiisda is a 20-minute walk (each way) via a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk from a parking lot. At the trail head:

- The Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary and Interpretive Centre are also wheelchair-accessible to some degree. The interpretive centre and bird watching tower next to it are easily accessible via the walk and drive along Cemetery Road.

- An easy pathway runs along the waterfront at Sunset Park in Gamadiis Port Clements. The trail along the estuary was designed to be wheelchair accessible but it can be challenging at times if the chair tires are narrow. The two kilometre path leads to a bird watching tower that is wheelchair accessible up to the first level.

- Gamadiis Port Clements has also improved the Golden Spruce Trail to make it wheelchair-accessible. The trail takes about 20-minutes to walk each way. This is an inspiring old growth rainforest trail. At the trail head:

- The ocean-side drive from Tll.aal Tlell to Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte features gorgeous views of the open ocean from the roadside. At Halibut Bight rest stop:

- Xaaydas Giinaa.ah Naay Haida Heritage Centre and Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum at Kay Llnagaay were designed to be wheelchair accessible. Although the inside of the centre is accessible, the outside area where the monumental pole tours are conducted has proven difficult to some due to the gravel covering. Tours at the Centre include the monumental pole, Gyaa K’id Naay carving house, Haida canoe and weaving tours.

- The Queen Charlotte Seawalk is located in central Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte. It provides a stunning view of Xaana Kaahlii GawGaay Skidegate Inlet and Queen Charlotte Harbour at the Visitor Information Centre, Community Centre & Library:

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WELCOME TO THE ISLANDS OF BEAUTY

Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site is a wild place. With no road access, stores, cell phone coverage and little signage, it is a true wilderness experience.

Gwaii Haanas is not only home to a plethora of unique subspecies and environments, it is also home to Haida. Today the Council of the Haida Nation and the Government of Canada manage Gwaii Haanas through a cooperative agreement. They work together through the Archipelago Management Board (AMB), which protects Gwaii Haanas from sea floor to mountain peak.

Gwaii Haanas visitors can paddle kayaks or catch the wind sailing through waters alongside sGaana killer whales, skul Pacific white-sided dolphins and kay Steller sea lions, and seeing pods of kun humpbacks breaching and flicking their tail flukes as they gorge on the bounty of the Gwaii Haanas marine area. Visitors can float through K’iid Xyangs Kiidaay Burnaby Narrows, teeming with intertidal life, and see a vast array of different species at lower tides.

Haida have lived amongst the sGaanawaay supernatural beings of Haida Gwaii at least since the end of the ice age, and have managed Gwaii Haanas to maintain its ecological integrity for at least 14,500 years. Kayak along shorelines teeming with sea stars, walk amid towering, century-old monumental poles and soak up the moss-shrouded magic of 1,884 islands and islets. In the summer, activities range from one-day guided boat trips to extended boating or kayaking adventures.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Gwaii Haanas balances recreation with protection of the natural and cultural features that attract people. With this in mind, the number of visitors entering Gwaii Haanas each day is limited. Available space is distributed between guided and independent travelers. July to mid-August is the busiest travel period, so if you plan to visit during this time, verify the availability of your Gwaii Haanas dates before finalizing your travel plans.

Are you travelling independently or on a guided trip? If you would like to take a guided trip, book your trip directly with a licensed Tour Operator. See pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/bc/gwaiihaanas/visit/guides/voyagistes-operators for a list of licensed tour operators. If you are travelling independently (in your own boat, personal or rented kayak) you will need to make a reservation and attend an orientation.

HAIDA WATCHMEN PROGRAM

For millenia Haida posted watchmen at strategic positions around villages to raise alarms in advance of approaching enemies. The current Gina Ga Ga Kyaht'sas Haida Gwaii Watchmen Program began in 1981 as a volunteer initiative designed to protect Haida villages and other important cultural sites in Gwaii Haanas. Today, Watchmen welcome visitors and act as guardians protecting the villages from spring until autumn at:

K’uuna Llnagaay Skedans
Taannu Llnagaay Tanu
Hlk’yah GawGa Windy Bay
Gandll Kin Gwaayaay Hotspring Island
SGang Gwaay Ninstints, Anthony Island

Listen as Haida Watchmen share oral histories and stories which have been passed down through generations.

Haida poles at SGang Gwaay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and K’uuna Llnagaay Skedans stretch into the sky telling ancient stories. Haida poles are maps of Haida lives and lineages and form a connection with the supernatural, displaying crests associated with certain families and people.
A wealth of knowledge

SANDSPIT VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
250-637-5362 • lovehaidagwaii.com/the-sandspit-visitor-centre

Sandspit Visitor Centre is located inside the Sandspit Airport and provides information about what to see and do in the area, including the world-renowned Gwaii Haanas Haida Heritage Site, National Park Reserve, and Nation Marine Conservation Area. The Sandspit Visitor Centre staff members are locals with intimate, firsthand knowledge of the area, its culture, peoples and heritage, plus local events, like the Moresby Market, Loggers Sports Day and the Sandspit Wild Harvest Festival. In addition to information about the region, visitors are invited to spend time in the gift shop and take home a souvenir to commemorate their visit to the region. The Sandspit Visitor Centre is part of the official Tourism BC Visitor Centre Network and is operated by a not-for-profit community society.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
250-559-8316 • queencharlottevisitorcentre.com

The Queen Charlotte Visitor Information Centre is located in heart of Daajing Giids and is a part of the official Tourism BC Visitor Information Centre Networks. They are open all year long; during the winter they are open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and in the summer, seven days a week. The Queen Charlotte Visitor Centre and its services are an integral part of the Islands tourism community of Haida Gwaii. Wondering where to stay or how to connect with local tour and charter companies? Do you need a map or directions to hiking trails and beautiful beaches? The staff are here to help. Head outside to the interpretive garden and picnic area to relax and take in the fresh air.

PORT CLEMENTS MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE
250-557-4576 • lovehaidagwaii.com/port-clements-museum

Visitors to Haida Gwaii must add a stop at the Port Clements Museum to their travel itinerary. The museum is run by the Port Clements Historical Society, made up entirely of local volunteers who have a passion for preserving and sharing Gamadiis' unique history. The museum features both outdoor and indoor displays, including its famous collection of machinery that helped to shape the town and power the industries that put Gamadiis on the map. In fact, visitors can take in more than 2,000 artifacts that have played a significant role in shaping the past of Gamadiis. Guests are invited to take an interpretive tour or browse the displays on their own. The Port Clements Museum is open daily June to September - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. During the rest of the year it is open Saturdays and Sundays - 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

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FEATURED TRAILS
For specific trail information see BCParks.ca or gohaidagwaii.ca:
- Taaw Tow Hill & Kwhtsisida Blow hole
- K’iid K’iiyaas Golden Spruce
- Anvil
- Pesuta
- Yaagun Yakoun Lake
- Bonanza Beach
- Gregory Beach
- Dover Trail
- Secret Cove
- Sk’aw Gandala Cape Fife Trail
- Tlldas East Beach

CAMPSITE LOCATIONS
Agate Beach and Misty Meadows
Campgrounds are subject to a nightly fee from June 1 to September 30:
- Hl’yaalan Galguusd Agate Beach
- Misty Meadows
- Diinal GawGa Gray Bay

PICNIC & PADDLING AREAS
Make sure you understand the risks of water sport activities:
- Diinal GawGa Gray Bay
- Yaagun Yakoun Lake
- Kwiiid Suu Mayer Lake
- Gantl’ Gadaas Pure Lake

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
RCP: Queen Charlotte • 250-559-4421
Masset • 250-626-3991
Ground Search & Rescue — contact closest RCMP

BC AMBULANCE • 1-800-461-9911

OBSERVE, RECORD, REPORT • 1-800-465-4336
(fish & wildlife violations, littering or pollution)

RAPP - Report All Poachers & Polluters 24hr hotline • 1-877-952-7277
(Conservation Officer) cell #7277

MARINE EMERGENCY:
Prince Rupert Coast Guard • 250-627-3081
VHF 16 • cell phone #727
Rescue Centre • 1-800-567-5111
1-250-413-8933 | cell #727

FOREST FIRES:
Coastal Fire Centre • 1-800-663-5555

THE TRAIL MARKER
There are two main shapes that make up Haida art, the ‘ovoid’ and ‘U’ shapes. Within many classical designs, you will find the salmon/trout head like this one used on the trail markers. The design is used to fill spaces in eye balls, wings, body parts, etc. There are thousands of different ways this common design element can be used.

Trail Marker design — Ben Davidson
CO-MANAGEMENT
The Haida Nation and BC Parks co-manage eighteen terrestrial and marine protected areas across the Haida Gwaii archipelago. This amounts to one-third of the Islands – just over 224,000 hectares (553,516 acres). Combined with Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site, fifty-two percent of Haida Gwaii is protected and managed collaboratively with the Haida Nation.

- YAHGUDAAANG is the Haida concept for respect for the land, sea and all living things - please practice this during your visit to Haida Gwaii protected areas. Use the principles of Leave No Trace camping.

- Please do not remove any cultural artifacts that you may encounter along the route and report any findings to the Council of the Haida Nation and BC Parks.

- Respect sensitive plants growing in coastal sand ecosystems and do not trample or pick them.

- Avoid travel in the forest during high winds.

- On exposed beaches always be aware of the tide and never turn your back to the sea. Make sure you have a current tide table and know how to interpret it.

- Be Taan Bear Aware – they can be encountered throughout Haida Gwaii. Always store your food and trash properly and away from your campsite, keep dogs under control, and pay attention to your surroundings, especially near salmon rivers.

- Use fire rings if provided and never leave your fire unattended. Ensure it is completely extinguished before you leave.

- Use care and attention driving on active logging roads.

- Tsunamis: rare but dangerous. If you feel the ground shake strongly for more than 30 seconds or notice the tide dropping rapidly and drastically, immediately move to higher ground.
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Haida Haanas
National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site

Reserve de parc national, réserve d’aire marine nationale de conservation, et site du patrimoine haida

Gwaii Haanas

Canada

HAIDA NATION
The work of getting local foods into schools involves many players, challenging logistics and varied approaches. For example, in order to make ts’iljii dried halibut, a favourite snack at the Guudangge Tlaatsga Nee, the high school in Gwa’um Masset, staff need to address safety concerns, arrange transportation, work with local fishermen, have a place to process, and store the fish until it is dried. In past years, the Local Foods to School and Pantry Program and the many people they work with have been there to lend a hand. The core team includes a Local Foods to School coordinator, a Northern Health dietitian and two Pantry Coordinators. The programs are overseen by a Haida foods committee to ensure the work is done in a respectful, meaningful and culturally appropriate manner.

For fisherman and artist skil qaat’la. aas Reg Davidson, the new focus on local foods is a welcome change and one that reminds him of how food traditions are passed on. “What I enjoy about it is the way we learn, our family took us out fishing and taught us how to fish so we can look after ourselves,” he said. “It is good the school is adapting to this area.”

Collaborations and community support have been key to addressing some major challenges such as getting venison and fish into schools. In the past, food safety regulations and other hurdles prevented schools and other public organizations from using meat or fish that doesn’t come from a grocery store. By working closely with Northern Health and a local meat processing facility, the Local Food to School program has been able to help develop a system that meets all food safety requirements. As a result, the schools and community programs are able to receive donations of venison.
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- SKIL QAAT'LA.AAS REG DAVIDSON

from Gwaii Haanas’s Llgaay gwii sdihlda Restoring Balance project. The project is an initiative to remove deer from Ramsay Island so that the natural flora and fauna has a chance to repopulate the area.

"Once the system was in place, we were able to work with Gwaii Haanas and Baru Farm to provide large quantities of venison to schools and community programs," said Kiku Dhanwant, the Local Foods to School coordinator. "Thanks to the Restoring Balance project and donations from local hunters, we were able to distribute over 1,000 pounds of donated venison last year to the schools for kids to enjoy." In a remote area where store bought food is expensive, this is huge benefit.

The program was also able to supply schools with halibut, salmon and other seafood procured from the Council of the Haida Nation and others which were processed at Haida Wild, a certified seafood processing facility.

These stories are not only about the nutritional value of locally-harvested food, Dhanwant said. They are also about preparing and sharing food. Eating together fosters stronger relationships between the students, their teachers, parents, elders and community.

"Kids are making food – like halibut burgers – then they go home and talk about it, now the parents are talking about it," Dhanwant said. "Food brings people together and everyone benefits."

Elder, st’aaga kuns Margaret Edgars, knows that local food is much healthier than the products that arrive here by truck and ferry to be sold in stores. "I am really happy that this program has started because the foods that are gathered here are so rich in nutrients," she said.

Eating good food from close to home and continuing the connection to the land and cultural traditions builds a healthy foundation for community well-being. "Youth learn respect for the food and each other when they come together to gather, prepare or eat food from home," Dhanwant said. "When kids work with elders they learn that everything is interconnected and to take care of ourselves, and the places that our food comes from." 🍛
Kay Katie Borserio was a beloved artist, teacher and community member of Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte, where she lived for 32 years. This fall, Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum at Kay Llnagaay is hosting a retrospective exhibition of her work, with pieces contributed from dozens of collectors, friends and family.

Katie, who passed away in 2016 at the age of 56, worked mostly in clay and linocut print but towards the end of her life, she took up drawing and painting. The retrospective includes artworks spanning her entire career, from earthy pots and figures created in her early years at the University of Victoria, to intricate clay and cedar mosaics, to playful paintings of brightly-coloured bugs. These pieces tell stories of an artist who loved kayaking and camping throughout Haida Gwaii, who was passionate about the natural world, about creating art, and who continues to inspire friends and students.

For Penny Richardson, a close friend and fellow artist, the two words that best describe Katie are “elegant graciousness”. Both women were part of a group of artists that met every week for many years in the art room at the local high school, where Katie was the art teacher. She was known among the other artists for her ardent attention to detail and precise finishing.

“Everything Katie did had a serenity and a calmness to it,” Richardson said. Most of her imagery was inspired by the land and sea around her home, featuring plants, animals and birds of Haida Gwaii, worked in organic forms and materials.

At one point she began sculpting life-size slugs out of clay, glazing them in muddy tones of grey and green.

“She started them as a lark and they became so popular,” Richardson said. “Everybody wanted a slug!”

As with many of the pieces in this show, Katie’s touch transforms the lowly slug into a sculpted creature that is entirely realistic, but also filled with the artist’s own grace and style.

KATIE BORSERIO: A RETROSPECTIVE is on display at the Haida Gwaii Museum until December 28, 2018.
Protecting these stands is important because old growth forest supports a great diversity of species in high populations. Should you visit an old growth forest in spring, you can actually hear the difference. Old growth resounds with birds calling and singing.

Numerous invasive species also thrive in Haida Gwaii’s forests; for example, k’aad *Sitka Black tailed deer*, gwiguu *raccoons*, ts’ing *beavers*, daasGa *Red squirrels*, and kagan *Black rats, Norway rats and House mice* to name a few. When old growth is cut, invasive species add predation pressure and compete with native species for food, amplifying the effects of deforestation.

While changes have made Haida Gwaii’s habitats leaner, they have set the table for one of its chubbier hunters. K’uuxuu *Haida Gwaii Pine marten* is a top predator in Haida Gwaii. On the mainland, when old growth is logged, martens usually suffer. But in Haida Gwaii, invasive species provide an abundant smorgasbord for the peckish predators, and on the Islands martens abound.

K’uuxuu have been isolated in Haida Gwaii since they were trapped on the Islands by encroaching glaciers some 20,000 years ago. As the glaciers melted the surrounding oceans rose and flooded the plain that once connected the Islands to the mainland. Through the intervening millennia k’uuxuu began to exhibit signs of a natural phenomenon known as ‘the island rule’. Islands often can’t sustain too many large carnivores. In Haida Gwaii the largest predator is taan *Haida Gwaii black bear*. Additionally carnivores like lynx, wolverines, guuajii *wolves* and badgers are absent. The dearth of other large carnivores leaves plenty of room at the top of the food chain, and over millennia smaller carnivores can grow larger to fill vacant ecological niches.

In Haida Gwaii k’uuxuu have grown larger than any other marten species on k’adgwaa *the mainland*. Their more robust molar teeth are set in wider jaws than their mainland cousins. Beneath their snouts are thicker nasal bones that strengthen their skulls. An
orange breastplate phenotypically distinguishes the mischievous mustelids. Over time, wider jaws and larger sizes have assisted k’uuxuu in their rascally endeavours. A seafood banquet appears each low tide and devouring it is not a task any weasel should take lightly. Stronger teeth likely help the loafer k’uuxuu supplement their diet with plenty of pelagic protein.

Usually able to squeeze into even the densest root-clod, k’uuxuu’s sizes have only expanded since humans have added invasive species to the menu. At the dawn of the Anthropocene k’uuxuu awakened for breakfast and found themselves hopping through a forest freshly decorated with small rodents. Squirrels, rats, muskrats, beavers and mice, wishing to sleep snuggly in their dens, awaken to find themselves trapped in a wrestling ring, facing off against the sumo of Haida Gwaii’s understory.

As if this fresh rain of protein were not enough, k’uuxuu have begun to supplement their luxurious diet with introduced k’aad deer. In Haida Gwaii k’uuxuu wait in trees above deer-trails, then pounce on the unlucky ungulates, bringing fluffy doom from above.

Haida Gwaii’s new influx of invasives has so inflated k’uuxuu sizes, that scientists created a new weight class for Haida Gwaii’s hefty hunters: “obese”.

Scientists expect k’uuxuu’s plumper population may begin to affect tl’ga Haida Gwaii ermine and stads k’un Haida Gwaii goshawk because their diets overlap. K’uuxuu are very competent hunters, and as their populations grow during the times of plenty, they may be consuming more than their fair share. Growing concentrations of k’uuxuu also directly affect species like skaw Sooty grouse, which now find little respite from predation.

Photos by TaawHuxukad Mary Helmer
CONNECTING WITH HISTORY

COME INTO OUR LIVING ROOM

Kay Jaad Nathalie Macfarlane relaxes on a soft grey sofa in Saahlinda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum, leafing through a photo album filled with pictures of islanders, taken from the 1890s up until just a few years ago. Early black and white photographs show individuals and groups posing seriously in the formal wear of yesteryear, while others show long-ago occasions like picnics and parades. Names and locations are noted in captions alongside the pictures.

“Going through a photo album is a much different experience than looking at photographs on a screen,” says Kay Jaad, the archives and curatorial advisor at the museum. “We’ve noticed that people love to sit down and hold the albums and really get into the photos. People can share looking at a photo album in a way they don’t with a computer. It’s a very social experience.”

The photo albums are just one of the displays at the museum’s newest permanent exhibit, the Haida Gwaii Living Room. Located near the end of the building, the Living Room is a bright and airy space filled with everyday objects that are meant to be handled and examined, including old telephones, typewriters, newspapers and magazines. With two sofas, a coffee table and a couple of lounge chairs, the exhibit also invites people to sit back and relax – just as if they were in a neighbour’s living room. It’s a contrast to the usual museum experience, where people tend to stand attentively for long periods and expect to be somewhat uncomfortable.

“This is a welcoming space,” Kay Jaad says. “You can sit down, look through photo albums, hear oral histories. We’ve basically decorated it and filled it with objects from Haida Gwaii residences from the 1920s to the 1980s. It’s kind of like the living archives of Haida Gwaii.”

There’s a spot where people can watch old film footage of events on Haida Gwaii, and another area where they can put on headphones and listen to oral histories. The walls are decorated with family portraits, some in ornate frames. Two china cabinets hold an assortment of treasures: small carvings in
argillite and wood, a tiny accordion, delicate china plates and teacups. A striking quilt embroidered with Haida crests, made by a group of hospital volunteers in the 1940s, cozies up one of the sofas.

One of Kay Jaad's favourite things in the exhibit is a couple of issues of the "Queen Charlotte Islander" newspaper from 1911 and 1912. The original pages have been reprinted on large sheets of paper, so they can be handled and read easily. These old pages reveal a glimpse of the fevered pace of settler real estate promotion in the years leading up to World War 1, with ads and articles extolling Graham Island's resources and farming potential. The December 30, 1911 issue contains Christmas dinner menus from a local hotel and restaurant (fried chicken, leg of lamb, prime rib of beer and turkey with cranberry sauce were on the menu at the Premier Hotel), and a report on how the holiday was celebrated in Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte and Hl Gaagilda Skidegate ("Christmas was Merry") as well as more sobering news of a murder-suicide in Daajing Giids. The newspapers also contain enough outdated terms and attitudes that the museum has posted a warning sticker on them, alerting readers that the racist and derogatory language does not reflect the views of Saahlinda Naay.

"These early newspapers are fascinating, they reflect so much about people's attitudes at the time," says Kay Jaad. "Parts of them are like a gossip column, and there is so much information here about all of the communities.... To me, these are really revealing, and really interesting."

The Living Room opened in June 2018, after six months of preparatory work, but it's an idea that Kay Jaad and museum executive director and curator Jisgang Nika Collison have been talking about since the early 2000s. Like any museum Saahlinda Naay has collected boxes and boxes of historical material over the years, including pictures, letters, and diaries. While these archives are technically available for the public to look at, people rarely use them, Kay Jaad said – they are hidden away in back offices and you have to make an appointment to look through them.

"The idea was to bring our archives – at least a portion of them – out into the public and make it a comfortable space," she says. "We can endlessly update it, by bringing out different photo albums, for example. It's only going to get fuller and richer."

The museum's archive of photographs started with a collection of 2,000 or so pictures that were put together in albums and donated by local historians Kathleen Dalzell of Gamadiis Port Clements and Howard Phillips of Gaw Masset back in 1976, when the museum opened. The collection has grown since then and now contains about 10,000 photographs. These pictures will be rotated through the Living Room in albums, and will also be available for viewing on the museum's website.

"The flow of knowledge is so alive here," says Kay Jaad. "It's not true that things are dead. There's always a new story about an object."
The Haida Gwaii Living Room
GRAND OPENING 1pm–4pm Saturday June 30, 2018 Haida Gwaii Museum at Kay Llnagaay

Come and explore the latest addition to the Haida Gwaii Museum

The Haida Gwaii Living Room is a new space that brings the Museum’s archives to life. Explore historical photos of the Islands’ communities, people, and events going back to the 1880’s. Listen to recorded oral histories, songs, stories, poems and ballads. Watch historical film and video footage of past events and activities on Haida Gwaii and much more. Enjoy it all in a living room environment with comfortable seating and filled with objects used in Haida Gwaii residences from the 1920’s to 1980’s.

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With special thanks to BC Ministry of Social Development and Wellness Job Creation Program, the BC Arts Council and the North Coast Regional District.
Kún K_ayángas (Stláaygee Xáy Gúul) Marlene Liddle weaves hats and baskets using holographic foils, copper, steel, and even 23-karat gold woven into the Red and Yellow cedar bark she harvests from the forests.

Kún K_ayángas, whose name means diving or spouting whale, learned to weave as an adult. She started by going out with a group of friends to harvest Yellow cedar, which they gave to local weavers. In 2007, her cousin Salaagudgang Christine Carty told her she had to learn how to weave. Salaagudgang was hosting a class, so Kún K_ayángas joined it. As she tells it, she was the worst student: rushing her work, yet always falling behind. "It took me a whole year to do one hat," she says with a laugh. "The elders said they were going to have a birthday party for the hat, it was taking so long!"

Her challenges were compounded when her son, working on a commercial crab fishing boat, was in a serious accident. Kún K_ayángas started travelling regularly to T’agwaa Vancouver, where her son faced a long and complicated recovery. At night, alone in a T’agwaa hotel room, she worked on her weaving. "I would just sit there and weave," she said. "It gave me sanity and peace." As he recuperated, she continued weaving, building on the skills she had learned from Salaagudgang and gradually developing a style that is all her own.

She started working with copper in 2010, after seeing a quarter of an inch wide copper bands in a store. They were exactly the right size, but she had to experiment to figure out how to incorporate them into the weaving. She now embraces a variety of materials for use in her hats, including ones that mimic the iridescent sheen of abalone shell, and subtle yet sparkling turquoises and purples. These "non-traditional" materials, worked smoothly into the cedar strips, make her hats unique and identify her work.

One of her latest feats is a hat woven with 23-karat Italian gold leaf, created after her husband asked if she could make a hat out of gold. She had to research the material, and then come up with a five-step process to incorporate it successfully. The hat – which took approximately 600 hours - was a triumph. She wore it to a ‘waahlGahl potlatch and sold it almost as soon as she arrived.

Although Kún K_ayángas works full-time, she dedicates her evening hours and weekends to weaving, and often opens her home to anyone who wants to learn. Contact her via email (marlene_liddle@yahoo.ca) if you are interested in ordering a custom-made hat or basket. ♦
WHY WE LOVE HAI DA GWAI I

FIRYAL MOHAMED
DAAJING GIIDS Queen Charlotte
I’m an island girl! What can I say? I left my birth island when I was 8 years old. Nearly 25 years later the winds blew me to the Edge Of The World. Sometimes, home isn’t returning to where you come from, it’s understanding where you are meant to be.

DESTINY DAVIDSON
GAW Old Massett
Being born and raised on Haida Gwaii is really something special. It’s a small island but there is so much to take in. It is so beautiful here, even on the ugly days.

BILL GALT
DAAJING GIIDS Queen Charlotte
I like the rain, so it’s perfect here.

CHRISTINE CUNNINGHAM
GAMADIIS Port Clements
I love raising my children on Haida Gwaii. There are so many beautiful places for them to explore and to have free, unstructured outdoor play.
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- Local articles, classifieds, events and business information
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- Delicious baking and treats
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- Northbeach apparel

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The dedicated and vibrant Haida language community is thoroughly integrated into the Islands fabric. The community provides translation services, spell checking, the correct use of words, and context-references to many publications and individuals on Haida Gwaii. The community includes fluent speakers mentoring younger students in all communities, elders who gather in spaces like HlGaagilda Xaayda Kil Naay Skidegate Haida Immersion Program (SHIP) to record and teach, university students earning teaching degrees, those who participated in discussion and write in the language online, and people teaching themselves at home.

Elders say there were as many dialects of Haida as there were clans – at one time numbering well into the hundreds. Today three primary dialects are recognized: K’iis Xaad kil southeastern Alaskan dialect, Gaw Xaad kil Haida northern dialect and HlGaagilda Xaayda Kil Haida southern dialect.

A NOTE ON HAIDA LANGUAGE USE:
In this publication, the geographic location of the story determines which dialect is used. For the stories located north of Gamadiis Port Clements we use Gaw Xaad kil and for those south of Gamadiis we use HlGaagilda Xaayda Kil.

SOME OF THE PLACE NAMES MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE

Chaahluu Kaahlii Rennell Sound
Chaana GangGaaw Gandlaay Muncord Creek
Daajing Giids Queen Charlotte
Daajing Giids GawGa Bearskin Bay
Daa.ulgaay Skidegate Narrows
Dal Kaahlii Delkatla Slough
Damaayxa
Dinaal GawGa Gray Bay
Duu Guusd the west coast of Haida Gwaii
HlGaaw K’aayhllnga Balance Rock
HlGaagilda Skidegate
HlGuu Kaw.was TlldaGaaw Mosquito mountain
Hlk’yah GawGa Windy Bay
Hl’yalaan Galguusd Agate Beach
GaahlInns kun Cape Ball
Gaatsguusd the McIntyre Bay area
Gandll K’in Gwaay.yaay Hotspring Island
Gandll SkahlGaal St. Mary’s Spring
Gant’l Gaadaas Pure Lake
Gamadiis Port Clements
Gämadiis Gandllee Port Clements
Gaw Masset, Old Massett
Gaw Kaahlii Masset Inlet
Gaw Tlagee the mouth of Masset Inlet
Gawu Kuns Moresby Camp
Gawu Kuns Siiwaay Mosquito Lake
Gina Guu Aahljuu Naay Performance House
GuuhlGa Llnagaay Skidegate Landing
GuuhlGa Siiwaay K’yuu Spirit Lake trail
Gyaa K’id Naay Carving House
Juus Kaahlii Juskatla
K’aayxada TlldaGawaay Mount Moresby
Kaahlgwa Gandlaay K’yuuy Crabapple Creek trail
KandaliGwii Hecate Strait
Kay Llnagaay Sealion Town
Kay Tay Daanaay Cape St. James
K’iid K’iyyas K’yuuy Golden Spruce Trail
K’iid Xyangs K’iidaay Burnaby Narrows
K’iis Gwaay Langara Point
K’il Llnagaay Sandspit
Kil Kun Spit point
K’unna Llnagaay Skedans
Kuu Jad TlldaGaw Sleeping Beauty mountain
K’waas T’uqma shallow spot on the spit near Sandspit
Kwahtsiisda the Blow Hole
Kwiid Ssu Mayer Lake
Kxeen Prince Rupert
Kyahjuu GawGa Queen Charlotte harbour
Laana GaayGaagings Copper River Village
MaaGan Gandlaay Cape Ball River
NansGa Gandlaay K’yuu Gore Brook trail
Nasduu Gandlaay Hippa Island
Nee Kun Rose Spit
Saaahlninda Naay Haida Gwaii Museum
Siigee Dixon Entrance
SGang Gwaay Anthony Island
SGidlii Gandlaay K’yuuuy White Creek trail
Sk’aw Gandlaay Cape Fife
T’aanuu Llnagaay Tanu
Taa Sua Tasu Inlet
T’aga Vancouver
Taaw Tow Hill
Tlaga Gawtlaas New Town
Til.aal Tlell
Til.aal Gandlaay Tlell River
Tllgaduu GawGa Kagan Bay
Ts’aa.ahl Gwaay.yaay Chaatl Island
Ts’uu Ts’idga Lawn Hill
Xaana Kaahlii GawGaay Skidegate Inlet
Xaaydas Giiinaa.ah Naay Haida Heritage House
Xiina Gwaay.yaay Ramsay Island
Xuuya Gandllee Oeanda River
Yaagun K’un Yakun Point
Yaagun Gandlaay Yakoun River
Yaagun Kaahlii St’lang Yakoun River estuary
Yaagun Suu Yakoun Lake
A NOTE ON HAIDA LANGUAGE

**LAND & SEA**

| Fish eggs | Tsaay | Chaay |
| Northern Abalone | Gahlgah'yaan | GalGahlyan |
| Cassin's Auklet | Hajaa | Haaja |
| Pacific herring | 'linaang | linang |
| Harlequin duck | Sasaa K'iligee | K'ayda k'uuxawuu |
| Pelagic Cormorant | K'yaaluuwee | K'yaaluu |
| Pine marten | K'uu | K'uuxuu |
| Salmon berries | Sk'awGa'an | Sk'awGandala |
| Haida Gwaii Goshawk | Sdads k'un | Stads k'un |
| Red Cedar | Ts'uu | Ts'uu k'al |
| Cedar bark | Giid | Xuuajii |
| Grizzly bear | Xuuts' | Xuu ajji |

**CONSONANTS**

1. Lips: p, b, m, w
2. Back of teeth: t, t', d, n, ts, ts', j, s, tl, tl', dl, hl, l, l'
3. Hard palate: y, ch
4. Soft palate: k, k', g, ng, x, w
5. Uvula: k, k', G (in Xaayda Kil), x
6. Glottis: h, ', G (in Xaad Kil)

**BEINGS**

- The Haida canon of oral histories: K'iygang
- Matrilineal descendants of the raven moiety: Yaalaa
- Hereditary leader: Kilsaay
- Matrilineal descendants of the eagle moiety: Guuda
- Haida ancestors: Kunisii
- One Whose Voice is Obeyed or Supernatural Raven: Nang Kilslaas
- Supernatural Being: SGaanuwee

**ITEMS & EVENTS**

- Monumental pole: Gya'aang
- Expert carver: K'id 'leegaa 'aayaagaa
- Raven's Tail weaving: Yaahl Kuu
- Grandmother: Naanii
- Copper shield: Taaw
- Balance (making things right): Til yahdaa
- Grandfather: Tsanii
- Respect: Yahgudang
- Potlatch: 'Waahl'ahl
- Thank You: Haw'aa

**The Pharynx**

- Nasal Cavity
- Uvula
- Hard palate
- Soft palate
- Glottis
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Dawn patrol from Kuu Jad Tliisaw Kyuu, Sleeping Beauty mountain.
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