



RESORT DIRECTORY



WELCOME TO OCEAN TRAILS RESORT

Dear Guests,

Thank you for choosing Ocean Trails Resort, where the staff and management are committed to making your stay pleasant and comfortable. We understand that there are many resorts and hotels from which to choose and we appreciate your confidence in our service.

The mid island is affectionately known as "The Island's Jewel" and we believe that after a little exploration you will discover its hidden treasures. If you like to walk on a secluded beach, listen to the call of the eagles, or just enjoy the sun and sand, we have some of the most incredible beaches in the world.

We are surrounded by wonderful restaurants, artists' galleries, golf courses, whimsical mini-golf and every kind of shopping experience imaginable. We are also central to many exciting day trips... a virtual vacation smorgasbord.

Our purpose is to provide you with a first class hospitality experience delivered by our courteous and professional staff. We have put together this book on information you need to know, should know or might just like to know about the area. It is our aim to fill your vacation with fun, relaxation and adventure. Don't hesitate to visit the office for brochures and any other assistance we may provide with directions and recommendations.

After your visit we hope you will always consider Ocean Trails Resort to be your home in Parksville. Thank you for choosing to stay with us. We wish you a warm welcome and we hope you will return soon.

Thank you!

Lynne Farrell,
Ocean Trails Resort

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FACILITY HOURS

Check In/Out	Check-in time is 4:00 PM	Check-out time is 11:00 AM	Services
Office	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM - Summer 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Spring & Fall <i>(hours may vary)</i> 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Winter <i>(hours may vary)</i>		<i>(Prices are subject to change & include applicable taxes)</i> FAX \$1.15 per page <i>(Incoming or outgoing)</i> PHOTOCOPIES \$0.15 per copy WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS <i>No charge for registered guests)</i>
Hot Tub	EVERYONE WELCOME 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM* ADULTS ONLY 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM* <i>*Only Oct - mid-May</i>	EVERYONE WELCOME 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM* ADULTS ONLY 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM* <i>*May long weekend - Sept long weekend</i>	
Pool	EVERYONE WELCOME 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM* ADULTS ONLY 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM*	<i>*Open May Long weekend through September long weekend</i> <i>*May remain open through September weather permitting</i>	

AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT THE OFFICE

(Prices are subject to change and do not include GST)

Barbecues	Daily, and special weekly rates available.
Cots	
Travel Playpens	
Highchairs	



Please contact the office prior to 2:00pm to rent propane BBQs. Charcoal BBQs are not permitted on site and no BBQs are permitted on the decks of upper units. Special pricing available for BBQ rentals for winter long term stays.

Bookings:

All of our guest units are individually owned and decorated with their own special décor. We understand that Ocean Trails Resort guests have favorite units and locations. We are unable to guarantee specific units, requests however are always welcome and encouraged.

Reservation Information:

GST, Provincial and Municipal Hotel Tax not included in quoted rates. The maximum occupancy in a 1 bedroom is 4 persons, 2 bedroom is 6 persons, and 3 bedroom is 8 persons (including children and infants).

Checking Out:

We ask that kitchens be returned to the state in which you found them. Dirty dishes may be placed in the dishwasher and the dishwasher set to run. Please hang wet or dirty towels or place them in the bathtub. Remove all garbage and recycling to the garbage/recycling area located just behind the tennis court.

Although these times must be strictly adhered to in the summer season, earlier check-in and later check-out times, if available, may be arranged through the front office during the shoulder and off seasons. If you will be checking out prior to 11:00am please advise the front office so we may get a head start on preparing the unit for the next guests.

A fee of \$50 per hour will be charged on late check-outs that are not authorized.

Leaving Early:

Your reservation is a firm commitment. Once you have checked into the resort no refund is available if you decide to leave early. Full payment will be required for dates originally booked. Long term stays of 2 months or longer can cancel dates originally booked with a minimum of 30 days' notice.

RESORT INFORMATION

Ocean Trails Resort offers privately owned condominiums for rent through Resort Management. The following guidelines will ensure a comfortable and memorable stay at our Resort. Resort facilities are for use by registered guests only. Guests are responsible for their visitors.

BATHROOM FANS

For your comfort, our bathroom fans are wired to control humidity levels in the units. The fan may be controlled by an on/off switch in the bathroom or by way of a humidity dial in the hallway (outside the bathroom door). If the fan will not shut off with the on/off switch you can either turn the humidity dial to a higher setting or turn it off altogether. Please note during the colder months air flow is needed to properly vent moisture from the units. Condensation can build up causing damage to the window ledge, please ensure the humidistat is set to allow the venting of excess moisture that is normally occurring through showers, cooking and breathing.



BEACH ACCESS

Access to Rath Trevor Beach from Ocean Trails Resort is via a ramp located at the north east corner of the property. Alternately you may park a vehicle in the parking lot at Rath Trevor Provincial Park and walk out onto the beach from there.

FIRE SAFETY

Plan ahead. Seconds count in a fire situation. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. Fire starts bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire you may be disoriented. Why not, right now while you're thinking about it, note the location of the fire extinguisher and the exits and plan an escape route.

In the unlikely event of a fire, proceed to the nearest exit. If there is smoke in the room, keep low to the floor. **DO NOT** stop to gather personal belongings. Knock on the doors of the other units in your building and let your neighbors know of the fire. Call 911 from a safe phone.

Please note the use of fire pits of any sort are not permitted on resort grounds.



FIREPLACES

Please do not operate fireplaces when sofa bed is unfolded. Do not lean cushions against the hot glass.

There are three different styles of gas fireplaces on site. Some units are controlled by an on/off switch only. Others are controlled by a thermostat on the wall close to the fireplace - these fireplaces will shut off when the temperature in the room matches the setting on the thermostat. The third style has both an on/off switch on the side of the fireplace insert and a thermostat on the wall and may be controlled by either (or both). Please do not discard anything in fireplace.



GUEST PRIVACY

Please walk on the designated walkways, paved roads and perimeter trails only. The grass and patio area surrounding each unit is for the exclusive use of the resort guests occupying that unit. Your cooperation in respecting the privacy of other resort guests will be most appreciated.

GARBAGE / RECYCLING

Bins are located at the front of the resort, just north of the tennis court. Please do not leave bags of garbage outside unit doors as the crows and raccoons spread it all over the site. Recycling must be placed loose into the appropriate receptacle; they will not open small bags containing recycling at the sorting center (it will become trash for the landfill if items are not loose). The sorting bins are located at the front of the resort, just north of the tennis court (in the garbage & recycling area).

All garbage & recycling is to be placed in the appropriate bins prior to checkout there may be additional cleaning fees if this task is left for others to complete. Please sort recyclables into the appropriate containers.



HOUSEKEEPING SERVICE

Guests are responsible to maintain the condo they are occupying, daily maid services are not available.

INTERNET SERVICE

Wireless internet access is provided in-room and on site at no charge to all registered guests. The password and access code is provided on your welcome letter. These can also be found on the the Shaw modem located under the Television. As with all Wi-Fi modems, if you are having difficulty connecting a re-boot may be necessary. Simply unplug the power from the back of the modem wait 1 minute and plug it back in. This simple fix should resolve most issues. Please call the office if you need additional tech support.



KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

All condos have fully equipped kitchens. Individual unit owners own the contents. Please ensure that the inventory remains within the unit. If you get together with guests from another unit please ensure that the correct equipment is returned to your unit. If you require extra supplies, please inquire at the office.

LAUNDRY

Each condominium is equipped with a stacking washer and dryer. Please do not overfill the machines.

Top Load Washers: One package of laundry soap is provided free of charge and will wash two loads in these machines. Additional boxes are available for sale at the office.

Front Loading Washers: High Efficiency laundry soap must be used in front loading washers. As front loading machines use very little water, very little detergent is required. High Efficiency soap is provided – please do not use more than one Tablespoon of detergent per load. Front loading machines work best when there is a relatively balanced load of clothing or linens in the machine. 1 large item with several small items will force the machine to repeatedly try to rebalance the load and may therefore, take considerable time to spin out.



MAIL

If you are expecting mail delivery at the Resort the mailing address is:
(Your Name) 1-1135 Resort Drive, Parksville, BC, V9P 2T6.

Do not use your unit number, as the Post Office will assume it is a box number and your mail will be rerouted away from the office.

NOISE

Quiet time is 10:00pm to 8:00am – please keep noise to a minimum during this time. The front office is a fair distance from some of the condominium units so please inform us of a noise problem that we may not be aware of, before it spoils your stay. Often guests do not realize that they are being too loud and will gladly quiet down once they realize that they are disturbing other guests.



PARKING

Each condominium unit has one numbered parking spot. Additional vehicles or visitors may park in unnumbered spots. Parking on bark mulch or grass is prohibited. RVs, boats and trailers are prohibited on Resort property.

PICNIC TABLES

Picnic tables are distributed about the site during the summer months. We request that these are left clean when you are finished. These are not monitored for cleaning or sanitation.



PETS

Our resort is a “pet free” zone. In order to keep our grounds clean and our units comfortable for guests with allergies, no pets are permitted on site. \$200 per day will be charged to your credit card for any infraction of this rule.

POOL & HOT TUB

The pool and hot tub (Aquatic Area) area is new we recommend shoes be worn on the concrete deck surface. Please bring your own beach towel.



SAFETY TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

Never answer the door without verifying who it is. Close the door and use the deadbolt when you retire for the evening. Ensure patio doors are locked. Avoid needless display of room keys in public. Do not leave keys where they may be picked up or draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or jewelry. Never invite a stranger into your unit. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. All bikes should be locked or brought into your unit when not in use. If you see any suspicious activity, please report your observations to the management.



RED TIDE & SHELLFISH WARNINGS

To check for red tide and other shellfish warnings, call 1-866-431-3474 (24 hour recorded message). Ocean Trails Resort is located in Area 14. A valid tidal water sport fishing license is required for harvesting shellfish. Pay close attention to local reports before harvesting any shellfish due to red tide warnings and closures. Red tide is a seaweed bloom, which can make shellfish toxic.

SMOKING

All units are designated non-smoking. Ocean Trails Resort is a smoke free environment. A group smoking area is offered on the grounds across from the office up by the tennis court. Please only smoke in the designated area. A \$500 fee per reported infraction will be charged to your credit card if it is reported that you are smoking on the patios, grounds or roadways. A \$500 fee for each day of your stay will be processed to your credit card if the room you occupied requires extra cleaning due to the smell of smoke in the unit.



SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Beach sand toys and sport rackets are available to borrow at the office.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

There is an automatic in-ground sprinkler system for watering the lawns. To prevent your personal belongings from getting soaked by the sprinklers, do not leave your belongings outside overnight and please do not attempt to park on the grass.



UNITS FOR SALE

Because all of our units are individually owned, Owners wishing to sell a unit do so through a realtor of their choice. The front office staff is not permitted to show units that are listed for sale, any realtor will be able to assist you with condos listed on MLS.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PARKSVILLE

Coast Salish Native Indians originally populated the central Vancouver Island area. Captain Vancouver first explored the area in 1792.

It was the fertile valley above the beach that first attracted Albert and John Hirst to the area in 1874. They arrived by canoe from Nanaimo and planted an orchard, the beginning of Vancouver Island's fruit belt. The Hirst's prospered and became the community's most prominent citizens. They built the town's first hotel, which doubled as a store and a telegraph office. The Native Indians called the area Pentelch, but the name that stuck was Parksville, after Nelson Parks, the area's first postmaster, who registered his claim in 1884.

The post office was just a small shack, while Parks spent most of his time on his nearby farm. People would come to collect their mail and find the post office closed with a sign on the door that read "Out in the field. Go to the west fence and holler". If there was mail for Lasqueti Islanders, Parks lit a bonfire on the beach. It was a 10 mile row from Lasqueti so it was often a few days before anyone arrived.

In 1886 William Rath and his brother came from Ireland in search of gold. Deciding to take a holiday from Barkerville, he and his brother George landed a canoe south of Englishman's River estuary. They were so impressed with the beauty of the region that William quickly returned to Ireland, married his family's nineteen-year-old servant, and moved back settling here in 1886. The Rath's second daughter, Mary, was born in 1888, the first European child born in the area. A 24 mile wagon road from Nanaimo to Englishman's River was completed in 1886. It included the first bridge built across the Englishman River canyon. By 1889 the population of Parksville had boomed to 38 people, enough to be an official settlement! The names of the early pioneers can still be found on street signs in the city.

William Rath died in 1903 at the age of 72. The Rath farm slowly developed into a campsite, charging \$0.25 per night to camp.

In 1904 large-scale logging began in the Parksville area. 1909 saw the arrival of the first Ford car brought to the area to be used as a taxi.

In 1910, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) Railway made its first stop in Parksville, connecting Nanaimo to McBride Junction, the site of the current Parksville Rail station. By 1918 Parksville had a full telephone communication station.

In 1937 there was a fire in the government liquor store (the stock was valued at \$5,000). 5 years later the first fire hall was opened in Parksville. The first fire truck was a converted vegetable grocer's truck.

In 1968 George Rath (son of William) died and the Rath Campsite became Rath Trevor Provincial Park. BC Parks took over operation of the site.

Parksville became a town on April 1st, 1978, then became a city (more than 5,000 residents) on June 1st, 1981. Today Parksville's mild climate and beautiful beaches still attract new settlers and recreational visitors from all over the world. The major attraction in our area is the natural beauty. With expansive beaches, lush old growth forests, spectacular waterfalls and abundant wildlife all set with a backdrop of snowcapped mountains, central Vancouver Island is a super-natural wonder. There are few places in the world where you can snow ski, swim in the ocean and golf in the same day!

QUICK REFERENCE PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire / Police / Ambulance (emergency)	911
Ambulance (non-emergency)	250-248-5632
Police (non-emergency)	250-248-6111
Fire (non-emergency)	250-248-3242
Oceanside Hotel Centre (urgent care) (time may vary)	250-951-9550
Earthquake, Flood, Spills	1-800-663-3456
Forest Fires	1-800-663-5555
Nanaimo General Hospital	250-755-7691
Poison Control	1-800-567-8911

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Chamber of Commerce / Visitor Info	250-248-3613
City Hall	250-248-6144
Community Police	250-954-2223
Health Unit	250-947-8222
Library	250-248-3841
Vancouver Island University	250-248-2096

TRANSPORTATION

BC Ferry Reservations	1-888-223-3779
Forest Coach Tours	250-248-4525
Harbour Air Seaplanes (Nanaimo to Vancouver)	1-800-665-0212
Island Link Bus service (from ferry)	www.islandlinkbus.com
Oceanside Travel	250-954-8294
Transit - Parksville / Qualicum	250-954-1001

RECREATION

GOLF COURSES

Arrowsmith	2250 Fowler Road, Qualicum Beach <i>3,724 yards, 18 holes</i>	250-752-9727
Brigadoon	359 Martindale Road, Parksville <i>1513 yards, 9 holes</i>	250-954-0644
Crown Isle	Clubhouse Drive, Courtenay <i>7,024 yards, 18 holes, Driving Range</i>	250-703-5000
Fairwinds	3730 Fairwinds Drive, Nanoose Bay <i>6,141 yards, 18 holes, Driving Range</i>	250-468-7656
Pheasant Glen	1025 Qualicum Road, Qualicum Beach <i>6,581 yards, 18 holes</i>	250-752-8786
Morningstar	525 Lowry's Park Rd, Parksville <i>7,018 yards, 18 holes, Driving Range</i>	250-248-2244
Qualicum Beach	115 W Crescent, Qualicum Beach <i>2,650 yards, 9 holes</i>	250-752-6312
Winshelsea View	7655 Harby Rd, West Lantzville <i>4,140 yards, 18 holes</i>	250-390-3934



RECREATION & SERVICES

CINEMAS

Avalon Cinemas	6631 North Island Hwy (Woodgrove Mall) Nanaimo	250-390-5018
Galaxy Cinemas	4750 Rutherford, Nanaimo (Nanaimo North Centre)	250-729-8000

DOCTOR

Oceanside Health Centre (Urgent care)	489 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-951-9550 Call for hours of operation.
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FISHING CHARTERS

Last Cast Guiding		250-954-8060
Ocean's West Sport Fishing, Ucluelet		778-350-5727
Invictus Fishing Charters		250-667-3474

FITNESS

We are in the process of looking for a suitable gym affiliation to be able to direct our guests to. Sadly, Jim's Gym has closed permanently, and can no longer accept guests to their facilities.

GROCERY STORES

Eat Fresh Urban Market	164 Bagshaw Street, Parksville	250-248-3007
Thrifty Foods	280 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-8823
Quality Foods	319 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-954-2262
Save-On-Foods	826 West Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-8894
Naked Naturals Whole Foods LTD	142 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-951-0277

INDOOR FACILITIES

Arena/Ice Skating	830 West Island Highway, Parksville	250-248-3252
Ravensong Aquatic Centre	670 Memorial, Qualicum Beach	250-752-5014
Beban Park Pool	2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo	250-756-5200
Qualicum Curling Club	644 Memorial, Qualicum Beach	250-752-6162
Sunset Lanes Bowling	678 East Island Highway, Parksville	250-248-6411

LIQUOR STORES

Ocean Liquor Store	491 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-586-2890
Mid Island Co-op Liquor	163 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-954-1989
Co-op Liquor	1209 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-586-8130
Government Liquor Store	319 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-6531
Government Liquor Store	810 West Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-3724
Cascadia Liquor	389 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-947-8941

LOCAL PRODUCE & ANIMAL FARMS

Hamilton Hobby Farm (kid's activities & eggs)		250-927-1655
Silver Meadows Farm (produce)		250-248-4450
Mindi's Farm Qualicum (fruit)		250-594-3700

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Qualicum Lawn Bowling	565 Jones St, Qualicum Beach	250-752-3341
Paradise Mini-Golf	375 West Island Highway, Parksville	250-248-6612
Riptide Lagoon Adv. Golf	1000 Resort Drive, Parksville	250-248-8290

PHARMACIES

Save-On-Foods	826 West Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-8944
Pharmasave	281 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-951-0227
Shoppers Drug Mart	140 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-3611
Medicine Shoppe/Rexall	192 West Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-6695

SNOW SKIING

Mount Washington & Forbidden Plateau		250-338-1386
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TRANSPORTATION

French Creek Store (fishing licenses)	250-248-8912
Beachcomber Marina	250-468-7222
Schooner Cove Marina	250-468-5364

WHALE WATCHING

EcoVentures Parksville	778-732-5040
	bookings@oceanecoventures.com
Jamie's Whaling Station, Tofino	1-800-667-9913
Campbell River Whale Watching, Campbell River	1-877-909-2667
Discovery Marine Safaris Ltd, Campbell River	Temp Closed – May 1 to Mid Oct



RESTAURANTS

COFFEE & TEA

Pacific Coastal Roast	198 East Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-4225
Pacific Brimm	123 Craig Street, Parksville	250-248-3336
Serious Coffee	9-1209 East Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-586-0188
Starbucks	382 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-248-9720
Tim Horton's	494 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-248-0094
Bradley's on Jensen	191 Jensen Ave E, Parksville	250-954-2085
Brazen Poppy Bakery Restaurant	402 Shelley Sq, 554 Island Hwy E	250-586-0377
French Creek Bistro	BC-19A Qualicum Beach	250-586-7467

CASUAL DINING

Aioli Seafood	192 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-954-1010
Arrowsmith Pizzeria	425 Stanford Avenue, Parksville	250-951-0125
A&W	540 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-248-2040
Black Goose Inn	1051 Resort Drive, Parksville	250-586-1001
Boston Pizza	430 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-947-9400
Chameleons	220 Island Hwy W, Parksville	250-586-5500
Dairy Queen	154 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-248-3433
Extreme Eatery	155 Morison Ave, Parksville	250-586-2559
Labelle Parksville	6-1209 East, Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-947-9332
Lefty's	280 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-954-3886
McDonalds	310 Island Hwy W, Parksville	250-248-8885
Papas Burgers	487 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-586-3743
Panago Pizza	102 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-310-0001
Poppas Pizza	120 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-9121
Ricky's All-Day Grill	1480 Huntley Rd, Parksville	250-905-0323

Realm Food Co.	180 Craig St #2, Parksville	250-586-1158
Rod & Gun Cafe	163 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-954-1881
Sarpinos Pizzeria	209 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-586-5700
Smitty's	545 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-248-2432
Subway	491 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-586-8676
Trees Restaurant & Bakery	1385 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-586-2226
The Bayside Restaurant & Lounge	240 Dogwood St, Parksville	250-905-0101
The Back40 Grill	731 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-951-2257

FINE DINING

Kalvas Steak & Seafood	180 N Molliet St, Parksville	250-248-6933
Pacific Prime Steak & Chop	181 Beachside Drive, Parksville	250-947-2109
Cedars Restaurant & Lounge	1155 Resort Drive, Parksville	250-248-2333



SPECIALTY DINING

Amrikkos (Indian)	487 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-951-0682
British Bpby (English)	3-1209 Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-954-3232
Cuckoo Trattoria (Italian)	2326 Alberni Hwy, Coombs	250-248-6280
Driftwood (Chinese)	332 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-586-8828
Lan Vietnamese Express (Viet.)	150 Hirst Ave E, Parksville	250-586-6979
Masala Hut (Indian)	144 Morison Ave, Parksville	250-954-3777
Mekong River (Viet.)	625 Island Hwy, Parksville	250-586-8000
POKE PAGE 3 (Japanese/Hawaiian)	100 Lombardy St #2, Parksville	250-947-8932
Saigon Garden (Viet.)	118 Craig St, Parksville	250-248-5667
Sams Sushi (Japanese)	890 Wernbly Rd, Parksville	250-954-2373
Samurai Sushi & Teriyaki (Japanese)	208 East Island Hwy E, Parksville	250-951-0752
White Elephant (Thai)	144 Weld St, Parksville	250-586-6611



PUBS

French Creek Marine Pub	1025 Lee Rd, Parksville	250-248-3713
Rocking Horse Pub	2038 Sanders, Nanoose Bay	250-468-1735
Rod & Gun Pub	163 Alberni Hwy, Parksville	250-248-6511
Shady Rest	3109 Island Hwy W, Qualicum Beach	250-752-9111

DAYTRIPS

& OTHER ATTRACTIONS



BIG QUALICUM RIVER FISH HATCHERY

Take a self-guided tour of the fish hatchery, located 19km north of Parksville on the Island Highway 19A, just past Horne Lake Road. The project is operated by the Federal Fisheries for the enhancement of salmon resources and is open to the public. An interesting place to visit, especially during spawning season (September to early November).



BUNGY ZONE (WILDPLAY)

Experience fun and adventure at WildPlay Park. This 17 acre park, set in a beautiful Douglas Fir forest, adjacent to the Nanaimo River offers bungee jumping, the King Swing and TreeGo (tree to tree aerial adventure). Located 10 minutes south of Nanaimo. Phone 1-888-668-7874 for hours of operation.

BUTTERFLY WORLD

It's a jungle in there! Stroll among hundreds of freeflying exotic butterflies. Visit the Tropical Gardens with butterflies from 5 continents, the Turtle Pond, the Japanese Water Gardens and the Emerging Area where butterflies change from caterpillars. For hours and additional information phone 250-248-7026.



CAMERON LAKE

Located on Hwy 4 between Parksville and Port Alberni, this Glacier Lake is fed from Mount Arrowsmith. Believed until recently to be bottomless, it is filled with Brown trout and is an excellent swimming spot. A safe swimming beach is located at the eastern entrance to the Lake.

CATHEDRAL GROVE

Located 25 km west of Parksville on the Alberni highway, Cathedral Grove is the area's greatest display of our forest's beauty. Magnificent Douglas fir and western red cedar tower hundreds of feet over your head, their impressive trunks reminiscent of cathedral columns. Some of these giants have been standing for over 800 years and withstood a fire that swept through the forest 300 years ago and hurricane force winds that raced through the grove in 1997. Interpretive trails wind throughout the forest.



CHEMAINUS

"The Little Town that Did". Follow the yellow footsteps for a walking tour, or hitch a buggy ride for a guided tour of the 38 larger than life murals that portray the heritage of the Chemainus Valley. All of the murals, created by professional artists, are painted on the walls of downtown buildings and depict various aspects of local culture. Take in the Chemainus Dinner Theatre for fine dining and professional theatre. Explore the unique shops, talk to the artists and potters.

CHOO-KWA VENTURES

Experience the Hupacasath (Huu-pa-ches-at) spirit at Choo-Kwa Ventures, where you'll savor the thrill of paddling a west coast canoe. Certified guides will enrich your tour with songs, legends and history of the area that will leave you with an inspired understanding of the Hupacasath culture.



COOMBS OLD COUNTRY MARKET

Goats on the roof! Need we say more? This famous eclectic market, built by one of Coomb's pioneer families offers a unique farmer's market complete with dairy products, fresh produce and crafts. (250-248-4840)

CRAIG HERITAGE PARK

Located 1 km south of Ocean Trails Resort this heritage museum tells the story of the settlers to this area. The museum and the original turn of the century heritage buildings display artifacts and photographs reflecting the lives of our pioneers.



DUNCAN, CITY OF TOTEMS

Duncan, which serves as the trading centre for about 50,000 people in the Cowichan Valley. Known as the "City of Totems" Duncan's totem project has become a worldwide cultural attraction, showcasing the history, skills and talents of the native people of the Pacific Northwest and features more than fifty poles erected through the town's main streets. Watch a Totem Pole take shape or observe demonstrations on weaving, basketry, beading and knitting at the Q'uatsum Native Village on the bank of the Cowichan River in this city.

ENGLISHMAN RIVER FALLS

Englishman River Falls Provincial Park offers hiking trails, picnicking areas, fishing holes and fabulous waterfalls. This 240 acre park is believed to have acquired its name more than 100 years ago when Native Indians found the skeleton of a white man along the riverbank. The Dogwood, whose flowers are our provincial flower, blooms abundantly in May and June (please don't pick the flowers!). Petroglyphs can be found along the soft rock banks of the river and are estimated to predate the arrival of European explorers on Vancouver Island.



HORNE LAKE CAVES & SPIDER LAKE

Swim, picnic, fish, rock climb or go spelunking in the limestone caves. Three of the caves are open year round to the public. Guided tours are offered July 1 through Labour Day. Follow the Highway north toward Courtenay and follow the signs. Spider Lake, located near Horne Lake, is a warm water lake noted for its excellent canoeing and swimming. Small-mouth bass and trout have been stocked in the lake and depending on the season, fishing can be quite good. A perfect spot for a family picnic.

LITTLE QUALICUM

The Little Qualicum Falls offers another display of Mother Nature's mastery with waterfalls crashing down between rock crevices. Enjoy the picnic areas and viewpoints along the trails at this picturesque location for hiking and picnicking. Take the Alberni Highway, drive for 19km, watch for the blue provincial tourist sign on your right indicating where to turn into the park.



MCLEAN MILL HISTORIC SITE

Visit the McLean Mill, a 1925 steam operated sawmill and related lumber camp set in a beautiful forest setting, 10km from Port Alberni. Mill demonstrations, guided interactive tour and stage show. The Alberni Pacific Railway operates a steam train excursion from downtown Port Alberni to the Mill.

MOUNT ARROWSMITH BIOSPHERE

Expansive beaches, lush old growth forests, spectacular waterfalls, and abundant wildlife are set against the backdrop of snowcapped mountains. The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve is found mostly in the rain shadow of Vancouver Island's mountain ranges, and this, coupled with the region's mild climate, gives the area unique habitats in Canada which are near the northern limits of distribution for a number of unusual plant species.



NEWCASTLE ISLAND

This tranquil island is a regional park accessible via a small foot passenger ferry located in Maffeo Sutton Park in Nanaimo. The island has never been developed and spells magic to those who wish to spend a quiet afternoon among the flora and fauna. Or call Alberni Outpost and tour the island by kayak.

NORTH ISLAND WILDLIFE RECOVERY

The NIWRA centre is situated on eight acres just minutes outside Parksville. The centre offers a comprehensive education program, including guided tours and self-guided tours for the public. Enjoy the viewing areas, which are home to non-releasable wildlife such as bald eagles, owls, ravens, raccoons and bears. Attractively set out and landscaped the Centre makes an interesting, entertaining and educational outing for adults and children alike.



PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

Large, beautiful sandy beaches covered in driftwood and tidal pools at low tide. Spend the day swimming, sun tanning or building sandcastles. Great picnic area, playground and water park for the younger kids and a skate park for the older kids. Don't miss the annual sand castle building competition!

RATHTREVOR BEACH

A short walk west of Ocean Trails Resort, this park is one of British Columbia's most popular beaches, offering the warmest and safest ocean swimming in all of BC. Average temperature of the water is 21C (70F) in the summer. The low tide recedes almost a kilometer and provides an ideal place for youngsters of all ages to play. It is a haven for bird watchers (150 species of birds have been recorded in the park) and great fun for sandcastle builders.



SPROAT LAKE & STAMP FALLS

Nature lovers who enjoy fresh water sports will want to add Sproat Lake and Stamp Falls to their vacation itinerary. Located 10 km west of Port Alberni, Sproat Lake is a favorite spot for swimming, fishing, water skiing and windsurfing. In the hot months you can see the huge Martin Mars water bombers take off on their way to extinguish forest and brush fires. Stamp Falls, 10 km northwest of Port Alberni features a spectacular display of salmon ascending the fish ladders during the summer and fall.

TOFINO/UCLUELET (LONG BEACH)

For those who wish to experience the magnificent West Coast waves crashing onto a vast sandy shore, the exposed West Coast of Vancouver Island offers Long Beach – the most accessible section of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Leave early in the morning, fuel up in Port Alberni (the last gas station before Long Beach) and take along Gravel if anyone in your party is prone to motion sickness. It is a paved highway all the way, but it's a winding twisting mountain road. Approximate travel time 2 ½ hours – well worth the drive!



TOP BRIDGE BIKE PARK & TRAIL

Top Bridge is an awesome network of trails for the novice to the expert mountain biker. Located across from Chattell Road in Parksville, behind the truck weigh scale.

This 5km trail (one way) connects Rathtrevor Provincial Park with Top Bridge Mountain Bike Park. It is a rough, straight forward trail great for walking and mountain biking.