

LONG BEACH

Welcome to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and the traditional territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. This special place is part of a network of Canada's national treasures protected on your behalf by Parks Canada.



Pacific Rim Visitor Centre (Year round, Parks Canada staff present seasonally) Stop here to obtain information about the national park reserve and surrounding region. Discovery passes available.

Kwisitis Visitor Centre

(Year round, Fri/Sat/Sun in winter) Learn about the natural and cultural history of the region at this one-ofa-kind interpretive centre.

Green Point Campground (May to October) All sites reservable Situated on a forested terrace above Long Beach. 94 drive-in sites, 20 walkin tent sites and 1 group campsite.

National Park Reserve Administration (Year round, 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday) Stop here to obtain information about the national park reserve. Discovery passes available.

Tofino Visitor Centre (Year round, Parks Canada staff present seasonally)

Green Point Theatre Programs (Seasonally)

Bring your family and hear stories about Pacific Rim inside this heated indoor theatre.

Guided Walks and Talks (Seasonally)

Learn from a knowledgeable guide about the natural and cultural history of the national park reserve.

National Park Reserve Administration T: 250-726-3500 E: pc.pacrim.info.pc@pc.gc.ca 2040 Pacific Rim Highway, PO Box 280 Ucluelet, BC VOR 3A0

Green Point Campground Reservations www.reservation.pc.gc.ca 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)(within NA) 1-519-826-5391(outside NA)





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Choose the **NATIONAL PARK ENTRY PASS** that's best for you!

A National Park Entry Pass must be displayed in your vehicle when stopping in Pacific Rim **National Park Reserve.**

National Park entry fees stay in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve to help support the services and facilities you enjoy.

NATIONAL PARK ENTRY PASS OPTIONS PURCHASE

WHERE TO

ANNUAL PASS

- Pacific Rim Visitor Centre
- K^wisitis Visitor Centre
- Green Point Campground Tofino Visitor Centre
- National Park Reserve Administration

DAY ENTRY

- Facilities listed above National Park Entry Pass Machines: available at most parking lots except Grice Bay • Willowbrae Trail • Florencia Bay
- Kennedy Lake

For other National Park Entry Pass options, please visit a national park facility.



ALL BEACHES UNSUPERVISED

National parks are wild places. Some simple precautions will ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.

Safety In the Forest

 Wear appropriate footwear for slippery boardwalks and muddy uneven ground.

It is illegal to collect and remove natural or cultural objects.

Avoid the rainforest during high winds.

Bears, Cougars and Wolves

Make your visit to Long Beach a SAFE one!

- Frequent the intertidal zone as well as the rainforest.
- If you encounter a bear, cougar or wolf:
- Pick up small children and pets and stay in a group.
- Back away slowly to give it an escape route.
- If the animal approaches, do all you can to appear threatening: shout, wave your arms and throw objects.
- Never feed or approach wildlife.

Safety In and Around the Water

- Shorelines are dynamic places. Large waves can unexpectedly sweep over beaches and rocky outcrops.
- Generally, there are two high and two low tides each day. During high tides, creeks and shoreline routes may become impassable. Avoid being trapped or crushed by floating and rolling drift logs.
- Water temperatures are low (7-14°C). Wear a wetsuit in the water.
- Make note of water safety signage and avoid areas with rip currents.

Dogs are welcome in the Long Beach area but must be on leash and under control at all times.

Go **EXPLORE** the trails!

Willowbrae Trail (1.4 km one way) LOCATION: Willowbrae Road intersects Highway 4, 2 km south of the Ucluelet-Tofino junction. Trail access is not signed from the highway. Turn west onto Willowbrae Road to the trailhead parking lot. OF INTEREST: This historic trail formed part of a two-day travel route between Ucluelet and Tofino prior to the establishment of a road in 1942.

Halfmoon Bay Trail (1.8 km one way, including Willowbrae Trail) **LOCATION:** The Halfmoon Bay Trail branches from the Willowbrae Trail 1.3 km from the Willowbrae parking lot.

and long flights OF INTEREST: The trail winds through old growth cedar and hemlock forest of stairs before giving way to the spruce fringe and sandy beach of Halfmoon Bay.

South Beach Trail (800 m one way) **LOCATION:** South Beach Trail branches from the Nuu-chah-nulth Trail. **OF INTEREST:** South Beach offers spectacular, but potentially dangerous, wave watching. Very large waves and strong currents form at this pebble beach; water activities not recommended.

Nuu-chah-nulth Trail (2.5 km one way) **LOCATION:** Trailheads are located at Florencia Bay and behind the K^wisitis

OF INTEREST: A glimpse into the Nuu-chah-nulth culture. Learn what "Hishuk ish ts'awalk" means and how this belief influences the lives of the Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

Shorepine Bog Trail (800 m loop) **LOCATION:** Along Wick Road. **OF INTEREST:** This is old growth coastal temperate rainforest with a twist. Search for the plant that kills small and unwary insects and learn what kind of an environment might lead a plant to such deeds.

Rainforest Trails A and B (Each loop 1 km) **LOCATION:** Trail A is located on the opposite side of Highway 4 from the parking lot. Trail B starts from the parking lot. **OF INTEREST:** Gigantic western red cedar and western hemlock reach up to the sunlight, their boughs thickly carpeted with hanging gardens of moss. On Trail A interpretive signs emphasize the forest cycles and

on Trail B the signs emphasize the structure and inhabitants of the forest.

Combers Beach Trail (500 m one way) **LOCATION:** Along Highway 4. Steep slope **OF INTEREST:** Combers Beach Trail leads from the parking lot down to Combers Beach. Beach access is dependent on tides, currents and erosion.

Schooner Cove Trail (1 km one way) CURRENTLY CLOSED **LOCATION:** Along Highway 4. OF INTEREST: The trail descends through young and old stands of cedar/hemlock forest, gradually giving way to the Sitka spruce fringe. Coming to the beach, you will catch glimpses of the village of Esowista, belonging to the Tla-o-qui-aht, who have lived along this shore for centuries.

RIP CURRENTS

Break the Grip of the Rip!

ESCAPE ESCAPE

RIP CURRENT

ESCAPE

Long flights of stairs

DIFFICULTY

Long flights

of stairs

Steep

sections

Some

stairs

Some

stairs

Boardwalk

Many

short flights

of stairs

To Identify Rip Currents, Look For:

- A narrow stream of water moving away from shore, often perpendicular to the shoreline.
- Waves breaking on both sides of the rip, but not inside the rip.

If you get caught in a rip... do not swim against it. Stay calm and swim parallel to the shore, then swim back to shore. If you cannot escape, float or tread water and signal for help.

RIP CURRENTS ARE POWERFUL CURRENTS OF WATER THAT CAN SWEEP EVEN THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OUT TO SEA.

On-leash dogs are less likely to: > Flush shorebirds from critical feeding areas > Become prey for wolves and cougars

