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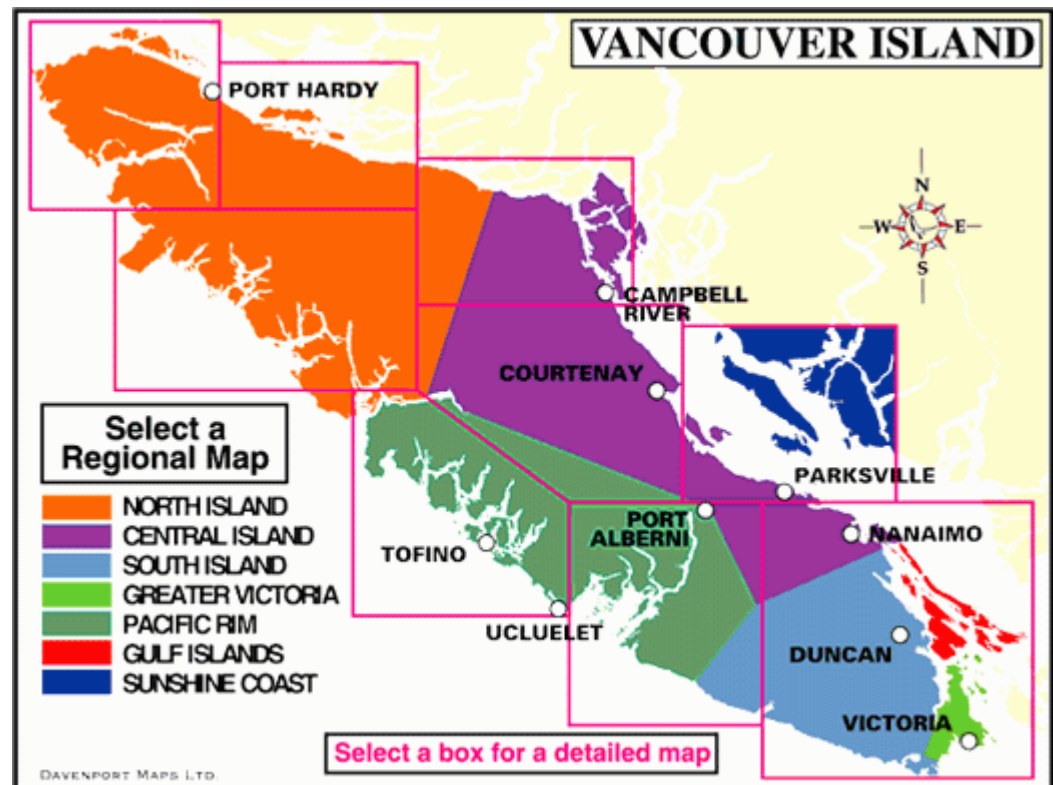


# PORT ALBERNI WELCOMES YOU!



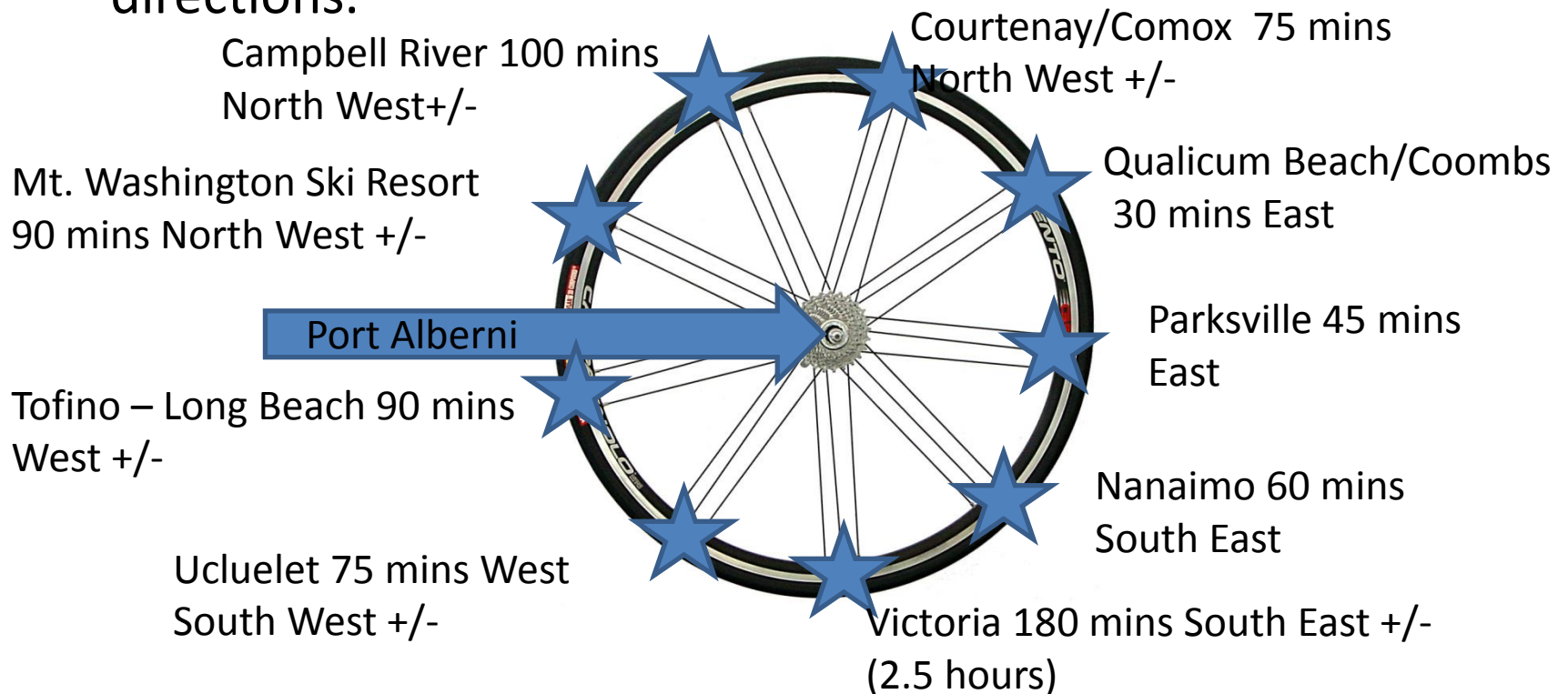
# Where are we anyway?

- Located on Vancouver Island Port Alberni is both in the “Centre” and on the West Coast



# Our Location

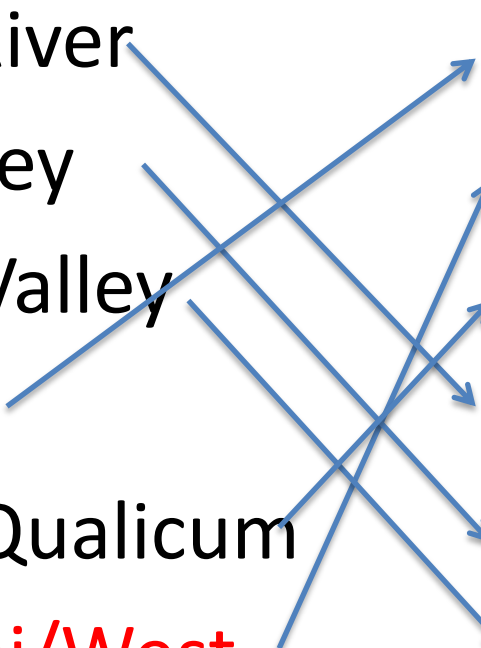
- There you see it! Close to all areas of Vancouver Island we can easily call ourselves the Hub of the Mid Island.
- All times noted below are to/from Port Alberni – various directions.



# Highlights of Port Alberni

- Part of the traditional territory of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council
- Named after a Spanish Army Captain – Don Pedro Alberni
- Formerly two communities (Alberni & Port Alberni)
- Amalgamated shortly after the Tsunami of 1964 (in 1967). Locals refer to Alberni as 'North Port' Port Alberni as 'South Port'

# Most Affordable Living



• Campbell River	\$337,500
• Comox Valley	<b>\$206,500</b>
• Cowichan Valley	\$317,500
• Nanaimo	\$283,700
• Parksville/Qualicum	\$325,000
• <b>Port Alberni/West</b>	\$315,000

Average Single Family Dwelling Price Point based on 2013 MLS sales data

# History and Highlights

- Many names in the area come from Nuu-Chah-Nulth origin such as: Somass (washing), Kitsuksis (log across mouth of creek), Pacheena (foamy)
- Ancient Petroglyph's can be found at Sproat Lake
- Barkley Sound is named after Captain Charles William Barkley of the Imperial Eagle (a channel named that).
- Barkley travelled with his 17 year old bride: Frances Barkley in March of 1787 touring the now known Barkley Sound

# History and Highlights

- Early access to the area was by trail from the Qualicum Area first documented by Adam Horne (Horne Lake)
- Stamp Falls, Stamp River and Stamp Avenue named after 1860 Victoria Agent Edward Stamp who helped set up a Sawmill Operation
- Anderson Sawmill was first set up in 1861 becoming BC's first to export lumber
- Sproat Lake was named after Gilbert Sproat. Mr. Sproat helped transport workers and machinery to the Alberni area



# History and Highlights

- Rogers Creek which flows through the centre of Port Alberni was named after A.B. Rogers a surveyor for the CPR in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Rogers also had the well known Rogers Pass named after him
- In the 1860's gold mining took place along the China Creek area. That continued off and on for about 100 years
- Port Alberni was incorporated in 1912 with the arrival of rail services
- The Forest Industry boomed through the 1900's with sawmills in Alberni, Great Central Lake and the McLean Mill

# History and Highlights

- Natural Disasters occurred in 1946 (7.3 Earthquake) and in 1964 a Tsunami the result of an Earthquake further north
- The 1964 Tsunami actually had two Tidal Waves with water rising quickly to about 10 feet above the high water mark.
- 55 homes were washed away and another 375 were damaged
- No loss of life and no injuries were reported

# Museum

- Port Alberni has a wonderful Museum located at Echo Centre. The museum is a most worthwhile stop featuring many historical displays and artifacts. Give yourself PLENTY of time!



Anderson Mill



PORT ALBERNI

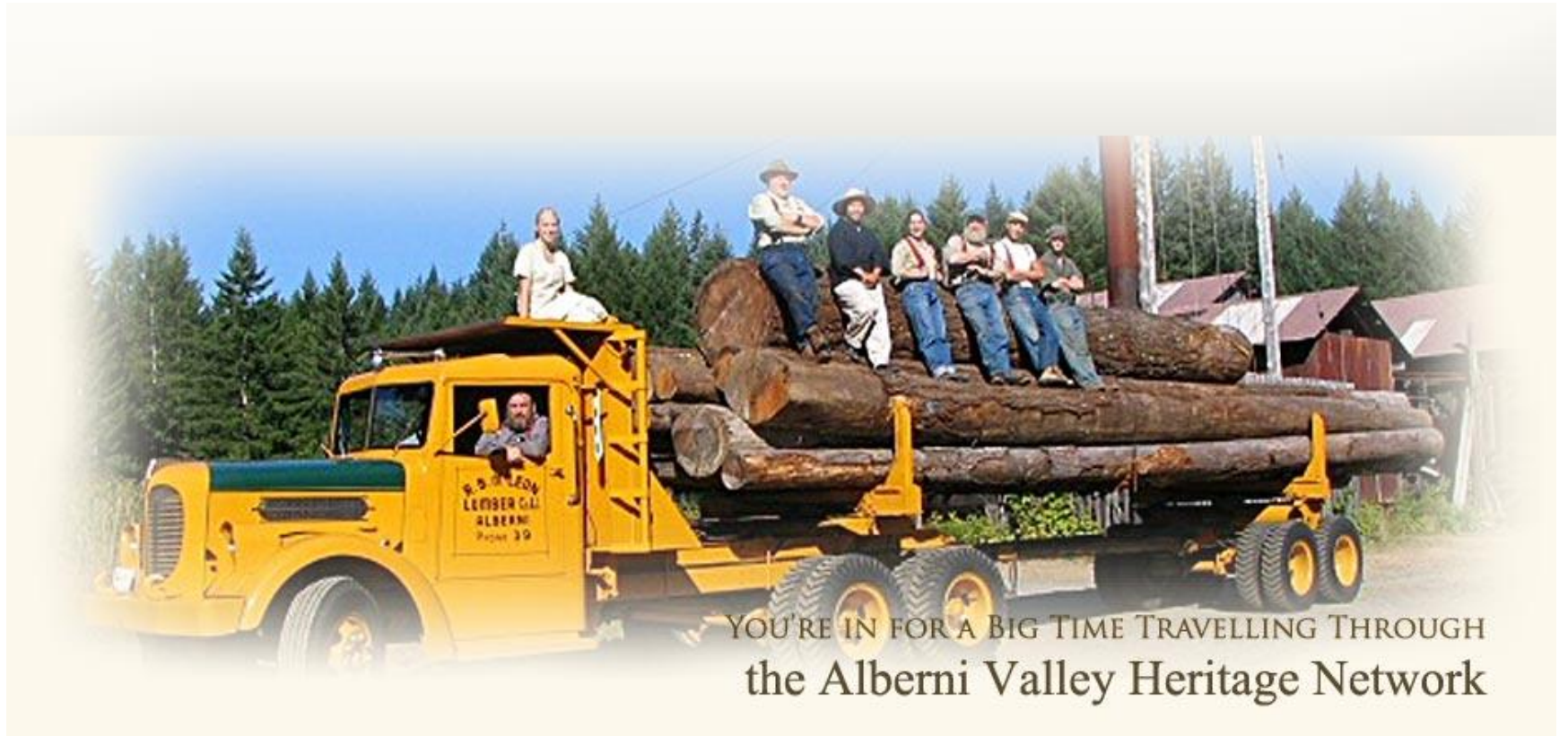
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# Steam Train

- Port Alberni's premier attraction
- Come Ride the Rails on the Alberni Pacific Railway.
- You can board the train pulled by our completely restored 1929 Baldwin ex-logging locomotive at the 1912 CPR Station and ride out to the McLean Mill National Historic Site. The track winds through the City of Port Alberni and then the surrounding forests for 35 minutes each way.



# McLean Mill



YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG TIME TRAVELLING THROUGH  
the Alberni Valley Heritage Network

# McLean Mill

- **The mill** was operated by R.B. McLean and his three sons from 1926 to 1965. It is a showcase of pioneering get-it-done attitude and inventiveness. The mill is typical of the remote coastal lumber camp and sawmill complex from the middle of the last century and has been named a National Historic Site (1989) to commemorate the history of logging and saw milling in British Columbia. The site is a very complete collection of industrial and personal memories of the people that lived and worked there.

# McLean Mill

- Since 1995 and continuing to the present, the site has been restored with funds from Heritage Canada, Forest Renewal BC, the BC Heritage Trust, BC Community Futures, the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot and the City of Port Alberni. MacMillan Bloedel donated the land. The sawmill has been rebuilt to operate as it did in 1965, including a replica of a 1928 log carriage. The camp buildings are in the process of been restored and furnished as they were at particular times in their history.

# Maritime Discovery Centre



# Maritime Discovery Centre

- **Experience the rich maritime history of the Alberni Valley, Alberni Inlet, Barkley Sound and Vancouver Island's rugged west coast . . .**
- **Port Alberni's Maritime Discovery Centre**, constructed from an actual coastal lighthouse, is a unique maritime museum, situated on the waterfront adjacent to the city's deep-sea harbour. With its companion **Hutcheson Gallery** this museum is dedicated to exhibiting and interpreting our fascinating cultural, environmental and industrial maritime history.
- **This attraction is a must see** for all who visit the Alberni Valley. It is both an educational and a fun, hands-on experience for all ages. Sense the raw adventure, tales of heroism and moments of mystique, grandeur and romance that tell the story of our intriguing west coast.



LADY  
ROSE  
MARINE  
SERVICES

Set sail for spectacular  
West Coast scenery ...



# Lady Rose Marine Services

- The M.V. Frances Barkley provides year round service up and down the Alberni Inlet to Bamfield
- There are also seasonal services from June-September that serve Ucluelet and the Sechart Lodge located outside of the Broken Group Islands
- If you take the trip to Sechart Lodge, enjoy many activities including kayaking, canoeing, beach combing and camping during your stay
- Remember to keep an eye out for the fascinating wildlife such as whales, bears, eagles and more that you may spot on this trip!

# The History Behind the M.V Frances Barkley

- The M.V Frances Barkley was built in 1958 and launched on November 7<sup>th</sup> as the M.S. Rennesoy in Stavanger, Norway.
- Later renamed the M.S. Hidle, she was commissioned to be used in the Norwegian ferry fleet operating out of Stavanger
- The Frances Barkley has an overall length of 128 feet, a beam of 24 feet, and a draft of 9.5 feet.
- She is powered by a 400 horse power 8 cylinder Bergen Diesel which turns at 450r.p.m. and provides a service speed of 11 knots burning 18 gallons of diesel per hour.

# Della Falls

- Got some time? 2-3 are days required to visit Canada's highest Waterfalls in OUR Backyard

\*\*You'll need hiking boots, camping gear, camera, and you'll want to have back country experience

## How to get there:

**Step 1)** Give Ben Potter a call at 1-250-723-5170 to book the Della Falls Water Taxi, which is the only way to get across the lake to start this hike (unless you plan on kayaking yourself!)

**Step 2)** Drive by road from Port Alberni to Great Central Lake (40 minutes)

**Step 3)** Take the Della Falls Water Taxi-which should take about 45 minutes across Great Central Lake and take the time to listen to Ben's experiences with this hike

**Step4)** Hop on the trailhead and enjoy this beautiful hike



# Full Food Services

• Bare Bones Fish and Chips	250.720.0900	L/D
• Stamps Café at the Barclay Hotel	250.724.7171	B/L/D
• Blue Door Café	250.723.8811	B/L
• Boomerangs Cafe	250.724.5794	B/L/D
• The Clam Bucket	250.723.1315	L/D
• Boston Pizza	250.723.2622	L/D
• The Starboard Grill	778.421.2826	B/L/D
• Pescadores Bistro	250.736.1100	B/L/D
• Smitty's Family Restaurant	250.724.5022	B/L/D
• Solda's Restaurant	250.723.2474	B/L/D
• Little Bavaria	250.724.4242	L/D
• Chances Rim Rock	250.724.7625	L/D
• Golden Dragon	250.724.4032	L/D
• Turtle Beach Café at Blue Marlin	250.723.5663	B/L/D
• Fish and Duck Pub     *Seasonal*	250.724.4331	L/D
• Drinkwater's Social House	250.723.2722	L/D
• Harvest Restaurant	250.723.8111	B/D



# Quick Food Services

- Dominos Pizza 250.723.0008 L/D
- Subway (2 locations) 250.723.4343 B/L/D
- Tim Hortons (2 locations) 250.723.2314 B/L/D
- Quality Foods 250.723.3397 B/L/D
- McDonalds (3 locations) 250.723.7438 B/L/D
- Carmoor's Cookery 250.723.3302 B/L/D
- Serious Coffee 250.720.4949 B/L/D
- The Westwind Pub 250.724.1324 L/D
- Polly's Pub Th/F/S 250.723.8111 L/D
- Pastimes Sports Bar 250.724.7171 L/D

# Where to lay down for the night

• Best Western Barclay Plus	250.724.7171	Hotel
• Hospitality Inn	250.723.8111	Hotel
• Somass Motel & RV	250.724.6305	Motel
• Alberni A-1 Motel	250.723.9405	Motel
• Bluebird Motel	250.723.1153	Motel
• Esta Villa Motel	250.724.1261	Motel
• Redford Motel & RV	250.724.0121	Motel
• Sunset Motel	250.723.2231	Motel
• Blue Marlin Inn	250.723.5663	Hotel
• Cedarwood Lodge	250.724.6800	Lodge
• Chars Landing + Guesthouse	250.730.1636	Guesthouse
• Edelweiss B&B	250.723.5940	B&B
• Riverside Lodge	250.723.3474	Lodge

# More places to lay down for the night

- Howard Johnston Inn 250.724.2900 Hotel
- By the Quay B&B 250.724.5156 B&B
- West Coast River Lodge 250.902.9922 Lodge
- Riverview Cabin 250.720.3657 Cabin
- Stamp Falls B&B 250.421.0774 B&B
- Stirling Shores Vacation Rentals 250.724.2092 Vacation Rental
- Strathcona Street B&B 250.724.0769 B&B
- Swept Away Inn 250.918-8298 B&B
- Edelweiss B&B 250.723.5940 B&B
- Riverside Lodge 250.723.3474 Lodge

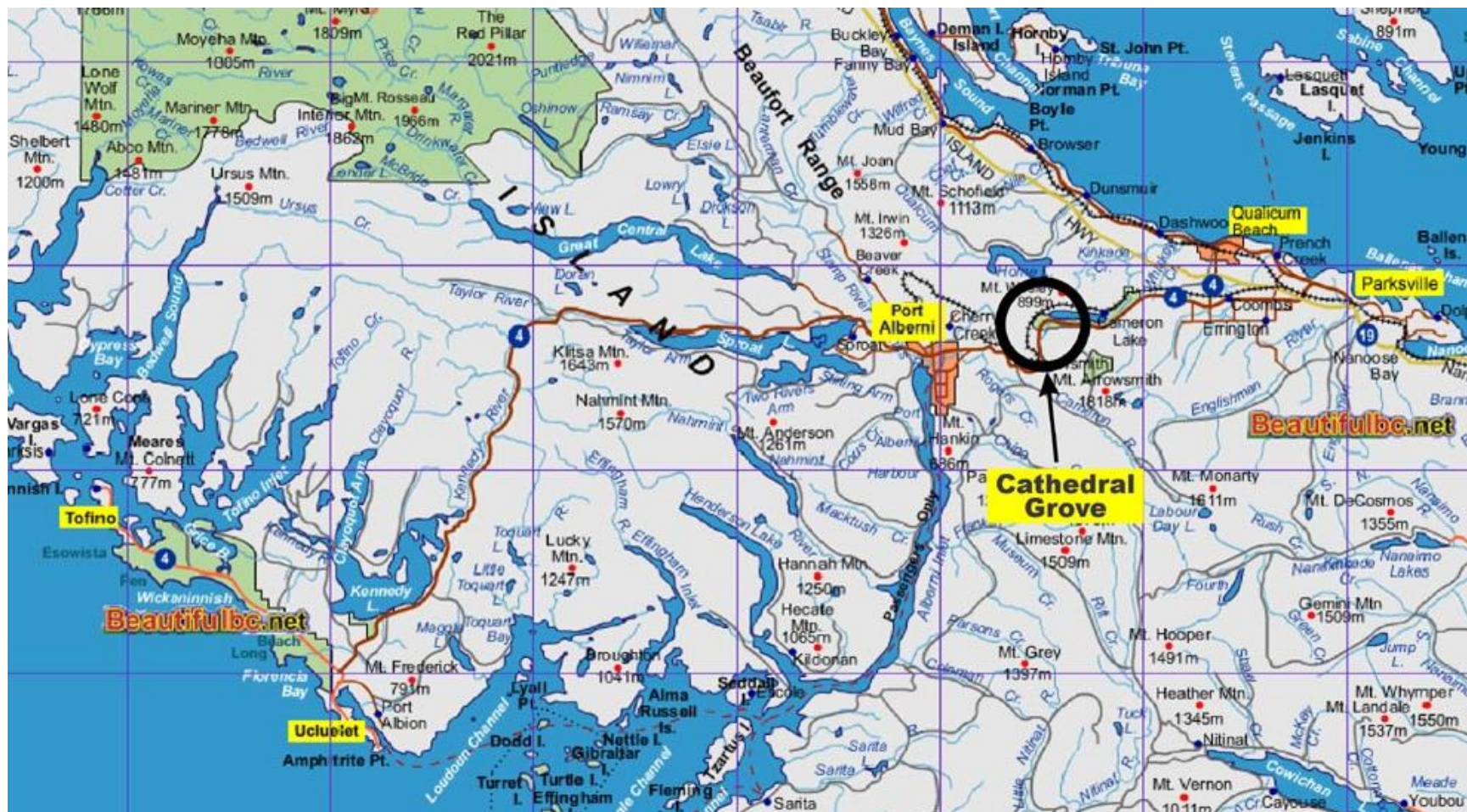
# Camping

- **Sproat Lake Provincial Park** 14 spots lower campground – 44 in the upper
- **Stamp Falls Provincial Park** (limited space) located 14 kms from Port Alberni up Beaver Creek Road
- **China Creek Marina** and RV Park & Campground located 13 kms from Port Alberni along the Bamfield Road
- **Arrowvale Campground** located on Hector Road on the Somass River
- **Great Central Lake Resort (seasonal packages)**– Great Central Lake
- **Lighthouse Church**
- **Redford Motel and RV**
- **Somass Motel and RV**

# RV Parks and Services

- Sani Station located at Canadian Tire
- **Public RV Dump Station**
  - Napier Street at 4th Avenue
- **China Creek Campground & Marina (Regional Park)**
- **Great Central Lake RV Resort and Marina**
  - 11000 Great Central Lake Road Port Alberni BC (registered guests only)

# The Inlet





# Alberni Inlet History

- Includes the traditional territory of the Ucluelet, Tsheshat, Hupacasath and Pacheedaht peoples who are part of the Nuu-chah-nulth
- Has a history of Tsunamis with the largest occurring on Good Friday, 1964
- The village of Sarita experiences a number of smaller Tsunamis – it is located about halfway along the inlet's eastern shore
- The name was changed from Canal to Inlet in 1945 so as to not confuse international shipping agencies.

# Local transportation Services

- BC Transit/ Diversified Transportation Ltd. 250.723.3341
- Taxi's 250.723.2121
- Tofino Bus 250.724.1266
- Lady Rose Marine Services 250.723.8313
- KD Air Corporation 250.724.4495
- Budget Rent a Car 250.724.4511
- Vancouver Island Limousine 250.720.1750

# Special Events in the Alberni Valley

- Farmers Markets – Weekends - Cherry Creek & Harbour Quay (Check with Visitor Centre)
- Sunset Street Markets – Wednesday evenings Late June through August – Victoria Quay
- Toy Run – Mid September
- Fall Fair – Early September
- Salmon Derby – Labour Day Weekend
- Thunder in the Valley – August
- Alberni Art Rave – August
- Puddle Duck Races – July
- Sproat Lake Regatta-July / August

# A – Z things to do



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- ✓ Bears on the Boardwalk at Victoria Quay
- ✓ Cathedral Grove
- ✓ Martin Mars Water Bombers at Sproat Lake
- ✓ Farmers Market down at the Harbour Quay
- ✓ Rogers Creek nature Trail
- ✓ Fish the Inlet
- ✓ Swim/Sail Canal Beach
- ✓ Kite-Surfing – Harbour Quay
- ✓ Paddle the Broken Group Islands
- ✓ Golf our 18 Hole Championship at Alberni Golf Club, or the Executive Course at the Hollies golf course
- ✓ Swim or tube from the Paper Mill Dam Park
- ✓ Hike and enjoy the views from Mt. Arrowsmith
- ✓ J.W. Cline Bird Sanctuary

# A – Z things to do

- ✓ Rollin Art Centre
- ✓ McLean Mill
- ✓ Steam Train
- ✓ Lady Rose Marine
- ✓ Victoria Quay
- ✓ Harbour Quay
- ✓ Log Train Trail
- ✓ Alberni Inlet Trail
- ✓ Della Falls
- ✓ Aquatic Stewardship Centre – Opens 2015
- ✓ Museum
- ✓ Capital theatre
- ✓ Recreation Facilities
- ✓ Stamp Falls
- ✓ Robertson Creek Fish Hatchery
- ✓ Kitsuksis Dike Walking Path
- ✓ Petroglyphs at Sproat Lake
- ✓ Tug Boat Tours of Sproat Lake



# By Boat from Port Alberni



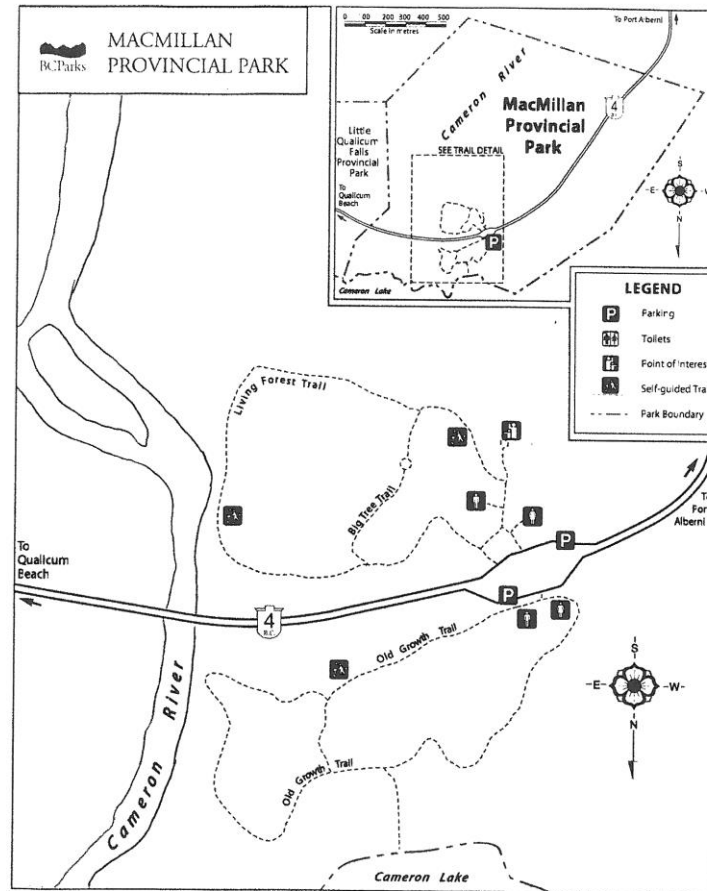
# Aerial View Broken Group



# History of Cathedral Grove

- A Devastating fire ravaged the Grove about 350 years ago leaving only a few of the big trees.
- The oldest trees in the park today are believed to be about 800 years old
- A major Wind Storm hit the Grove on Nov 30, 1962 causing several trees to come down including one measuring over 10 feet in diameter that closed the road. Remnants of that tree remain on the North Side of the Highway.

# Map of Cathedral Grove



# History of the Grove

- A New Years Day storm hit in 1997 also causing widespread damage to the forest
- The Grove is dominated by Douglas Fir, Hemlock Fir, Western Red Cedar & Western Hemlock among other species
- Paths have been built through the Park in order to keep people away from the natural re-vegetation process that occurs

# Population and numbers of interest

- Population 17,743 city proper; 25,396 trading area
- Warmest month is generally August – Average high temperature is 25.5 (77.9 F)
- Coldest month is generally December – Average high temperature is 4.5 (40.1 F)
- Average annual precipitation is 1907 mm (75 inches)
- Wettest month is generally November 317 mm (12.5 inches)
- Driest month is generally July 26.1 mm (1 inch)
- Hottest temp ever recorded 38.4 (101.1F) and coldest ever was -17.8 (0 F)



# What's in stock for the future?

- Port Growth – Container Shipping
- Port Growth – LNG Trans-shipment centre
- Port Growth – Transportation Hub
- Associated businesses surrounding the growth and development of the Port opportunities
- Port Alberni can save as much as three days in trans Pacific Shipping AND it can/will reduce traffic congestion throughout the Lower Mainland

# Clutesi Marina



# Mars Water Bombers

- An Iconic Aircraft operated through 1961-2014 to fight BC Forest Fires.
- The Hawaii Mars and the Phillipine Mars are the world's LARGEST Flying Tankers
- These aircrafts are now retired and positioned on Coulson's base off the shore of beautiful Sproat Lake



# Marina's & Boat Launching

- Several Marina's serve the community of Port Alberni
- Clutesi Marina & Boat Launch – Multi Lane; Year round; Fresh Water; water access to the Alberni Inlet
- Fisherman's Marina
- Harbour Quay Marina and Boat Launch (limited access)
- China Creek – located further up the Inlet – multi use – year round
- Sproat Lake Provincial Park Public Boat Launch
- Great Central Lake Public Boat Launch
- Other marinas and boat launches are in the area

# Recreational Facilities; We have it all

- Bob Dailey Stadium Track Facilities
- Alberni Valley Multiplex—Two Full Size Ice Surfaces
- Curling
- Ball Diamonds
- Soccer/Football Fields
- Rugby Club
- Echo Centre Pool
- Athletic Club Facilities
- Gymnasiums
- Disk Golf Courses
- Gymnastics Academy
- Pickleball
- Lawn Bowling
- Bowling Alley
- Fitness Facilities

# Area Maps – Where to find

- **Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Centre has all the maps, brochures and information pieces you could need. Worthwhile stop – all Staff are trained DESTINATION BC VISITOR CONSULTANTS.**
- The City has maps
- Look for our Mobile Visitor Center
- Look for our Way Finding Signs – one on the Visitor Centre Building to your right as you walk up to it and the other at Harbour Quay.



# Picnic Stops

- **Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Centre:** *Just as you entre Port Alberni-Look for the flags 200m past Coombs Country Candy*
- **Victoria Quay:** *Follow Johnston Road toward West Coast and at the end of it turn left. It's right there*
- **Harbour Quay:** *Left on Gertrude which becomes 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue follow to Arygle and turn right – follow to Harbour Quay*
- **Canal Beach:** Follow 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue towards Bamfield, then turn right onto Plywood Road
- **Sproat Lake Provincial Park:** Follow Highway 4 towards Tofino/Ucluelet

# Ultimate Fishing Town



# Alberni Valley Bulldogs



Port Alberni's Junior A Hockey Franchise is Community Owned and Operated. Playing in the BCHL our team has seen many of its players move to higher levels of hockey including the NHL

# The Arts Community

- Rollin Art Centre – 3061 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Capital Theatre (Live Theatre) – Argyle Street
- Char's Landing – Argyle Street
- Blue Fish Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and at the Visitors Centre
- Ahtsik Native Art Gallery-7133 Pacific Rim Hwy
- DRAW Gallery-4529 Melrose St. and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

# Guest Services – Port Alberni

- **Chamber of Commerce – Visitor Centre** 2533 Port Alberni Highway [www.albernichamber.ca](http://www.albernichamber.ca)
- **City of Port Alberni** – 4850 Argyle Street  
[www.portalberni.ca](http://www.portalberni.ca)
- **Alberni Clayoquot Regional District** – 3008 5<sup>th</sup> Ave [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca)
- **Port Alberni Port Authority** – 2750 Harbour Road  
– [www.portalberniportauthority.ca](http://www.portalberniportauthority.ca)
- **Community Futures** – 4750 Tebo Avenue  
[www.cfac.ca](http://www.cfac.ca)

# Supporting Organizations



- **ALBERNI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
- Community Futures – Financial Support for various Ambassador Programs & for this booklet
- Lady Rose Marine Services – Welcoming Support for our on board Ambassadors
- Tim Horton's – Financial Support for Golf Shirts and Jacket renewals
- Chase & Warren Winery – Provided Support for YE dinner
- Chances Rim Rock – Donated Luncheon
- Drinkwater's Social House – Donated Luncheon
- City of Port Alberni