

Kayak Destinations

Port Hardy – Cape Scott – Coal Harbour

North Coast of Vancouver Island, BC

Paddling Notes

- Possible extreme rough conditions at Tatnall Reefs |in ebb tide/west wind.
- Exposed paddling Tatnall Reefs to Cape Scott, surf landings.
- Exposed paddling Cape Scott to Quatsino, some protected landings available.
- Wilderness camping on beaches. Potable water available at Vancouver Island streams. Small cabin at Lowrie Bay.
- Protected paddling at Quatsino Sound, strong tidal flow at Quatsino Narrows.
- Frequent Whale sighting.

Trip Basics

No. of Days

10-14 days

Paddle Distance

125 nm [See Map](#) (next page)

[SKGABC Water Class. Map I-IV](#)

Port Hardy – Tatnall Reefs: Class III; Tatnall Reefs – Quatsino: Class IV; Quatsino Sound: Class II

Recommended Launch Site:

- Port Hardy, launched beside Govt. Dock. [See Map](#) (next page)
- Arranged 20km shuttle to Coal Harbour through [Odyssey Kayaking](#).
- Parked in Coal Harbour at [Air Cab](#), \$10/day.

Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps: Museum of Vancouver to Port Hardy](#)

Travel Distance - Total
- Ferry
- Gravel

Drive 466 km	7 h 15 min
57.8 km	2 h 11 min
0 km	0 min

Ferry Info

[Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay](#)

Paddle to nearest campsite

Songhees Creek 6.32 nm 50.786113, -127.576727

Planning

Nautical Charts

3548 1:40,000 [Queen Charlotte Strait Central Portion](#)
3549 1:40,000 [Queen Charlotte Strait Western Portion](#)
3624 1:90,000 [Cape Scott](#)
3679 1:50,000 [Quatsino Sound](#)

Marine Trail

[BC Marine Trails West Coast Vancouver Island](#)

Trip Planning Maps

- [BC Coastal Recreation Atlas, Vol. 2](#)
- [North Coast Trail Map](#)

Suggested Guide Books

[The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide Vol. 1, West Coast Vancouver Island North](#) (Formerly: *Wild Coast Vol. 1*, pp. 35-120)

Park & Camping Info.

[Cape Scott Provincial Park](#), [Raft Cove Provincial Park](#); Also, [BC Marine Trails](#)

Tide & Current Stations

Tides: [Port Hardy](#), [Cape Scott](#), [Hunt Islets](#), [Makwazniht Island](#), [Coal Harbour](#)

Marine Weather

Currents: [Quatsino Narrows Current Tables](#)

Water Taxi

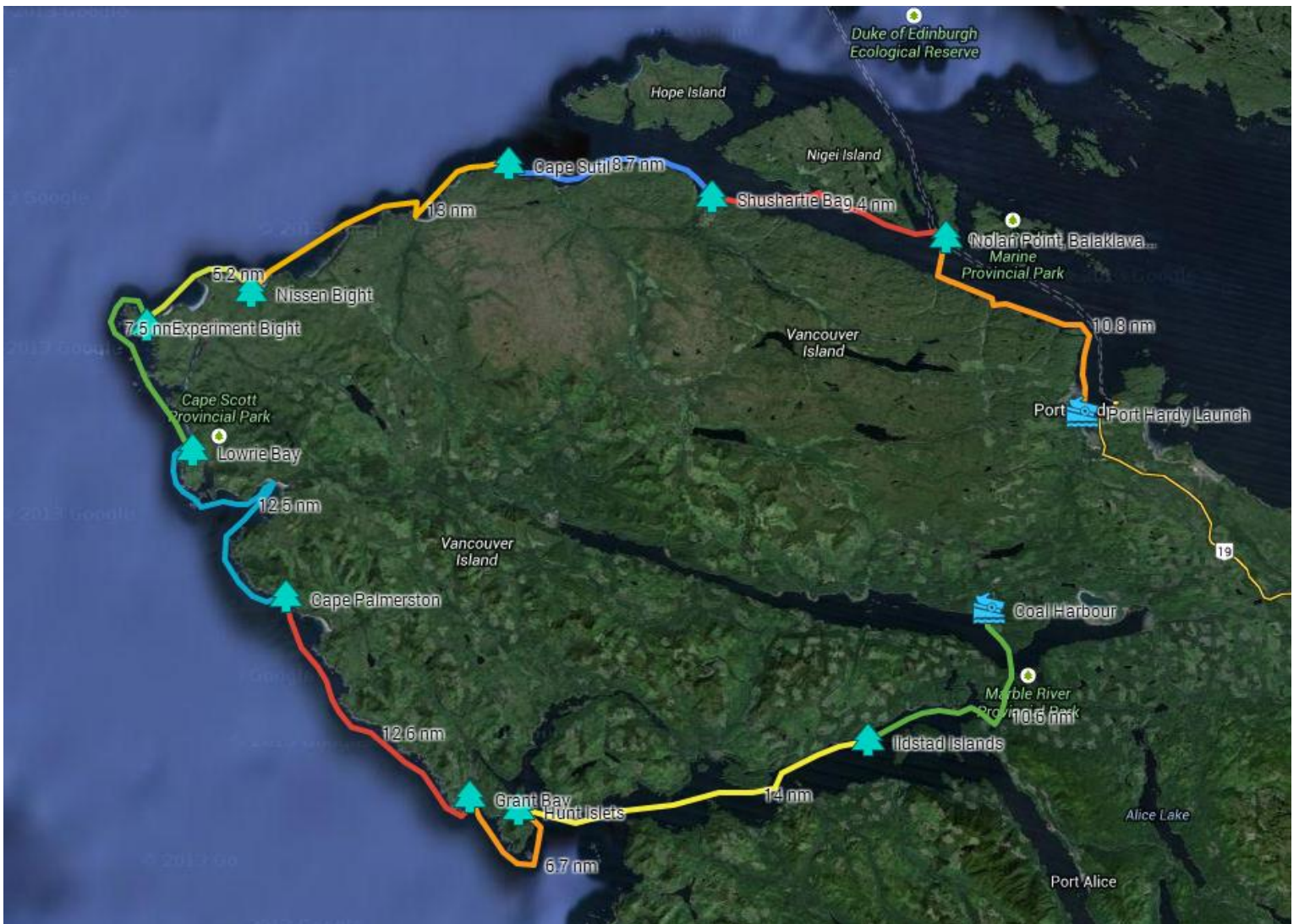
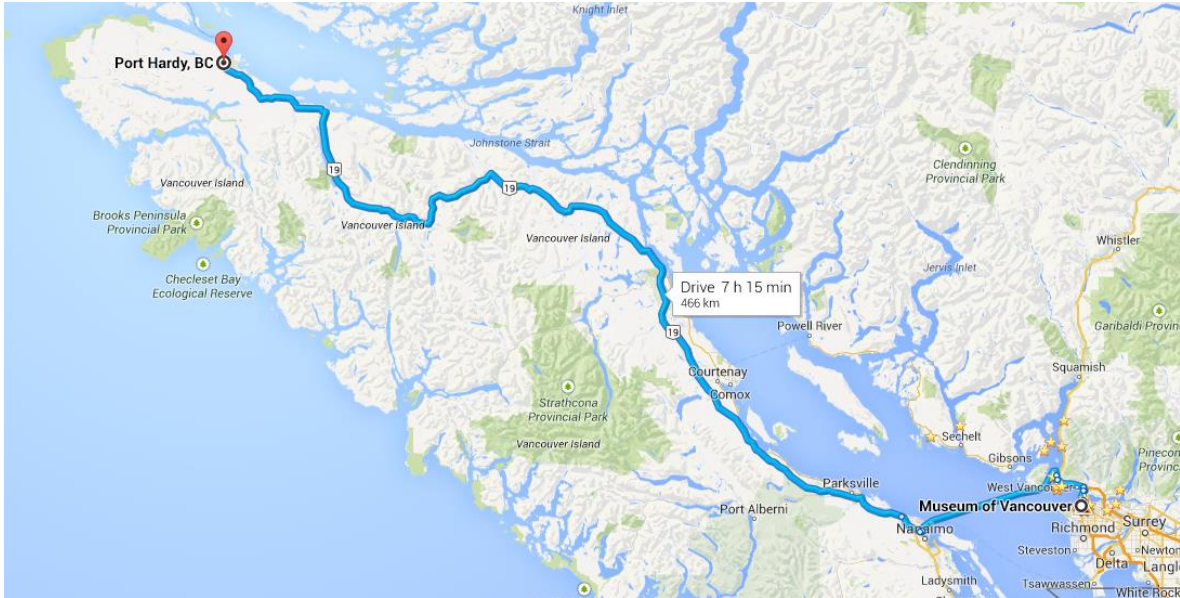
VHF [West Coast Vancouver Island North](#)

Kayak Guides/Outfitter

[Cape Scott Water Taxi](#) 1-800-246-0093, info@capescottwatertaxi.ca,
[Odyssey Kayaking](#), Port Hardy, 1-250-949-7392

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