

## Kayak Destinations

# Winter Harbour – Brooks – Fair Harbour

North-West Coast of Vancouver Island, BC

## Paddling Notes

- Sheltered paddling Winter Harbour to Restless Bight; Exposed paddling Restless Bight to Kyuquot Sound; Sheltered paddling in Kyuquot Sound.
- Wilderness camping on beaches. Potable water available at Vancouver Island streams.
- If possible, contact the Kyuquot Checleset Band (250-332-5259) to let them know you will be transiting their territories (Treaty Settlement Lands granted in the Maa-nulth Treaty, 2011) and to see if any specific permissions are required. [Leo Jack](#) may be able to help with these communications.
- Kyuquot Village: general store, coffee shop with wireless internet, restaurant at [Kyuquot Inn](#), B&Bs, pay phone at government wharf.
- Sea otter and whale viewing - follow [Marine Mammal Contact Guidelines](#)

## Trip Basics

No. of Days	10-14 days
Paddle Distance	100 nm <a href="#">See Map</a> (next page)
<a href="#">SKGBC Water Class. Map I-IV</a>	Winter Harbour–Restless Bight: Class <b>II</b> ; Restless Bight–South Brooks: Class <b>IV</b> ; South Brooks–Kyuquot Sound: Class <b>III</b> ; Kyuquot Sound: Class <b>II</b>
Recommended Launch Site:	Winter Harbour. I was dropped at a dock by float plane from Fair Harbour. (Alternate launch Coal Harbour, add 1-2 days paddling) <a href="#">See Map</a> (next page)

## Getting There

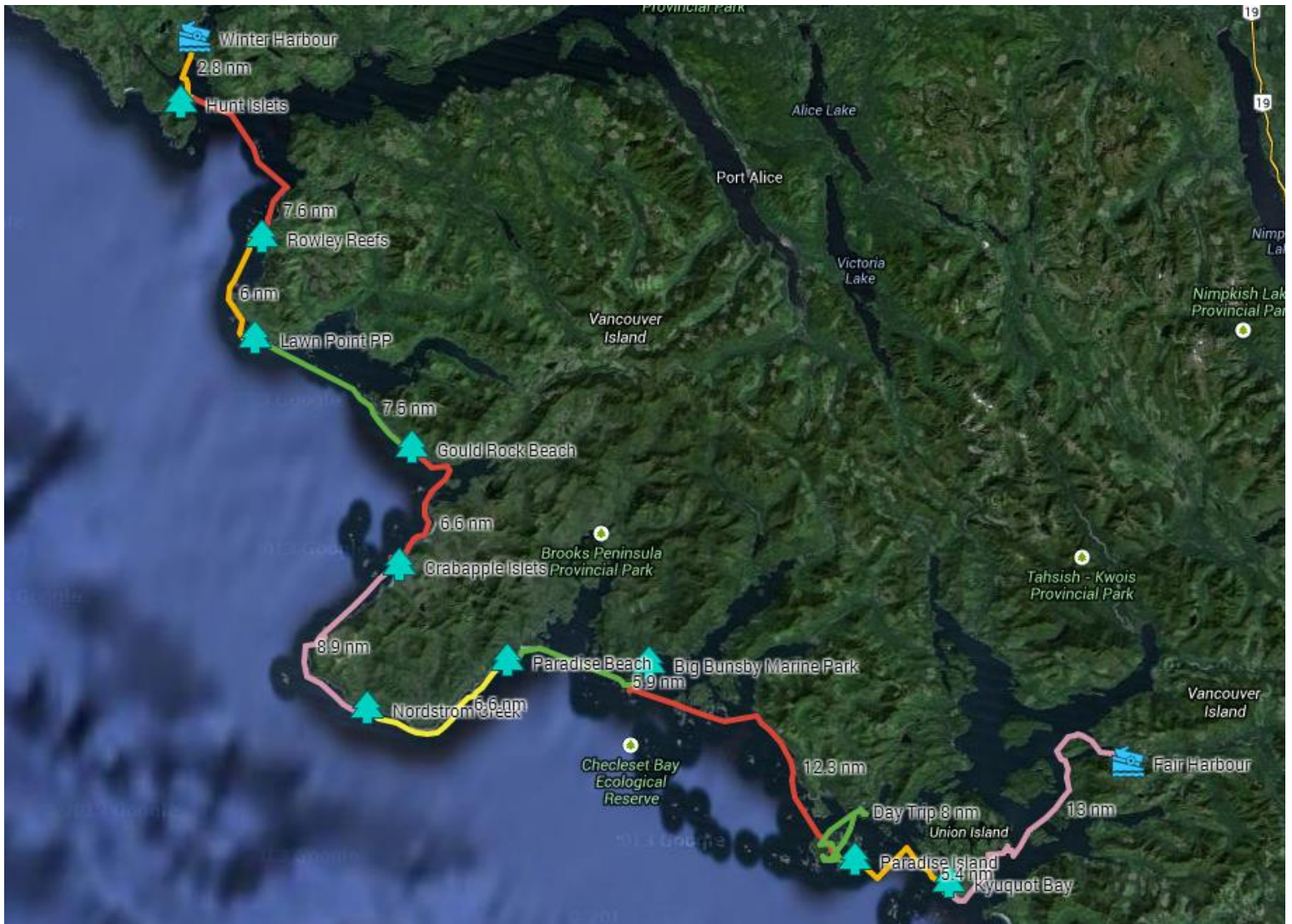
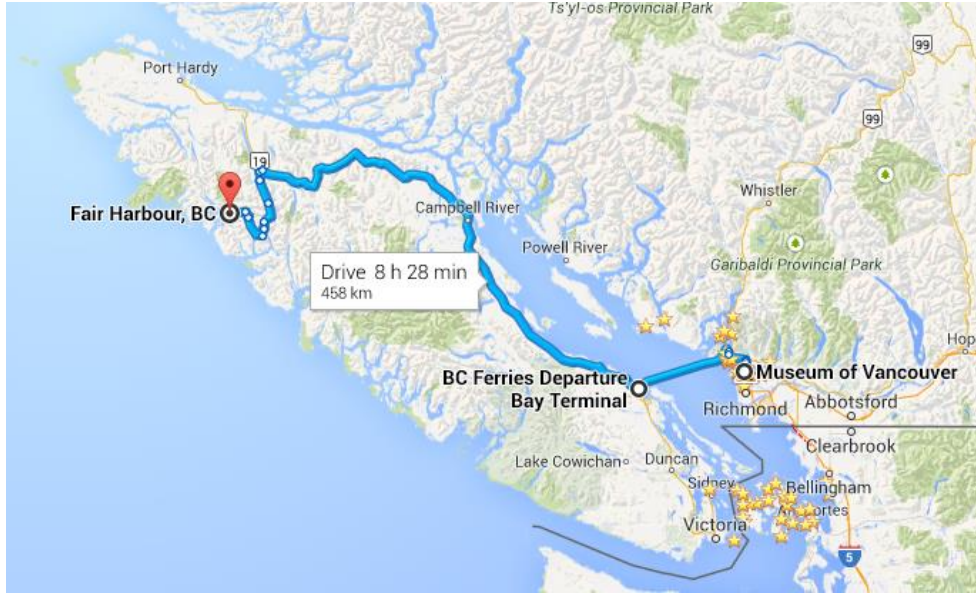
Driving Directions	To Fair Harbour: <a href="#">Travel Tips</a> and <a href="#">Google Maps: Vancouver Museum - Nanaimo - Fair Harbour</a> (for driving directions to Winter Harbour see <a href="#">The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide Vol. 1, West Coast Vancouver Island North</a> )
Travel Distance - Total	458 km 8 h 28min
- Ferry	57.8 km 2 h 11 min
- Gravel	75 km 2 h 15 min
Ferry Info	<a href="#">Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay</a>
Paddle to nearest campsite	Winter Harbour to Hunt Islets 2.8 nm <a href="#">See Map</a> (next page)

## Planning

Nautical Charts	<b>3677</b> 1:40,000 <a href="#">Kyuquot Sound</a> <b>3680</b> 1:38,317 <a href="#">Brooks Bay</a> <b>3679</b> 1:50,000 <a href="#">Quatsino Sound</a> <b>3683</b> 1:36,493 <a href="#">Checleset Bay</a>
Marine Trail	<a href="#">BC Marine Trails West Coast Vancouver Island</a>
Trip Planning Maps	<a href="#">BC Coastal Recreation Atlas, Vol. 2</a>
Suggested Guide Books	<a href="#">The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide Vol. 1, West Coast Vancouver Island North</a> (Formerly: <i>Wild Coast Vol. I, pp. 136-170</i> )
Park & Camping Info.	<a href="#">Lawn Point Provincial Park</a> , <a href="#">Brooks Peninsula Provincial Park</a> , <a href="#">Rugged Point Provincial Marine Park</a> Also: <a href="#">BC Marine Trails Map</a>
Tide Stations	<a href="#">Hunt Islets</a> , <a href="#">Kyuquot</a>
Marine Weather	VHF <a href="#">West Coast Vancouver Island North</a>
Float Plane	<a href="#">Air Cab</a> (Coal Harbour) 1-250-949-6371

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