

Kayak Destinations

Deer Group Islands, Barkley Sound

West Coast of Vancouver Island, BC

Paddling Notes

- Sheltered paddling options North of Satellite Passage.
- Exposed Southern Islands may be paddled in good conditions by skilled, experienced paddlers. Exposed crossing from Bamfield to S-Islands
- Wilderness camping on 4 Islands/islets in the archipelago. Bring water as creeks dry in summer.
- Sea Arches, Sea Caves, Sea Pillars and varied interesting shoreline
- Less crowded alternative to the Broken Group
- Easy paddling from Bamfield, but tough, long dirt road to get there
- First Nation Reserves and Archaeological sites on some islands
- Sea Lions on exposed outer Southern Islands
- Access the Old Town and Boardwalk via short Passenger Ferry
- see [Bamfield Map](#).

Trip Basics

No. of Days	2-5 days
Paddle Distance	10-40 nm
SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class II• Class III South of Satellite Passage
Recommended Launch Site:	Bamfield, from municipal boat launch near Centennial Park. Launch and parking fees are paid at the Information Center. Call ahead for hours 250.728.3006.

Getting There

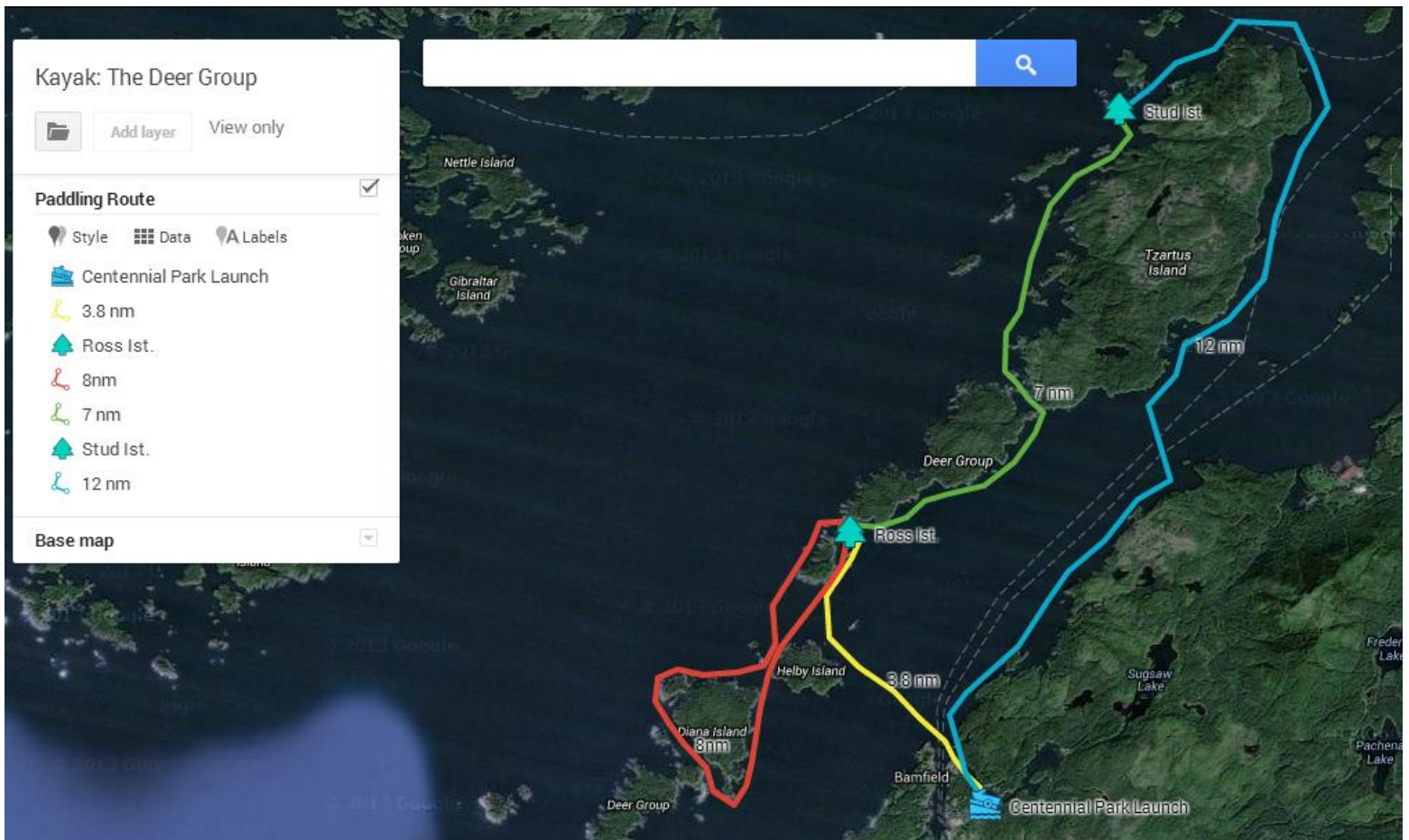
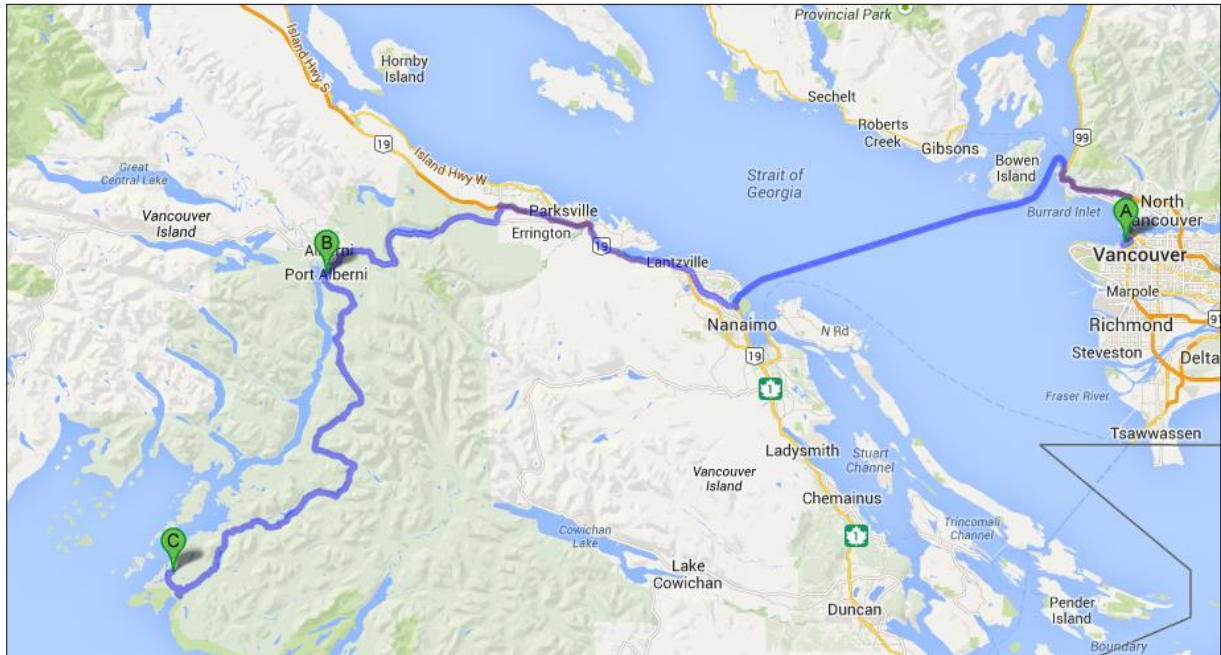
Driving Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google Maps: Vancouver Museum – Port Alberni - Bamfield• Logging Road Instructions (bottom) and Bamfield Road Facebook Page• Bamfield Municipal Map and Boat Launch Location	
Travel Distance - Total	Drive 254 km	6 h 33 min
- Ferry	57.8 km	2 h 11 min
- Gravel	76 km	1.5-2 h
Ferry Info	Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay	
Paddle to nearest campsite	Ross Ist. - 3.8nm from Bamfield boat launch Online Paddle Map (next page)	

Planning

Nautical Charts	3671 1:40,000 Barkley Sound
Marine Trail	BC Marine Trails West Coast Vancouver Island
Trip Planning Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barkley Sound and The Broken Group Islands, Wavelength Publications• Barkley Sound (B&W), Coastal Waters Recreation
Suggested Guide Books	The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide Vol. 1, West Coast Vancouver Island North (Formerly: Wild Coast Vol. 1, pp. 316-324)
Park & Camping Info.	Municipal Campground near boat launch; See BC Marine Trails Map
Tide Station	Bamfield
Marine Weather	VHF radio: West Coast Vancouver Island South report
Water Taxi	Paradise Water Taxi Tel. 1-250-728-1212 EMAIL: mark86@uniserve.com

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