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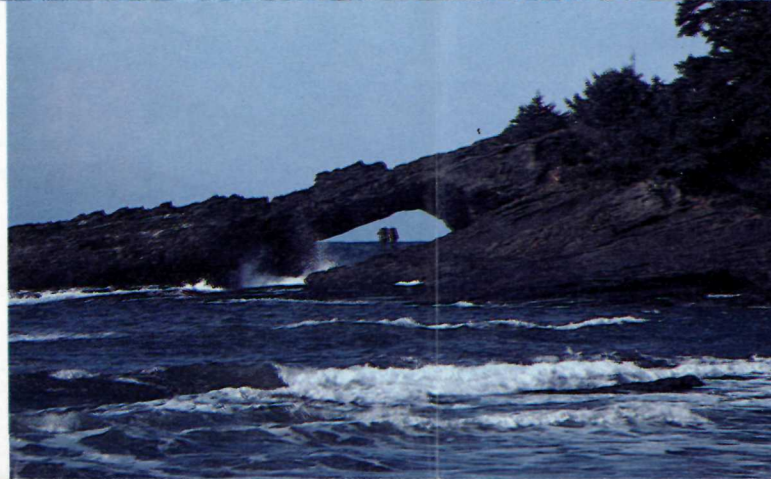
Long Beach

Broken Group Islands

Hole-in-the-Wall
West Coast Trail

Common Starfish

Indian Paint Brush

Schooner Cove

Sea Lions in Broken Group Islands

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Hikers at Valencia Cliff
(West Coast Trail)
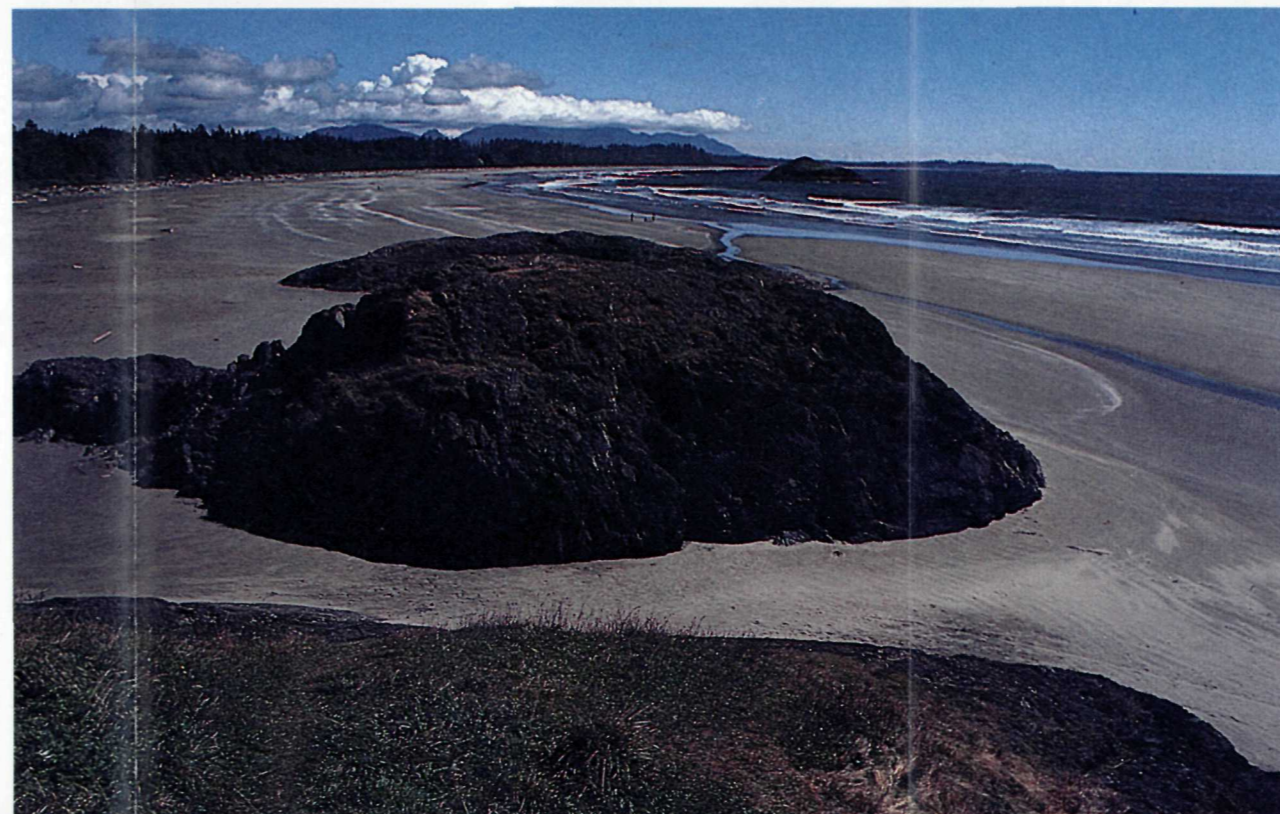
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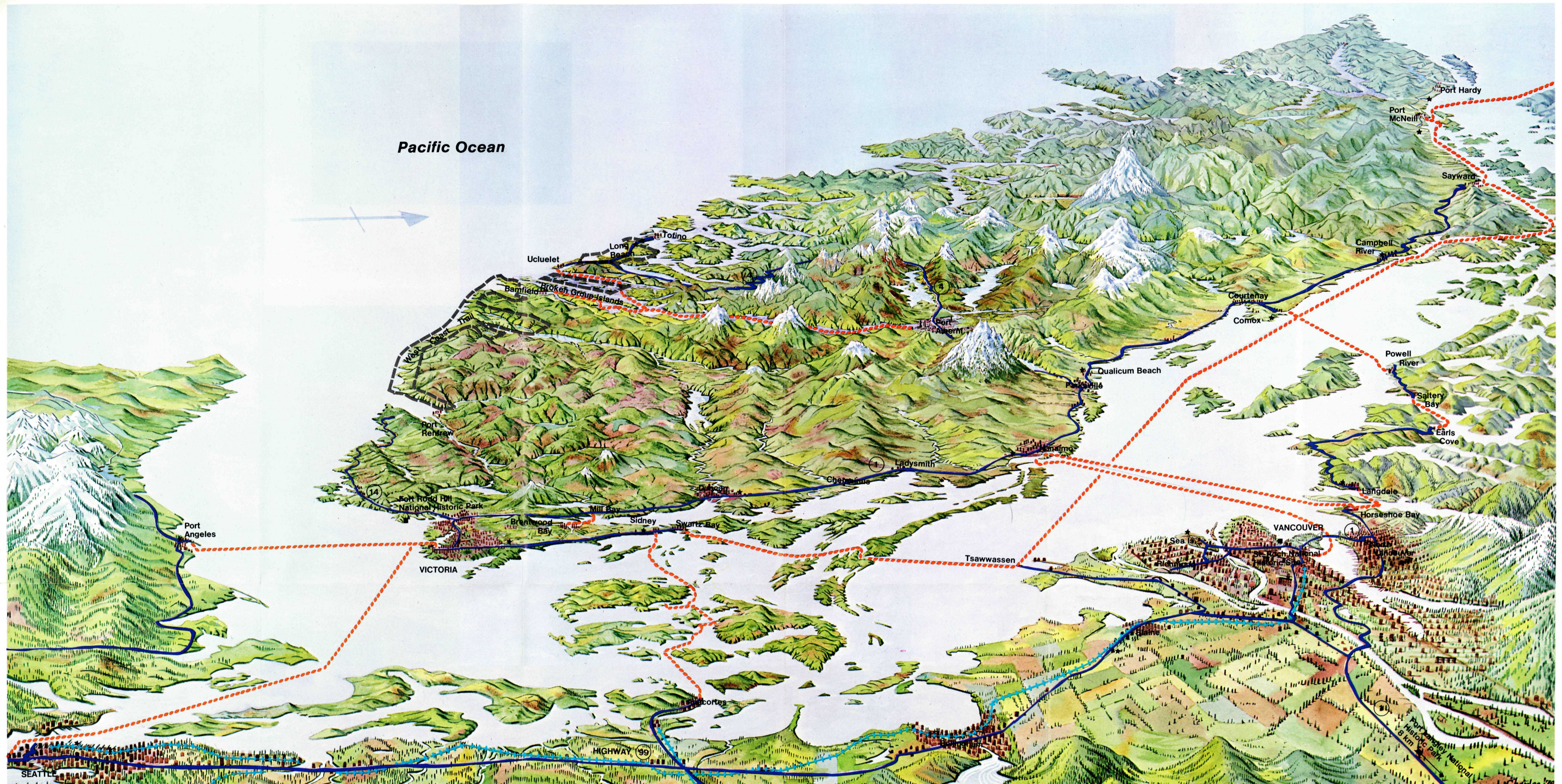
Pacific Ocean

Port Hardy
Port McNeill
Sayward
Campbell River
Courtenay
Comox
Powell River
Saltery Bay
Earls Cove
Langdale
Horseshoe Bay
Tofino
Long Beach
Ucluelet
Bamfield
Broken Group Islands
Port Alberni
Qualicum Beach
Parksville
Nanaimo
Ladysmith
Chemainus
Duncan
Port Renfrew
Mill Bay
Brentwood Bay
Sidney
Swartz Bay
VICTORIA
Port Angeles
Fort Rodd Hill National Historic Park
VANCOUVER
Sea
Tsawwassen
HIGHWAY 99
SEATTLE

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Pacific swells hurl themselves against craggy headlands or roll up wide sandy beaches in this spectacular new (1971) national park on Vancouver Island's west coast.

Pacific Rim National Park is in three units: Long Beach, the Broken Group Islands and the West Coast Trail. Each unit is separated from the others by expanses of land and water, and each is reached by visitors in a different way.

Long Beach, the most heavily visited and developed segment, is accessible from Port Alberni on a winding, paved mountain highway. Visitor facilities and services include campgrounds, day-use areas adjacent to major beaches and, from late June to September, a free interpretive program. This program consists of conducted walks and audio-visual and evening presentations. The local fishing communities of Tofino (population 612) and Ucluelet (population 1300) offer visitors a wide choice of motel and hotel units as well as private campgrounds. All other usual tourist services are available in or near the two villages.

The Broken Group Islands — about 100 in all — are at the entrance to Barkley Sound and may be reached by boat from Ucluelet and Port Alberni. Several primitive campsites have been provided on the islands and small boat travel is possible in waters sheltered within the islands.

The West Coast Trail lies between Bamfield and Port Renfrew — a distance of 72 km. It can only be travelled on foot and demands all the strength and stamina hikers can muster along its rugged and often rain-soaked length. Bamfield is reached from Port Alberni along a good gravel road, and Port Renfrew can be reached by road from Victoria or Shawnigan Lake.

Detailed information about the park may be obtained in summer at the information centre near the entrance to the Long Beach Unit and all year at the park office in the Long Beach Unit.

Additional information is available by writing to:
The Superintendent,
Pacific Rim National Park,
Box 280,
Ucluelet, British Columbia,
V0R 3A0.

Free British Columbia tourist accommodation information and maps are available by writing to:
Tourism British Columbia,
1117 Wharf St.,
Victoria, British Columbia,
V8W 2Z2.

How to Reach Vancouver Island and Pacific Rim National Park

Once on Vancouver Island, the Long Beach and West Coast Trail units are accessible by road from any of the points on the island served by the ferries listed in this section.

All three units of the park are accessible by private boat or through the scheduled summer service of Alberni Marine Transportation as shown.

The villages of Ucluelet and Tofino are served by regularly scheduled bus from Port Alberni and West Coast Air operates scheduled flights from Vancouver to Tofino Airport.

Passenger Boats and Ferries
Alberni Marine Transportation Company
Box 188, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7
Phone: 723-5788 or 723-9774, ship: 723-8313

Service:
Port Alberni to Ucluelet — summer only, twice weekly.
Port of Call: Kildonan
Route Time: 10 hours, round trip
Capacity: 100 passengers

Service:
Port Alberni to Bamfield — summer, four times a week and winter, three times a week.
Port of Call: Kildonan
Route time: 8 hours, round trip
Capacity: 100 passengers

British Columbia Ferries
818 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1E4
Phone: Victoria, 387-1401, Vancouver, 669-1211

Service:
Vancouver (Tsawwassen) to Victoria (Swartz Bay) — daily, summer and winter.
Crossing Time: 1 hour and 40 minutes
Capacity: 192 cars, 1200 passengers

Service:
Vancouver (Horseshoe Bay) to Nanaimo (Departure Bay) — daily, summer and winter.
Crossing time: 1 hour and 50 minutes
Capacity: 372 cars, 1200 passengers

British Columbia Steamship Co. (1975) Ltd.
General Office, 254 Belleville St., Victoria, B.C. V8W 1W9
Phone: 386-6731 for auto and stateroom reservations
388-7397 administration office only
Seattle Terminal, Pier 69, 2700 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington, 98121
Phone: 683-8200 for automobile and stateroom reservations
623-5560 for information

Service:
summer only, daily from mid-May to end of September.
Departs Seattle at 8 a.m. — arrives Victoria at 12:15 p.m.
Departs Victoria at 4:30 p.m. and arrives Seattle at 8:45 p.m.

Black Ball Transport Co.
430 Belleville St., Victoria, B.C. V8V 1W9
Phone: 386-2202

Service:
between Victoria and Port Angeles daily
Summer and winter crossing time: 1 hour and 30 minutes
Capacity: 100 cars, 700 passengers

CP Rail
B.C.C.S. Service, Pier B, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2R3
Phone: 665-3141

Service:
between Vancouver and Nanaimo daily, summer and winter
Crossing time: 2 hours and 30 minutes
Capacity: 155 cars, 1030 passengers

Washington State Ferries
Phone: 656-1531 (Sidney terminal)

Service:
between Sidney (Victoria), Anacortes and ports of call on San Juan Island daily, summer and winter
Crossing time: 2 hours and 30 minutes to 3 hours and 20 minutes depending on the number of inter-island stops
Capacity: 160 cars, 2000 passengers

Distances to Port Alberni by Road
(distances do not include portions over water)

From	km	mi
Banff	1033	642
Calgary	1164	723
Edmonton	1347	837
Jasper	975	606
Kamloops	533	331
Nanaimo	85	53
Parksville	48	30
Seattle	340	211
Tofino	138	83
Ucluelet	108	67
Vancouver	108	67
Victoria	196	122

Other Distances by Road

Ucluelet to Tofino:	41 km (26 mi)
Port Alberni to Bamfield:	104 km (65 mi)
Victoria to Port Renfrew:	105 km (66 mi)
Bamfield to Port Renfrew:	405 km (253 mi)

Indian Paint Brush