



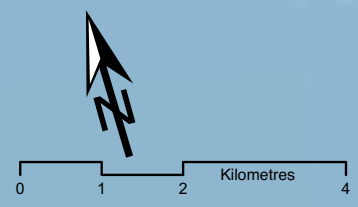
Welcome to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve of Canada and the traditional territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. This special place is part of a network of Canada's national treasures protected on your behalf by Parks Canada.



**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve**  
[parksCanada.gc.ca](http://parksCanada.gc.ca)

As hosts to unforgettable experiences, Parks Canada invites you to discover the awe inspiring beaches and magnificent rainforests found here in the **Long Beach Unit** of the park.

Look for the blow of whales, try riding a wave at Long Beach, and explore the new K<sup>w</sup>isitit Visitor Centre. Pacific Rim National Park Reserve offers inspiring experiences for everyone, every day of the year.



Legend		Trails
	Park Info Centre	
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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**  
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# Your Guide to the Long Beach Unit

## Pacific Rim National Park Reserve



Knowledgeable Parks Canada staff are available to help make your visit to Pacific Rim a rewarding experience. If you have questions or need advice, please stop by one of these locations.

Attractions and Services	May to late June	Late June to early Sept	Early Sept to mid October	Mid October through April
<b>Pacific Rim Visitor Centre</b> Stop here to purchase your park pass and obtain information about the national park and surrounding region.	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	9:00 am – 7:00 pm	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	closed
<b>K<sup>w</sup>isitits Visitor Centre</b> New exhibits in this interpretive facility illuminate the natural and cultural history of the region.	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	11:00 am – 3:00 pm Fri-Sun
<b>Green Point Campground</b> Situated on a forested terrace above Long Beach: 94 reservable drive-in sites, 20 walk-in and 1 group campsite.	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	8:00 am – 6:00 pm June 29th – Sept. 2nd	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	closed
<b>Park Administration</b> Stop here to purchase your park pass or obtain information about the national park.	8:00 am – 4:00 pm Mon-Fri	8:00 am – 4:00 pm Mon-Fri	8:00 am – 4:00 pm Mon-Fri	8:00 am – 4:00 pm Mon-Fri
<b>Green Point Theatre Programs</b> Bring your family and listen to stories about Pacific Rim inside this heated indoor cedar theatre.		8:00 pm		
<b>Guided Events</b> Learn from a knowledgeable guide about the natural and cultural history of the national park.		times vary		

### Did you know?

- Pacific Rim is called a national park reserve because of pending First Nation treaty settlements.
- The Long Beach Unit is entirely within the traditional territories of the Yuu-thlu-ilth-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations.
- It is illegal to collect and remove natural or cultural objects.
- The Long Beach Unit is the most extensive sand dune/beach area on Vancouver Island.
- Rocky outcroppings provide excellent opportunities for exploring tidepools at low tide.
- Sea Lion Rocks, off Combers Beach, is a great bird nesting site and sea lion haulout that can be observed with binoculars or a telescope.
- Dogs are welcome in the Long Beach Unit. Please keep them leashed and under control at all times.
  - On-leash dogs are less likely to:
    - flush shorebirds from critical feeding areas
    - become prey for wolves and cougars



### Choose the Park Pass that's best for you!

Park Pass fees stay in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve to help support the services and facilities you enjoy.

Park Pass options	Where to purchase Park Passes
Annual Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Rim Visitor Centre</li> <li>• K<sup>w</sup>isitits Visitor Centre</li> <li>• Green Point Campground</li> <li>• Park Administration</li> <li>• www.pc.gc.ca</li> </ul>
Daily Pass (valid to 4 pm the following day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Pass machines*</li> <li>• The facilities listed above</li> </ul>

For other Park Pass options, please visit a park facility.

\*Park Pass machines are available at most parking lots except Grice Bay, Willowbrae Trail, Shorepine Bog Trail, Florencia Bay and Kennedy Lake.

A Park Pass must be displayed in your vehicle when stopping in the Long Beach Unit of the park.



### Hiking Trails

Trail Information	Distance	Exhibits	Beach Access	Difficulty
1 * <b>Willowbrae Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> Willowbrae Road intersects Highway 4, 2 km south of the Ucluelet-Tofino junction. Trail access is not signed from the highway. Turn west onto Willowbrae Road to the trailhead parking lot. <b>Of Interest:</b> This historic trail formed part of a two-day travel route between Ucluelet and Tofino prior to the establishment of a road in 1942.	1.4 km one way		yes	Long flights of stairs
2 * <b>Halfmoon Bay Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> The Halfmoon Bay Trail branches from the Willowbrae Trail 1.3 km from the Willowbrae parking lot. <b>Of Interest:</b> The trail winds through old growth cedar/hemlock forest before giving way to the spruce fringe and sandy beach of Halfmoon Bay.	500 m one way		yes	Steep sections and long flights of stairs
3 <b>South Beach Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> South Beach Trail branches from the Nuu-chah-nulth Trail. <b>Of Interest:</b> South Beach offers spectacular, but potentially dangerous, wave watching. Very large waves and strong currents form at this pebble beach; water activities not recommended.	800 m one way		yes	Some stairs
4 <b>Nuu-chah-nulth Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> Trailheads are located at Florencia Bay and behind the K <sup>w</sup> isitits Visitor Centre (formerly known as the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre). <b>Of Interest:</b> A glimpse into the Nuu-chah-nulth culture. Learn what <i>Hishuk ish ts'awalk</i> means and how this belief influences the lives of the Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.	2.5 km one way	yes	yes	Some stairs
5 <b>Shorepine Bog Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> Along Wick Road. <b>Of Interest:</b> This is old growth coastal temperate rainforest with a twist. Search for the plant that kills small and unwary insects and learn what kind of an environment might lead a plant to such deeds.	800 m loop	no	no	
6 * <b>Rainforest Trail Trails A and B</b> <b>Location:</b> Trail A is located on the opposite side of Highway 4 from the parking lot. Trail B starts from the parking lot. <b>Of Interest:</b> Gigantic western redcedar and western hemlock reach up to the sunlight, their boughs thickly carpeted with hanging gardens of moss. Loop A signs emphasize forest cycles. Loop B signs emphasize forest structure and inhabitants.	Each loop 1 km	yes	no	Many short flights of stairs
7 <b>Combers Beach Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> Along Highway 4. <b>Of Interest:</b> Combers Beach Trail leads from the parking lot down to Combers Beach. Beach access is dependent on tides, currents and erosion.	500 m one way		seasonal	Steep slope
8 * <b>Schooner Cove Trail</b> <b>Location:</b> Along Highway 4. <b>Of Interest:</b> The trail descends through young and old stands of cedar/hemlock forest, gradually giving way to the Sitka spruce fringe. Coming to the beach, you will catch glimpses of the village of Esowista, belonging to the Tla-o-qui-aht, who have lived along this shore for centuries. <b>Note:</b> Schooner Cove may be cut off during high tides.	1 km one way		yes	Long flights of stairs



## Make your visit a safe one

### Bears, Cougars and Wolves

- Frequent the intertidal zone as well as the rainforest.
- If you encounter a bear, cougar or wolf:
  - Pick up small children and pets and stay in a group.
  - Back away slowly to give it an escape route.
  - If the animal approaches do all you can to appear threatening, shout, wave your arms and throw sticks.
- Never feed or approach wildlife.

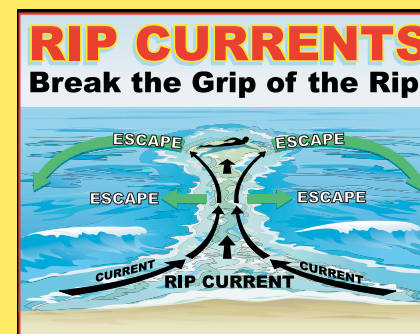
National parks are wild places. Some simple precautions will ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.

### Safety In the Forest

- Wear appropriate footwear for slippery boardwalks and muddy uneven ground.
- Avoid the rainforest during high winds.

### Safety In and Around the Water

- Shorelines are dynamic places. Large waves can unexpectedly sweep over beaches and rocky outcrops.
- Generally, there are two high and two low tides each day. During high tides, creeks and shoreline routes may become impassable. Beach logs will float and roll; they have crushed people.
- Wading in the waves is safer than swimming and using inflatables.
- Water temperatures are low (7-14°C). Wear a wetsuit in the water.



Rip currents are powerful currents of water that can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.

### To Identify Rip Currents, Look For:

- A narrow stream of water moving away from shore, often perpendicular to the shoreline.
- Waves breaking on both sides of the rip, but not inside the rip.

If you get caught in a rip, do not swim against it. Stay calm and swim parallel to the shore, then swim back to shore. If you cannot escape, float or tread water and signal for help.