

Ucluelet, BC

Ucluelet Harbour



Wild Pacific Trail – easy grade:

Moderately steep hills:

Access route along roads

Access trail in forest ▲ Big trees

Gravel road T Toilet

P Parking lot with toilet (NO RUNNING WATER)

Distance marker Measured from Lighthouse Loop trailhead

Paved wheelchair access

ANCIENT CEDARS

0.9 km loop (15 min.)

Rocky Bluffs

7.5 km 7 km

ARTIST LOOPS

8 km 20 minutes (+ 15 min. for Ancient Cedars loop)

Brown's Beach

3.25 km to 5 km Marker

From the sea star parking lot, turn left for dramatic views near a resort. Then double back and head north. After a short forest section the trail emerges on the edge of cliffs. Choose every left-hand trail to discover storm-watching decks and platforms called Painter's Perches. The **ARTIST LOOPS** lead to increasingly wild vistas of the wind-swept coastline and 3 ingenious decks.

Ancient Cedars & Rocky Bluffs

6.75 km to 8 km Distance Marker:

At **ANCIENT CEDARS** junction turn right for a 15 minute loop to visit old growth giants, and/or continue along the rocky bluffs. Waves can be dangerous, stay on the trail. At the 8 km marker double back to return (views look different in reverse). You can also exit right on the highway bike path back to town.

Trail rating: ● Easy ● Moderate ● Mixed difficulty

Big Beach

3 km to 4 km Distance Marker:

Head down the wide path at the intersection of Matterson and Marine Drive. At **BIG BEACH PICNIC AREA** explore interactive **children's interpretive signs**, a beach and an ancient **shipwreck** (with historical sign) 5 minutes south on the picnic area path. To go north take the hill path by the eagle sign. After a bridge with stairs the trail turns right to cross Marine Drive, or heads straight into Black Rock Resort. Either route exits to Marine Drive. Walk just past the resort driveway to find the next entry.

* **Beach walk:** If the tide is low and seas are calm, enjoy a walk on Big Beach. If you walk north across a creek, a resort road will lead back to Marine Drive. **Avoid the edge of the surf!**

Between trails:

Follow the orange road names to walk, cycle or drive to the next section. No bikes allowed on the trail; please use racks at trailheads. You can rent bikes locally.

Interpretive signs help you explore the fascinating ecosystems carefully protected along the Wild Pacific Trail.



1 **Bog Interpretive Loop:** This insightful 300 metre loop explores the fascinating world of dwarf trees and tiny carnivorous plants. Learn why wetlands are planetary heroes. Near Whale parking lot.



2 **Spring Cove Mudflat:** More than just mud, the wonders of eelgrass, blue carbon and fun facts will surprise you. A bird blind overlooks this official "Important Bird Area". Go to crosswalks near Otter parking lot.

3 **Terrace Beach Trail:** **Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh First Nation** knowledge keepers share natural and cultural insights. Start at the Otter parking lot, He-Tin-Kis Park.

4 **Big Beach Park:** **Children's** interactive displays about cool creatures and a scavenger hunt. Near Sea Star parking lot.



Terrace Beach Interpretive Trail

15 minutes

Spring Cove Interpretive Trail

2.5 km

LIGHTHOUSE LOOP

Lighthouse Loop

2.6 km LOOP from the 0 km Distance Marker:

This scenic coastal trail starts at the Whale parking lot midway on Coast Guard Road. The trail is an easy one hour circle so you can't get lost. **Stay on the trail**, plants are sensitive to footprints and the rocks are NOT SAFE. Accessible parking is at the lighthouse.

Start of trail

2.6 km loop 45-60 minutes + view stops



Preserve the Wild Pacific Trail

Help protect plants and animals—take only pictures. Please keep this wonderful coastline pristine, pick up litter and stay on the gravel to avoid damaging vegetation. No bikes, off-leash dogs or smoking allowed.

Safety Information

For your safety, **stay on marked trails** to protect yourself, the environment, and other trail users. Failure to do so or walking on the rocks below may result in serious injury or death. Visitors use trails at their own risk.



Wildlife Alert: You may encounter wolves, cougars or bears anywhere on the coast. Stay calm, conflict is rare.

- Immediately pick up small children.
- **SCARE don't stare** (make a noise, act big)
- **Do not run.** Face the animal and retreat slowly
- In the **unlikely** event of a confrontation, be aggressive; shout, wave a stick and throw rocks.
- Give wildlife 100m of space, never approach.

NEVER feed wildlife: Keep wild animals wild. Habituated animals may become aggressive or dependent.

Pets & Predators: Free roaming pets may attract an attack by wolves or cougars. **Dogs must be kept on a leash.**

Storm Watching

Trails may be unsafe during extreme storm surges; high winds may cause tree blow downs. Respect closures. Unexpected waves can sweep you off rocks any time of year, even in calm weather. Visit CoastSmart.ca to learn more.



Founder "Oyster Jim"

Originated through the vision and initiative of Ucluelet's "Oyster Jim" Martin, this trail has been built with funds donated to the Wild Pacific Trail Society. Our dream is to extend the trail to Pacific Rim National Park in partnership with landowners.

Inspiring through Nature

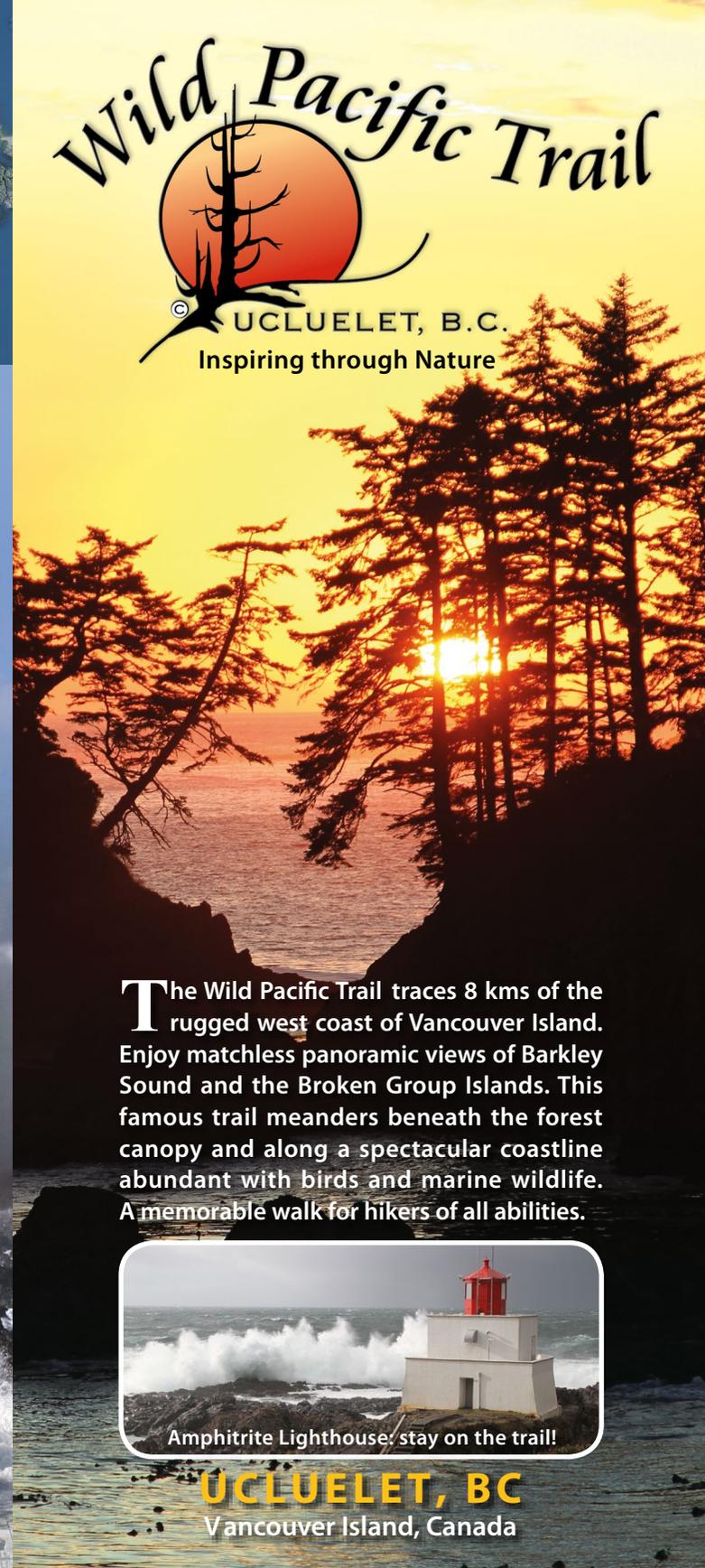
Visit our website to see interpretive videos and programs.

Donations:

Your donations make this trail & free programs possible, please contribute to donation boxes at trailheads. The Wild Pacific Trail Society is a non-profit group run by volunteers. Contact us via our website for a charitable receipt. Forest conservation and educational facilities are also a major funding goal.

Vision: *To inspire a personal connection with nature to create a wave of change for environmental stewardship.*

Mission: *To promote and protect a spectacular coastal trail network, where the temperate rainforest meets the ocean, that is accessible to everyone and showcases the natural and cultural treasures of the Ucluth Peninsula. • To inspire people through sharing perspectives about the culture, history and nature of this area.*



The Wild Pacific Trail traces 8 kms of the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island. Enjoy matchless panoramic views of Barkley Sound and the Broken Group Islands. This famous trail meanders beneath the forest canopy and along a spectacular coastline abundant with birds and marine wildlife. A memorable walk for hikers of all abilities.



Amphitrite Lighthouse, stay on the trail!

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