

# AMENITIES

**SHORE ACCESSES** Look for the numbered shore access signs and use these improved trails to reach the waterfront or a viewpoint. These trails often border residential private property. Please be respectful of neighbours and the quiet of the island.



**TRAILS** Galiano has an extensive trails network including trails on both public and private land. Please stay on designated trails and keep dogs under control. Motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed on trails.



**PUBLIC PARKLANDS** are managed by BC Parks, Capital Regional District, Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission, and local private organizations.

## RECREATION FACILITIES

- A **skate park, children's playground, large playfield, and paved walking path** are located at the Galiano Lions Park on Burrill Road.
- A **tennis court, children's playground, and playfield** are located at the Galiano Community School and Activity Centre on Sturdies Bay Road, which is also the location of the **Galiano Fitness Centre**.
- Another **playground** is located next to the Galiano Community Hall on Sturdies Bay Road.
- A **9-hole golf course and clubhouse** are located on St Andrews Road.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Lions Field, Ferry Dock, and Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park offer a firm, level surface for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Shore accesses #10, 13, 34, 38, 55, 58, 60, 61, 69 and Bellhouse Park offer a short easy walk to a bench with a view.

## PUBLIC TOILETS

- are found at:
- Ferry Terminal
  - Matthews Point Regional Park
  - Skate Park at the Galiano Lions Park
  - Bellhouse Park
  - Sturdies Bay Trail (at Recycling Depot entrance)
  - Activity Centre
  - Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park
  - Montague Harbour CRD Public Dock (#24)
  - Tapovan Peace Park
  - Retreat Cove Fire Hall
  - North Galiano Hall
  - Silú Community Park (CP5)
  - Shore accesses #59 and #69

The vault toilets have a holding tank, which must be emptied by a septic service. **PLEASE DO NOT dispose of garbage, diapers, or bagged dog waste in them** as this will clog the pump-out equipment.



**PACK IN / PACK OUT** Please do not leave any waste or garbage behind as **Galiano DOES NOT HAVE a garbage dump facility.**

**Garbage:** A private garbage service is available to haul bagged waste away for a small fee. Ask about location, days and hours of operation.

**Recycling:** The **Recycling Depot** at 220 Sturdies Bay Road is **open Friday and Saturday** (check for hours). The Depot is operated by a non-profit society that collects paper, plastics, glass, metals, and more to recycle as well as previously owned items for re-use.

**CAMPING** Public camping is **only permitted** in Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park and in Dionisio Provincial Park (marine accessible only).

**DRINKING WATER** Taps to refill water bottles can be found at Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park.

# SAFETY

**FIRES** The risk of fires on Galiano is getting more extreme during the dry summer months. PLEASE ...

- **NO smoking** and/or **toking** in parks, trails and forests,
- **NO tossed butts**, and
- **NO fires** permitted anywhere on the island from April through October. We are ALL at risk.



Report all fires by phoning 911

**SANDSTONE** Wet steps, sandstone shores and seaweed can be VERY SLIPPERY. Walking on the sandstone shores in the wet, winter months requires extreme caution.



**TIDES** At the seaside always pay attention to the tides. The ocean level will vary widely during the course of a day. The foreshore is public land to the high water mark. When the tide is high, all or most of the public beach may be underwater. The tide can rise rapidly blocking your return route. To avoid putting yourself at risk or trespassing, please consult a tide table to determine the time of high tide each day. Tide tables can be obtained via the internet.



**CYCLING TIPS** Be aware that Galiano's roads are narrow, twisty and hilly creating limited visibility especially on hillcrests and curves; always ride cautiously. Short trips from the Sturdies Bay Ferry Terminal can easily include visits to several quiet shore accesses and forested park trails. A longer ride to the island's northend requires some planning as there are very few food options past the Georgeson Bay Road – Porlier Pass Road Junction.

# CONSERVATION

**DOGS** are most welcome to visit if their owners follow these simple guidelines:

1. Please keep your dog under control at all times. Be aware that you may be fined for allowing your dog to chase wildlife.
2. Move your dog's waste to the side of the public pathways and spaces. If you bag it, pack it out, please.

**THE WHALE TRAIL (WT)** ([thewhaletrail.org](http://thewhaletrail.org)) Some shore accesses along Active Pass have been designated to promote land-based viewing of marine mammals. Look for the WT sign at **shore accesses #5, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17.**



**IMPORTANT BIRD AREA** ([activepassiba.ca](http://activepassiba.ca)) Active Pass is a designated IBA that supports about 40 species of marine and marine associated birds including Pacific Loon, Brandt's Cormorant, and Bonaparte's Gull. Pairs of Bald Eagles nest along the IBA shore and up to 100 eagles occasionally forage here. Look for the IBA sign at **shore accesses #10, 11, 15, 17.**



**THE INTERTIDAL ZONE** is one of the Island's most fragile habitats. Discovering the many intertidal animals and plants at low tide is a favourite activity.

- Enjoy, but please leave everything as you found it.
- To fish, a current salt water fishing license and knowing the legal limits are mandatory. Fishing for rockfish is prohibited in Rockfish Conservation Areas
- Please check bivalve harvesting regulations.
- Do not attempt to rescue marine mammals even if they appear to be young and abandoned. Call the **Wildlife Care Centre** on Salt Spring Island at **250-537-0777** or **RestQ** at **250-539-3105.**
- ALWAYS respect wildlife and our wild lands.

# WELCOME!

From high on Galiano's long narrow spine, you can see the lights of two major metropolitan areas, yet the island is a world apart. Galiano Island supports a vibrant rural culture and a diversity of natural landscapes from older forests and wetlands to dry woodlands and rock cliffs to sandstone shorelines.



Galiano offers a beautiful location to pursue a variety of recreational opportunities. The serene ambience will suit readers, writers, painters, photographers and nature enthusiasts who enjoy active seascapes or quiet, lush forests. More vigorous activities include hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming, skateboarding, geocaching, tennis or a workout at the Fitness Centre.

Viewpoints with spectacular scenery are numerous. Island wildlife abounds. Look for deer, raccoons, river otters, mink, squirrels and the over 130 species of birds that have been recorded. From the seashore watch for seals, sea lions, orca and humpback whales.

As part of the Capital Regional District, volunteers of the **Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission manage community parks, shore accesses, and trails on Galiano.** Almost one fifth of the Island is protected space; most of which is open for public use. This brochure informs you about outdoor recreation opportunities and provides important information to keep in mind during your visit. Have a safe and wonderful time exploring Galiano Island!

**Galiano Island Parks and Recreation Commission**



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**MAP** Shore accesses  
Trails  
Public parks

# Galiano Island British Columbia



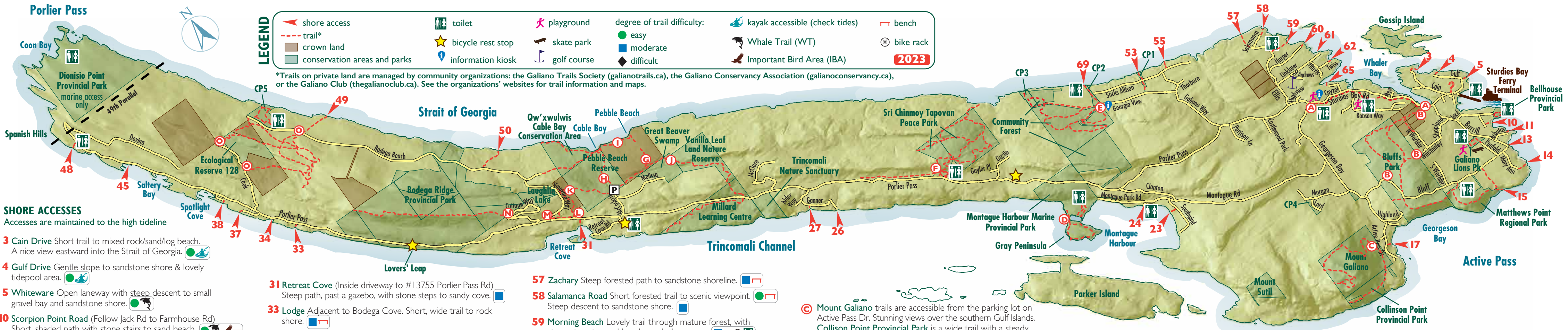
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# Porlier Pass



## LEGEND

- shore access
- trail\*
- crown land
- conservation areas and parks
- toilet
- bicycle rest stop
- information kiosk
- playground
- skate park
- golf course
- degree of trail difficulty: easy
- moderate
- ◆ difficult
- kayak accessible (check tides)
- Whale Trail (WT)
- Important Bird Area (IBA)
- bench
- bike rack

\*Trails on private land are managed by community organizations: the Galiano Trails Society ([galianotrails.ca](http://galianotrails.ca)), the Galiano Conservancy Association ([galianoconservancy.ca](http://galianoconservancy.ca)), or the Galiano Club ([thegalianoclub.ca](http://thegalianoclub.ca)). See the organizations' websites for trail information and maps.

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## SHORE ACCESSES

Accesses are maintained to the high tideline

- 3 Cain Drive** Short trail to mixed rock/sand/log beach. A nice view eastward into the Strait of Georgia.
- 4 Gulf Drive** Gentle slope to sandstone shore & lovely tidepool area.
- 5 Whiteware** Open laneway with steep descent to small gravel bay and sandstone shore.
- 10 Scorpion Point Road** (Follow Jack Rd to Farmhouse Rd) Short, shaded path with stone stairs to sand beach.
- 11 Arbutus Point Road** Short, open path to sandstone shore with fine perspective of Active Pass for bird/ferry/whale watching.
- 13 Seaside** Viewpoint.
- 14 Mary Ann Road** Spectacular viewpoint of busy Active Pass, reached by sloping trail, creative stone steps.
- 15 Matthews** Long, forested trail to picnic area. Challenging, steep descent to exquisite sand beach.
- 17 Zuker** Steep, gravel path with concrete steps to sand beach. Quiet bay with long view up Active Pass and area of native plant restoration.
- 23 Oceanview** Pretty forested trail with steel steps to sand and pebbled shore.
- 24 Montague Road** CRD dock and toilet.
- 26 Serenity** Forested trail through stunning ravine with stone steps to viewpoint; pebble & sand beach at low tide.
- 27 Azure** Sloping path with stone steps to pretty, little sand & pebble beach with logs.

- 31 Retreat Cove** (Inside driveway to #13755 Porlier Pass Rd) Steep path, past a gazebo, with stone steps to sandy cove.
- 33 Lodge** Adjacent to Bodega Cove. Short, wide trail to rock shore.
- 34 Shaw's Landing** Short path to serene, sand and shingle cove.
- 37 Trincomali Drive** Steep, stone steps to rock shore with awesome views across the Channel.
- 38 Spotlight** Short walk to sheltered area on low bluff, stone steps to rock shore.
- 45 Heather** (Located next to #21745 Porlier Pass Rd) Short, shady path with stone steps to sand beach.
- 48 Valerie's Place** (Off Deacon Lane, across from North Galiano Hall) Steep trail through mixed forest, with stone steps to pretty cove. Lovely view across Channel.
- 49 Consiglio** Long, forested trail to sandstone shore with excellent view across Strait to North Shore Mountains.
- 50 Dewinetz** Lovely, sloping forested trail with stone steps to pebble beach with expansive views across Strait.
- 53 Tricia Way** Short trail through Shore Pines to sandstone shore and a link to Tricia Way Park.
- 55 Albion** Laneway path to sandstone shore and bench.

- 57 Zachary** Steep forested path to sandstone shoreline.
- 58 Salamanca Road** Short forested trail to scenic viewpoint. Steep descent to sandstone shore.
- 59 Morning Beach** Lovely trail through mature forest, with stone steps to sand beach on shallow cove.
- 60 Harper Road** Stone steps to beautiful stone shore, easy access for intertidal exploration.
- 61 Linklater Road** Short trail with stone steps to pocket beach on tiny bay.
- 62 Twiss Road** Short path to small bay with log/sandstone shore; lowtide access to nearby sand beach.
- 65 Cayzer** Short trail with stone steps to sandstone shore on cottaged bay.
- 69 Gulfside** Forested trail to lovely viewpoint providing access to extensive sandstone shore at low tide.

## TRAILS

- A Sturdies Bay Trail** starts just past Burrill Rd and provides a delightful off-road walkway to the stores at the junction of Sturdies Bay Rd, Georgeson Bay Rd, and Porlier Pass Rd.
- B Bluffs Park** contains several trails through the forest that are accessible from the Sturdies Bay Trail, from Bluff Rd, and from Winstanley Rd. Spectacular viewpoint over Active Pass.

- C Mount Galiano** trails are accessible from the parking lot on Active Pass Dr. Stunning views over the southern Gulf Islands. **Collison Point Provincial Park** is a wide trail with a steady incline that is also accessed from Mt Galiano parking lot.
- D Gray Peninsula Loop** trail in Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park, accessible from the boat launch parking area. Beautiful white shell beaches.
- E Community Forest** trail network is accessible from the parking lot at the end of Georgia View Rd. Bike rack available.
- F Tapovan Peace Park** trails are accessed from a parking area on Porlier Pass Rd from which a short walk through mature woodland leads to a steep ascent along a well-constructed narrow path. Use with caution and at your own risk. At the top is a statue of Sri Chinmoy and a viewpoint over Trincomali Channel from which many other easy trails are available.
- P Common parking area** for trails G, H, I, and K.
- G Pebble Beach Trail** is accessed from the McCoskrie Rd parking area by walking along the dirt road east past the gate until reaching the Pebble Beach Trail head on the left. Popular pebble beach and swimming spot.
- H Cable Bay Trail** starts from the McCoskrie Rd parking area and is an easy walk through the woods to a pebble and sandstone beach.

- I Cable Bay to Pebble Beach Trail** links the two beaches along the shoreline.
- J Vanilla Leaf Trail** starts at the Millard Learning Centre. The trail travels through a diverse forest to the Great Beaver Swamp, linking to the Pebble Beach Reserve.
- K Melissa Road Trail to Laughlin Lake** starts at the parking area at the end of McCoskrie Rd
- L Bell Trail** starts from Porlier Pass Rd across from shore access #31, and winds through wooded terrain to the gravel storage area across from Laughlin Lake.
- M Red-legged Frog Trail** is a short trail paralleling Porlier Pass Rd that starts at Vineyard Way and connects to the Bell Trail.
- N Bodega Ridge Trail** starts at the top of Cottage Way and leads gently uphill through the woods to magnificent views over Trincomali Channel towards Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island.
- O North Galiano Trail Network** is accessible from Cook Rd and from Bodega Beach Drive. Several easy walking trails in lands adjacent to the Ecological Reserve wetlands allow for loop circuits through well forested terrain.

## COMMUNITY PARKS

There are trails through the beautiful woodlands of the five day use community parks managed by the Commission.

There are no facilities other than a toilet at Sticks Community Park. Camping is not allowed.

- CP1 Tricia Way Community Park** (see shore access #53)
- CP2 Sticks Community Park** (see shore access #69)
- CP3 Sticks West Community Park** (accessible via the trail at the north end of Georgia View Rd through the Community Forest). Bike rack in parking area.
- CP4 Lord Community Park** (loop trail in cedar grove with bench)
- CP5 Silú Community Park** (parking, trails, toilet, picnic tables, and bike rack).