

Further Information

Orca Camp

Welcome Aboard! We have prepared the following information for you that will help you in organizing your end of the trip and also assist you in maximizing your experience.

> How to get to Port McNeill

By Air: Pacific Coastal Airlines - daily flights from Vancouver to Port Hardy. Please contact our office for a package including flights/transfers/hotel with Ecosummer Expeditions.

Bus/Coach: Greyhound Coach Lines 1-800-661-8747 or www.greyhound.ca

> Where will you stay

In Port McNeill – please refer to enclosed information sheet in regards to accommodation in Port McNeill.

> Can you prepare physically for the trip

A good level of fitness will always make your trip more enjoyable, so we do suggest regular exercise prior to your trip. For kayaking, upper body exercises are helpful. Contact the office for Stretching & Strengthening Instruction Sheets, or contact your local gym.

> Camera Information

Make sure your digital camera has enough memory or bring an extra memory card (or film) and batteries, as the images will be something you may not see again and the area is exceptionally photogenic. Polarizers are often used when shooting on water and warming filters also may be desired to enhance certain subjects. Remember to protect your camera from any potential water damage by keeping it in a watertight bag or more preferably a 'Pelican-type' waterproof box. The latter gives you quicker access to your photo equipment.

RIGID WATERPROOF BOXES SHOULD HAVE FOUR ¼ INCH HOLES DRILLED IN THEM, 2 IN FRONT AND 2 IN BACK, TO BE USED AS LASHING POINTS TO THE KAYAK DECK.

> Charts

Please refer to Marine Chart #3546 – Broughton Strait. Be sure to have it laminated or cover it with 'mac-tac' or any other self-adhesive vinyl covering. Alternatively, carry it in a waterproof map case. Charts are available from:

Ecomarine Ocean Kayak Centre, 1668 Duranleau Street, Vancouver, BC,
Tel: (604) 689-7575

Ecomarine Ocean Kayak Centre provides a 10% in-stock gear discount off regular prices at their retail store in Vancouver and their on-line store at www.ecomarine.com to all Ecosummer Clients up to their trip departure date.

> General travel Info within British Columbia

www.travel.bc.ca for BC Travel & Tourism Guide.

www.hellobc.com 1-800-HELLOBC (1-800-435-5622); free Travel Guides available



> Environmentally concerned Organizations

In view of the fact that you, our customer, and we as a company are able to enjoy and operate in the world's wild places, Ecosummer Expeditions wants you to know that we support certain environmentally concerned organizations that we either work with directly, or support financially or otherwise

- www.orcalab.org** > Orcalab
- www.cetacealab.org** > Cetacealab
- www.psf.ca** > Pacific Salmon Foundation
- www.livingoceans.org** > Living Oceans Society
- www.wwf.ca** > World Wildlife Fund Canada
- www.wildernesscommittee.org** > Western Canada Wilderness Committee
- www.pacificwildlife.ca** > West Coast Whale Research Foundation

> Suggested Reading

Preparatory reading before visiting this area may make your experience more enjoyable. Your guide will also be equipped with a small selected reference collection pertaining to the human and natural history of the area.

> MARINE

- > Exploring the shore in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon: A Guide To Shorebirds And Inter-Tidal Plants And Animals — by Gloria Snively: 1978.
- > Between Pacific Tides — by David W. Phillips, Edward F. Ricketts, Joel W. Hedgpeth; 5th Edition: 1992.
- > Seashore Life Of The Northern Pacific Coast: An Illustrated Guide To Northern California, Oregon, Washington, And British Columbia — by Eugene Kozloff: 2003.

> WHALES

- Cetacealab > www.cetacealab.org
- Orcalab > www.orcalab.org
- > Orca: The Whale Called Killer — by Eric Hoyt; Revised Edition: 1990
- > Guardians Of The Whales: The Quest To Study Whales In The Wild — by Bruce Obee, Graeme Ellis: 1992.
- > Killer Whales: The Natural History And Genealogy Of Orcinus Orca In British Columbia And Washington State — by John K.B. Ford, Graeme M. Ellis, Kenneth C. Balcomb; Reprinted: 1999.
- > Listening To Whales: What The Orcas Have Taught Us — by Alexandra Morton; Reprinted: 2004.
- > Marine Protected Areas For Whales, Dolphins And Porpoises: A World Handbook For Cetacean Habitat Conservation — by Erich Hoyt: 2004.