Coastline Conservation Practices

The Ka:yú’k’t’h/Che:k:tes7et’h’ First Nations ask that you contact their office at (250) 332-9259 before entering protected area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Campsite Selection & Use
Select a resistant beach type, e.g. cobble, gravel or sand, for your campsite. Checkaklis Island, on the Acous Peninsula or in Ecological Reserves. No camping is allowed on Checkaklis Island.

Recommended camping areas are marked with a tent symbol. Due to the environmental and cultural sensitivity of the sites for future generations by treading carefully and building these unique archaeological sites. Help preserve the beauty of our land and sea but please do not damage them during your visit.

Cultural Sites

While travelling in a Ka:yú’k’t’h/Che:k:tes7et’h’ First Nations’ traditional area you may encounter archaeological sites. These sites have survived hundreds of years and are of significant historical value. Do not disturb these sites as they cannot be replaced. Look, photograph, enjoy!

Ancient inhabitants put noteworthy time and energy into building these unique archaeological sites. Help preserve the sites for future generations by treading carefully and not removing artifacts. First Nations request that visitors not trespass on heritage sites used for mortuary purposes.

Fire Etiquette

Fires are encouraged. If necessary, build fire on the beach below the high tide line and away from drift logs. Avoid building fires on bedrock as it leaves a scar. Only burn small pieces of driftwood that will easily reduce to ash.

Never leave a fire unattended. Please remove all traces of fire before leaving the site.

Keep This Area Beautiful!

Waste Disposal Guidelines

Pack out what you pack in. There are limited garbage facilities and local residents remove refuse from the area at considerable effort and expense. As well, do not bury or burn food items as it will attract scavenging animals.

Useouthouses provided. In areas where this is not an option, dig a cat hole 15 cm deep in organic soil, 60 m from fresh water, trails or campsites. Bury then when finished.

Camping and beach fires may be life threatening conditions if consumed. Clams, mussels and oysters can, at times, contain toxins. Learn from history. Let us all learn a lesson from this and carry a fire kit and know how to use it to keep our lands healthy.

Shallfish

Clams, mussels and oysters can, at times, contain toxins that may be life threatening conditions if consumed. Always check with Fisheries and Ocean Canada before harvesting shellfish, 604-666-2628.

Stay Safe

Wildlife

Bears, cougars and wolves frequent beaches in protected areas. Please use food storage lockers where provided. If lockers are not available, ensure your food/waste storage practices will not attract wildlife.

Travel Advisory

This is a remote wilderness area, not regularly patrolled. Visitors should be experienced, self-sufficient and well prepared for all conditions. Recommended tips:

• Leave a trip itinerary with family or friends.
• Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.
• Be familiar with safe marine travel/navigation practices.
• Ensure you have the required safety equipment to match your mode of vessel travel.

Weather and Sea Conditions

Winds can build suddenly and fog can roll in quickly. In general, storms approach from the southeast or northwest. For the best conditions, travel in the morning or early evening to avoid afternoon winds. VHF marine radios receive weather updates. Travel carefully; be aware of tides, ocean swell and large exposed crossings.

Sea Kayaking

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