

# Welcome to Kyuquot Sound and Checleset Bay Protected Areas

## Coastline Conservation Practices

The Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations ask that you contact their office at (250) 332-5259 before entering protected area. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Campsite Selection & Use

Select a resistant beach type, e.g. cobble, gravel or sand, for kitchen and sleeping areas. If beaches are small, contain activities including kitchen set up and access to beach. Consider setting up sleeping areas further inland.

Recommended camping areas are marked with a tent symbol. Due to the environmental and cultural sensitivity no camping is allowed on Checkaklis Island, on the Acous Peninsula or in Ecological Reserves.



### Cultural Sites

While travelling in a Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'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 discouraged. 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



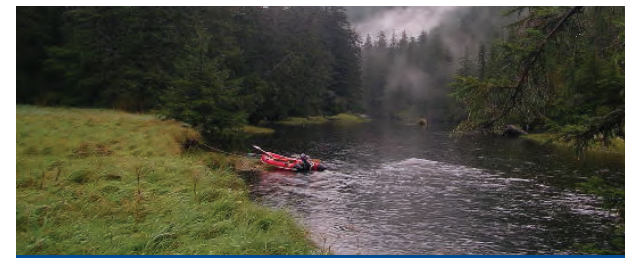
## Keep this Area Beautiful!

### 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.

Use outhouses 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 when finished.

It is becoming more common practice for user groups to store and remove human waste from protected areas. Please consider this a viable option in order to preserve the quality of the experience and sensitive ecosystems.



## 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.

### Shellfish

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, 604-666-2828.

## 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.

## Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations Message

The Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations Territory is a very special place to our people. The land and sea is full of beauty. Almost untouched.

The land has almost every type of flower, tree and wildlife. The soil is rich and full; ready each season to produce more beauty. The clear blue water is filled with colourful sea life. This abundance of food on land and sea has sustained our people and still does. Our people were known for their hunting skill. For hundreds of years, Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations people travelled the great ocean by canoes to trade furs, cedar bark, weaving grasses and medicinal plants. They traded their art such as carvings, basketry and stoneware. Our people traded with other tribes, as far as American tribes, for goods they had special to their territory. Only what was needed for families and trading was taken from land and sea.

When James Cook came to our Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations Territory and saw the fine animal pelts fur trading came into full bloom. As more Europeans were introduced to the fur trade, they promised to return with more goods if our people would get them more especially sea otter, mink and marten pelts. After hundreds of years of our people hunting for food and furs for clothing, it only took a few years to deplete numbers once Cook and others commercialized fur trading.

And so is the beauty of our Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations Territory. Left as is, we could share this beauty for a long time. So I ask visitors to enjoy the beauty of our land and sea but please do not damage them during your visit. *Someone may come today to see what you took yesterday.* Our people have learned a hard lesson from history. Let us all learn a lesson from this and approach with clear minds in your reasons for coming to our Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations Territory.

Lucy Paivio, Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations

## Emergency Numbers and Contacts

<b>Ambulance, Police, Poison, Fire</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Coast Guard</b>	
Marine Emergencies	VHF channel 16
Rescue Coordination/Air & Marine	1-800-567-5111
<b>Ka:'yu:'k't'h/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' First Nations</b>	
<b>Band Office</b>	(250) 332-5259
<b>Swan Song at Fair Harbour (Fuel, Store)</b>	(250) 830-2230
<b>Voyager Water Taxi</b>	(250) 332-5301
<b>Conservation Officer Service</b>	1-877-952-RAPP
Wildlife Encounters (24 hours)	(7277)
<b>Parks and Protected Areas</b>	250-337-2400
Marine Weather Channels	VHF channels
Marine Weather Service (charges apply)	1-900-565-6565



## Resources

Marine Charts	Checleset Bay 3682 Kyuquot Sound 3683
Tide Tables	<a href="http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca">www.waterlevels.gc.ca</a>
Fisheries and Ocean Regulations	<a href="http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca">www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca</a> (Area 26)

Visit [www.bcparks.ca](http://www.bcparks.ca) for more information!



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## Map and Information Guide



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