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Welcome to Telegraph Cove!

We are the sport fishing, whale watching, grizzly bear watching, kayaking mecca of Northern Vancouver Island.



The Cove

*Kelley Evans
July 13, 2002*

Upon arrival you'll feel right at home
Nothing but greetings and smiles
Quaint cabins, fishing boats,
Breathtaking scenery for miles

Its peaceful, relaxing atmosphere
Lets you forget every worry
No honking horns, no traffic lights,
Nothing forcing you to hurry

Wake up early, catch some springs,
Come back in around ten,
Sit on the boardwalk, enjoy fabulous
food,
Sleep, and then start again

Encounter unimaginable sights
Each a serene surprise
Islands surrounded by snow capped
mountains
Eagles soaring throughout the skies

It's hard to believe such a place could
exist
But its beauty is no illusion
Its greatness can't even be understood
Without experiencing its seclusion

Just hearing it mentioned gives me
chills

It's a magical destination
One visit and you'll be instantly
"hooked"
Returning annually to vacation

It will forever be a part of my
life
A tapestry of memories it wove
It'll get under your skin and
into your soul
It's the irreplaceable Telegraph
Cove

The "Secrets" of Telegraph Cove

Telegraph Cove Resorts is
comprised of a beautifully wooded
campsite and RV park. Cozy cabins
along the boardwalk, stores, shops,

marina, the Killer Whale Café and the
Old Saltery Pub.

Telegraph Cove Resort is committed to
preserving the town of Telegraph Cove
and its surrounding natural beauty.

Most of our guests are sports fishermen
who come here year after year to fish
for salmon, halibut, ling cod, crab and
prawns. Five different kinds of salmon:
Sockeye, Pinks, Chum, Coho and the
prized Chinook, the largest of all
salmon. There have been Chinook
caught by seine boats in this area that
exceeded 100 pounds. In the early 90's
a sports fisherman from Ontario caught
a Chinook at White Beach Pass that
weighed on amazing 75 pounds, the
largest recorded sports caught salmon
ever on Vancouver Island. Sport caught
halibut of 250 pounds have also been
landed in this area.

But as so many people that fish know
there is more to fishing than bringing a
salmon to the dock. It's the beautiful
mornings, every one different, the
eagles, the whales, the camaraderie and
the anticipation of the salmon's strike
and the long sizzling run that follows.

It's About the Fishing

If you've never fished before it's an
experience you should try while you're
at the Cove. Experience isn't necessary
and our experienced captain's will show
you the ropes.

On our charter this week two ladies on
their first fishing trip ever landed a 28
and 26 pound Chinook off Malcolm
Island.

Fishing has slowed for a few days as we
went through a period of little tide
movement and it is picking up again.



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We are starting to see some pink salmon on the cleaning tables now and they should be here by the millions shortly.

Some big fish caught recently -

39 pounds by Glen & Abrita Chapman from Ferndale, Washington

26½ pounds by Tara Moberly

Ron Blems landed three Chinook up to 30 pounds by Malcolm Island.

Flower Island and the north side of Malcolm are the hot spots. Most fish are being caught on anchovies and a lime green white and chrome coyote spoon, behind a red or green Hot Spot flasher.

Did you know...? Stubbs Island Whale Watching was the first whale watching company in BC, established in 1980?

- How many feet change would Telegraph Cove experience in an extreme tide change?
- On the bank below the Graham house are purple and white flowers. What are they called? Did you know that the drug digitalis is extracted from these? It is used in heart treatment.
- What is a culturally modified tree?
- As you drive by the Canfor dryland sort you see a large saddle shaped landmark-mountain to the north. What is its name?
- When you look out from the docks at Telegraph Cove towards the low islands to the north, how deep do you think the water is?

Tide Rip Tours Is In Its 6th Year Of Operation

We offer exceptional grizzly bear-viewing adventures to Knight Inlet on the BC mainland coast – now from Telegraph Cove daily.

This spring was fabulous! Several different females (sows) with their tiny young cubs-of-the-year were spotted in the estuary offering us some wonderful photo opportunities! The little cubs are not much more than balls of fluff at this time – inquisitive, playful and never far from mom’s side.

We even had the great fortune of seeing the mating season in full swing, with large eager boars (males) arriving from neighboring mountain valleys to court and frolic with the local “ladies”.

With summer upon us, the bears have settled into a regular routine. At low tide, they can be seen among the inter-tidal, kelp-covered rocks, flipping over boulders the size of chairs effortlessly and then gobbling up the treasures beneath (crabs, worms and isopods). One brother and sister team of 4 year-old bears (named “Rock” and “Roll”) move along the beach side-by-side leaving virtually no rock unturned. At high tide the bears settle into the tall sedge grass to graze for hours with occasional forays into the forest to find the succulent berries ripening.

Howard and Kerry are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the pink salmon to the Inlet estuary in August. It will be exciting to see the bears once again fishing and wrestling in the river, each with its own unique fishing technique and style. We hope you can join us for one of our amazing adventures!

Kerry & Howard, Tide Rip Tours

Test Yourself

How is Your Knowledge of the North Island?

- What is a Humpy?
- What is the name of the trees with the long spire tops with no branches that we see all over the North Island?



The *Telegraph Cove* area is the new home of A-73, also known as Springer, the orphaned orca. A-73 was moved back to our local waters on board a catamaran that held her 18-foot-long holding tank for the 12-hour trip up the British Columbia coast.

Rare fin whales were sighted in the area. Fin whales can reach 80 feet in length.

This Summer's Events

August 3rd
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the Boardwalk
Craft Fair

Check out the numerous Island crafters at their display tables and enjoy hot corn on the cob and a delicious Salmon barbecue. For more information call 928-3131.

August 4th
Dawn to 4 p.m., Johnstone Strait
Salmon Derby

Derby prizes will be awarded for the largest fish as well as hidden weight. Registration is \$10 per person with proceeds going to local Salmon enhancement. For more information call 928-3131.

All Summer
Wednesday & Saturday evening, on the Boardwalk
Delicious Alder Smoked Salmon BBQ

Tasty Salmon that is always a big hit with our guests at Telegraph Cove.

August 10th
Port McNeill
Orca Fest

It's the third annual Orca Fest happening at Port McNeill. Featured are daylong events such as a parade, displays, food, entertainment and local crafts.

The Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretive Centre Society is a non-profit society dedicated to marine education, research and interpretive programs.

The Society initiated two projects this summer. One is an interpretive centre pilot project based in Telegraph Cove, nicknamed the "Bones Project".



This project employs students in the preservation of skeletons of about 20 marine mammal species found in nearby waters, including "Finney" the fin whale. A passing cruise ship struck "Finney" as it slept peacefully in the Johnstone Strait in the summer of 1999.