

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **General information and What's Open**

We want you to know that we are committed to making sure your visit is a safe and healthy one – for you, our staff, and our residents. To that end, we are following all provincial and WorkSafeBC health and safety regulations and we respectfully request that you also do your part by **staying home if you are sick, practice physical distancing, sanitize your hands, wear a non-medical mask when physical distancing is difficult and keep your groups small.**

#### **What is Open in Tofino?**

Tourism Tofino has compiled the most recent updates on restaurant and business re-openings. <https://tourismtofino.com/news/2020/03/17/covid-19-tofino-business-modifications-closures/>.

In accordance with provincial government health guidelines, our restaurants will have limited seating throughout the summer. Make a reservation or order takeout to eat at outdoor seating areas, or at the beach.

Please note that only 1 person per party will be allowed in the Co-op grocery store in order to optimize the number of parties they can serve within reduced store capacity levels.

#### **Do I need an accommodation reservation?**

Make sure to book your accommodation before your stay, including camping. Not all hotels, campgrounds, and lodging providers will be open to full capacity or accepting walk-ins. Fill out the following form on the Tourism Tofino website: <https://tourismtofino.com/places-to-stay/email-enquiry-form/>, accommodation providers with availability will get back to you.

#### **Where can I camp?**

Camping is not allowed outside of specified campgrounds. You must have a campsite reservation prior to arriving. Contact the Tofino Visitor Centre for information on camping. [info@tourismtofino.com](mailto:info@tourismtofino.com); 250-800-7380

#### **Should I book excursions and activities in advance?**

Our activity providers have adapted to maintain physical distancing, which means they will be hosting smaller groups on their tours. By booking in advance, you'll ensure that you don't miss out on a special experience.

### **Are there any First Nations territories and communities that don't want visitors yet?**

Access to the First Nations communities of Opitsaht, Esowista, Ty Histanis and the Ahousaht and Hesquiaht territories, including their surrounding waterways, is not yet permitted.

Tofino, Ucluelet and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve remain open and accessible via Highway 4.

The Big Tree Trail on Meares Island, which is accessible by water taxi or kayak, is open for day use. Remote overnight camping is also permitted in some areas of this territory. To view open areas please use this map: <https://www.tla-o-qui-aht.org/territory>

### **Will there be any delays on Highway 4?**

Highway 4 between Port Alberni and the West Coast remains open, but travellers should expect delays throughout the summer due to ongoing construction around the east side of Kennedy Lake. Please check the [Drive BC website](#) for detailed road closure schedules prior to your visit.

### **I'm from Alberta, can I visit Tofino?**

The Province of BC does not currently have inter-provincial travel restrictions in place. We ask that visitors from other provinces review the following information on Travelling to Tofino during COVID19 prior to arrival: <https://tourismtofino.com/bulletins/covid-19-notification-to-visitors/>

### **Is Hot Springs Cove open?**

Trips to the natural geo-thermal pools at Hot Springs Cove will be Closed Until Further Notice. Personal boats are also not permitted. Check with excursion providers for more information.

### **Are there Covid-19 cases in Tofino?**

We are unaware whether Tofino has any confirmed COVID-19 cases at this time. You can contact Island Health for more information at 1-888-268-4319.

## **Kayaking, Canoeing and Boating**

### **Where can I kayak, canoe or boat?**

Although access to Tofino area First Nations communities is not allowed, Highway 4, Tofino, Ucluelet and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve remain open.

Tofino is situated in the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation territory. Much of this territory is open with the exception of three Tla-o-qui-aht communities near Tofino that remain closed to visitors.

Day kayaking and remote overnight kayaking is permitted in much of the Tla-o-qui-aht territory. The Big Tree Trail is open for day use. Remote overnight camping is also permitted in some areas of this territory. To view open areas please use this map: <https://www.tla-o-qui-aht.org/territory>

### **What areas are closed to watercraft?**

#### **Ahousaht & Hesquiaht First Nations territories:**

These territories, and their surrounding waterways, will remain closed to visitors, including fishing and leisure boats, until further notice. This includes Maquinna Provincial Park/Hot Springs Cove, Lone Cone trail on Meares Island & the Wild Side Trail on Flores Island. To view closed areas in Ahousaht territories use this map: [https://www.ahousaht.ca/uploads/1/4/3/2/14329170/ahousaht\\_hahoulthee.pdf](https://www.ahousaht.ca/uploads/1/4/3/2/14329170/ahousaht_hahoulthee.pdf)

#### **Vargas Island:**

Although BC Parks states that Vargas Island Provincial Park is open, it is located in Ahousaht First Nation Territory which is closed until further notice. We strongly recommend that you respect this closure and do not kayak or boat to Vargas Island Provincial Park at this time. If you decide to use the Park, be aware that you may be asked to leave.

### **Can I rent a kayak?**

If you are interested in renting kayaks please contact local outfitters for more information. A list can be found at <https://tourismtofino.com/things-to-do/activities-adventures/kayaking-canoeing/>

### **Where do I park my boat trailer?**

Parking for standard vehicles is located downtown Tofino. Trailers are not permitted in the parking lot. The blue icon indicates overnight paid parking: <http://tofino.ca/blog/view/downtown-parking>

If a trailer is parked on public property within the District of Tofino, it must be attached to a vehicle. Trailers (attached and unattached) are not permitted in the downtown core.

We recommend visitors make arrangements with their accommodation providers for boat trailer parking as the Tofino Harbour authority only has 4 parking spots. Visitors can park their regular vehicles and trailers/RVs across from the Public Works building on Industrial Road *\*\*\*trailers cannot be unhitched and left overnight*

## **Jet skiing**

### **Can I jet ski in Tofino?**

Jet skiing or the use of any motorized watercraft is not permitted in swimming and surfing zones such as Mackenzie Beach, Chesterman Beach and Cox Bay.

Jet skis are not permitted in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, including Grice Bay boat launch, or in restricted First Nation waterways.

Jet skis may be launched at the 4th Street Dock (Tofino Harbour Authority).

### **Can I rent a jet ski in Tofino?**

There are no jet ski rentals in Tofino.