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2018 Cortes Island Information

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Cortes ISLAND 2018

Getting Here...

Cortes Island can be reached via a 45 minute ferry ride from Quadra Island which in turn is accessed by a shorter 10 minute ferry crossing from Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Visit www.bcferries.com for the schedules.

Enjoy Your Stay!

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Playing children, joggers and hikers are on the road and people are exploring the island by bicycle. **Please slow down and share the roads.**

Fire Bans are in place. Check out www.cortesisland.com for the current status.

Trails

Stay on trails ~ Keep dogs on leash ~ Pack out what you pack in

- Ha'thayim Marine Provincial Park (Von Donop) 1
- Carrington Bay Regional Park 2
- Whaletown Commons 3
- Kw'as Regional Park 4
- Manson's Landing Provincial Park 5
- Hank's Beach Forest Conservation Park 6
- Whale's Rest Regional Park 7
- Siskin Forest Park 8
- Green Mountain 9
- Gnat Park 10
- Moon Park 11
- Seascape Park 12
- Smelt Bay Provincial Park 13
- Easter Bluff 14

Community

- Gorge Hall A
- Manson's Hall B
- Klahoose Multipurpose Building C
- Linnaea Farm / Library D
- Church E
- Fire Hall 1 F
- Fire Hall 2 G
- Skate Park H
- Cortes Island School I
- Public Docks J
- Health Centre +



Squirrel Cove

Manson's Landing

Smelt Bay

Twin Islands (Ulloa)

Events

- Seafest ~ Saturday May 19**
Seafood Festival at the Gorge Harbour Marina. Delicious seafood, crafts, displays & music.
- Creative Spaces ~ Saturday June 16**
Visit a great variety of gardens, studios, workshops & tiny houses.
- Cortes Day ~ Saturday July 21**
Full day event at Smelt Bay Park. Parade, games, food, icecream, Nail-Sail-Bail. Lots of fun!
- Sandcastle Day ~ Saturday August 11**
Sand sculpting event for families & friends at Smelt Bay Beach.
- Love Fest ~ Sunday August 12**
Outdoor music festival.

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Accommodation

- 14** **Barbara's B&B**
250.935.6383 ~ www.cortesislandbandb.com
Deluxe, full organic breakfast. Homemade breads, pastries, jams. Private entrance and patio. Water view.
- 15** **Brilliant by the Bay Bed & Breakfast**
250.935.0022 ~ www.brillbybay.com
Located on the island's sunny south end.
- 16** **Cortes Island Boathouse**
250.935.6795 ~ www.cortesislandboathouse.com
Waterfront accommodation at the high tide line. Stunning mountain/ocean views. Perfect honeymoon or family holiday!
- 17** **Cortes Island Motel**
250.935.6363 ~ www.cortesislandmotel.com
Located in cedar and fir forest between Gunflint and Hague lake.
- 18** **Juniper Bluffs B&B**
250.935.8559 ~ elizabeth@twincomm.ca
Private comfortable & charming furnished cabin with breakfast makings provided. Enjoy the garden or walk to nearby beach.
- 19** **Sowelu by the Sea**
250.935.6777 ~ www.cortesaccommodation.com
Comfortable and stylish vacation rental with fabulous ocean/mountain views. Close walk to Hollyhock.

Community

- 20** **FOCI ~ Friends of Cortes Island**
250.935.0087 ~ www.friendsofcortes.org
Environmental charity. Summer activity programs – nature walks, workshops and more. Have fun, learn and discover!
- 21** **HACI ~ Harbour Authority of Cortes Island**
250.935.0007 ~ www.cortesharbours.ca
HACI manages 5 docks on Cortes, providing safe, well-maintained moorage for a diverse group of marine users year round.
- 22** **Noba Anderson ~ Regional Director**
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Diamond Dozen

- 1** **Kw'as Park**
Easy and moderate trails. Parking near the Motel or at end of Kw'as Rd.
- 2** **Hank's Beach**
Easy 15-minute walk through forest to gravel beach. Great swimming.
- 3** **Siskin Lane Trails**
Diverse trails. Some suitable for bikes & sturdy strollers.
- 4** **Easter Bluff**
Wear proper footwear & bring water. The stunning view is well worth the 1/2 hr climb.
- 5** **Manson's Lagoon**
Swimming at high tide, exploring at low. Picnic, hike, lagoon dive, sun tan, dig clams & pick oysters.
- 6** **Smelt Bay**
Island's most popular sunset spot. Great sand flats at low tide.
- 7** **Hague Lake Public Beach**
White sand, clear water, perfect for families. No gas motors.
- 8** **Whaletown Commons**
Maple tree heaven. Lush, cool forest on the hottest days. Great trails.
- 9** **Old Schoolhouse Art Gallery**
Features local artists. Open Friday 6-9 and Saturday/Sunday 2-6.
- 10** **Craft Shop**
More than 38 local artists sell their wares in this beautiful shop.
- 11** **Museum**
Tourist information booth & locally curated exhibits. Heritage garden.
- 12** **Free Store/Recycling Centre**
Drop off your recyclables & check out the Free Store where shoplifting is encouraged.

Shops & Groceries

- 23** **Cortes Market**
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Located in uptown Manson's. Largest selection on the island for groceries and produce.
- 24** **Cortes Natural Food Co-op**
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The Co-op brings Cortes Island farmers, fishers and foodies straight to your table! We feature fresh, local, and organic products, including produce, dairy, meat, seafood, and a full selection of other eco-friendly food items. Everyone welcome!
- 25** **Dandy Horse Bikes**
250.857.3520 ~ www.dandyhorsebikes.ca
Dandy Horse exists to serve the Cortes cycling community. We offer bicycle and ebike repairs, rentals and sales. Drop by and say Hello.
- 26** **Fairhaven Gardens Nursery and Landscaping**
250.935.6559 ~ laura.fairhaven@gmail.com
Visit us for local knowledge, plants, and supplies. Open every Friday & Saturday 10 to 4, April through October.
- 27** **Gorge Harbour Marina Resort**
250.935.6433 ~ www.gorgeharbour.com
Open daily. Full service grocery store. Liquor, propane & gas. Lodging, camping and Marina. Restaurant. Internet.
- 28** **Squirrel Cove General Store**
250.935.6327 ~ www.squirrelcove.com
Everything you need: full service grocery store, coffee & pastries, fresh meat & produce, baking, dry goods, in store post office, laundromat, wifi, showers, Marine fuel at high tide, gas, propane, hardware & marine supplies, ATM. Liquor agent. Garden Centre.

Services

- 29** **Lane 8 Delivery Service**
250.202.6748 ~ www.lane8deliverservice.ca
"Store to Door Delivery" Campbell River & area to Cortes Island. Wednesday & Friday deliveries.
- 30** **Royal LePage Advance Realty**
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- 31** **Twincomm**
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Restaurants & Cafes

- 32** **Cortes Natural Food Co-op Bakery & Cafe**
250.935.6505 ~ www.cortescoop.ca
Meet up, hang out, and get food! We offer espresso drinks, breakfast, and lunch along with fresh bread and baked treats using local and natural ingredients. Fully licensed, seating inside and out. Call for hours as they vary with the seasons.
- 33** **The Cove Restaurant**
250.935.6350 ~ www.squirrelcove.com
Relax in the comfort of our casual dining room or on our fabulous deck with spectacular views overlooking world famous Desolation Sound. Delicious fresh and varied menu with coastal flavours. Daily specials and take out service. Licensed.

Tours & Retreats

- 34** **Hollyhock**
250.935.6576 ~ www.hollyhock.ca
Visit for a day or stay for a holiday. Beautiful gardens, organic meals, store, massage, yoga & kayaking. Programs in leadership, wellness, creativity. Not-for-profit.
- 35** **Misty Isles Adventures**
250.935.6756 ~ www.mistyislesadventures.com
Wildlife day trips on 43 ft schooner to Desolation Sound and Mitlenatch Island. Sea kayak rentals and guided tours.

Galleries/Crafts/Museum

- 36** **Cortes Craft Shop Co-op**
250.935.6635 ~ www.cortescrafts.ca
Gifts & treasures created by 38+ local island artists and artisans. Open mid May to mid September.
- 37** **Cortes Island Museum & Archives**
250.935.6340 ~ www.cortesmuseum.com
Settlement and Natural History Exhibits, Heritage Garden & Museum Shop. Wild Cortes satellite exhibit at Linnaea Farm. Summer hours: June to mid-September, Tue to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm. Winter hours Fri & Sat, noon to 4 pm. Tourist Information Booth.
- 38** **HUNT + GATHER Fine Art and Adornment.**
778.866.8292 ~ huntandgathergallery@gmail.com
A stunning gallery of Fine Art by Cortes-based artists in Solo & Group Shows, Vintage & Ethical Fashion by Rogue & Hussy, and more!
- 39** **Old SchoolHouse Art Gallery**
250.935.6339 ~ schoolhouseartgallery@gmail.com
Open mid June to Labour Day. Fri 6 to 9 pm. Sat & Sun 2 to 6 pm. Current schedule at www.oldschoolhouseartgallery.ca

Welcome to Cortes!

Hopefully you are spending your time on the ferry breathing the lovely fresh air, watching the water for a whale's welcoming wave, and dreaming about your time on Cortes Island.

Do you just need to take a break and relax? Enjoy a walk in the cool morning forest, followed by combing the beach for treasures. Or find the perfect, private spot for yoga. You will find the quiet you need to hear the eagle's cry or the whale's gentle blow.

Did you come to explore? Pack a lunch and take in one of our many great hikes. Wander the forest paths or trek up to Easter Bluff for a view you will never forget. Looking for trails that have both ocean and forest? We've got those, too.

Love gardening like we do? Enjoy the gardens that are open to the public or pick up the self-guided tour from the Museum and learn the history of our island while you look around. For a slower pace and a closer look, rent a bike and discover the hidden gems of the island.

How about sailing into the world-famous Desolation Sound? Or exploring the petroglyphs in the entrance of the Gorge? Book a sailing trip or rent a kayak and see Cortes from the water. Did you bring your own kayaks? Our many public boat launches provide easy access to stunning scenery.

And if that wasn't enough play for you, **how about a day at the beach?** Pick one; we have plenty and each has its own secrets. Paddle board from the sandy beach of Hague Lake and jump from the rocks of Turtle Island. Or maybe shooting through the mouth of Manson's Lagoon is more your speed?

At the end of a fun day, visit a grocery store and find everything you need to make a delicious meal. Or get pampered and nourished at one of our cafés or restaurants. And if you really want a taste of Cortes culture, don't miss the Recycling Centre and Free Store. Be sure to visit the Craft Store, or perhaps one of our weekend markets, galleries or road stands to find that special something to keep your Cortes vacation in your memory and close to your heart until next time!

