

Nootka Trail Itinerary

Itinerary

This is our typical itinerary. (Because we are travelling in wilderness, itineraries can change. There are many factors that can affect how a tour actually runs.)

Day 0: Arrive in Vancouver or Nanaimo

Day 1: Coastal Bliss Adventures will **pick you up at one of the Nanaimo accommodations or meet you at the Duke Point Ferry Terminal around 7:15am (meeting the 5:15 ferry from Tswassen to Duke Point)**. We will then drive to Gold River by 1045. Here we will board a float plane to fly us to our Trail head. Louis Bay, on the north-western tip of Nootka Island. Following a short hike we arrive at our camping location for the 1st night, or continue to Skuna Ck., Tide/time dependent.

Day 2:

Third Beach to (Skuna Ck 2.25, 1hr) or Tide permitting to Crawfish Falls 15.25 km, 4-6 hrs

Day 3:

Crawfish (Calvin) Falls to Beano Ck

Over sandy beach south round bay, straight shoreline to First Nations village site at Bajo Point (3.5 km). Sand, boulders, rock shelf. Round Point to see Nootka sound and Hesquiat Peninsula in distance. Long stretch of pebble beach to Beano Ck. (Cross Creek if possible). 6.75 km, 3-4 hrs Day Total 10.25km.

Day 4:

Beano Ck to Maquina Pt.

Cross Creek if on north side. Round Bay below cliffs, or along trail through forest. Up short rope 10m. Through forest to Calicum Ck. 2.25km, 45 mins east end Beano. In and out of pocket beaches. 1.25km, +1.25km to sea cave beach. 2nd rope (hand line) into forest and on to Maquina Pt. Look out and down to beach 1.5km east of Maquina Pt.

Day 5:

Maquina Pt. to Friendly Cove

Across Lagoon and along pebble beach to Friendly Cove. Set up camp. Swim in warm lake. Explore area and take photographs of church, colourful totems, old totem, lighthouse and visit Sanford Williams workshop.

Day 6:

Float Plane back to Gold River. Lunch in Gold River (Diner) Drive to Nanaimo for afternoon ferry.

Please Note: Due to transportation by float plane we need to keep our pack weights to a minimum.

Air Nootka requires me to provide them with the following information prior to our arrival:

Passenger Name

Passenger weight (Please write this on the medical form)

Emergency contact

Dangerous goods:

We ask that if you will be packing bear bangers, bear spray, and/or camp stove fuel, to pack them separately, as they must be carried in the float compartment of the aircraft.

Hiking information:

Our arrival at Louis Bay requires us to wade (shin deep) to shore as there is no dock for the float plane to tie up to. We suggest that you wear water sandals/shoes and shorts.