

A GUIDE TO RECREATION
SITES & TRAILS ON
XAADÁA GWÁAYEE •
XAAYDAGA GWAAY.YAAY
HAIDA GWAI



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DUU GUUSD PROTECTED AREA
CHAHLU KAHLI RENNELL SOUND

ACCESS – Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Daajing Giids take the Queen Charlotte Mainline 22 km to the Rennell Sound Road. From **Waan Kun Port Clements**, travel 48 km on the Queen Charlotte Mainline to the Rennell Sound Road. Travel 11 km to the bottom of the Rennell Sound hill. Follow the directional signs to the sites and trails located within 15 km of this junction. Travel between September 15 and May 1 not recommended due to risk of landslide.

DESCRIPTION – **Chaahluu Kaahlil Rennell Sound** area offers exceptional wilderness camping and short trails for accessing remote west coast beaches.

1a

CHAHLUU KAAHLII RENNELL SOUND CAMPSITE
• EASY

A rustic campsite and boat launch featuring spectacular views of the ocean and surrounding mountains.



1b

FIVE MILE BEACH TRAIL
• EASY

A short trail leads to a cobble beach overlooking 5 Mile Island.



1c

T'AANHLLNG.GAW GANDLAAY RILEY CREEK TRAIL
• MODERATE

Trailhead is located between 5 Mile recreation site and Gregory Beach at 6 km mark on the Bonanza Mainline. The 2.5 km trail runs riverside and winds through the forest to the ocean. CAUTION: Cross **T'aanhllng.gaw Gandlaay Riley Creek** at low tide only and be aware of the tide at all times. The river is impassable on an incoming tide.



1d

YAAHGUU GANDLLS GREGORY CREEK TRAIL
• EASY

A ten minute meander through shoreline forest to a cobble beach. An excellent beachcombing location.



1e

GWAAY ST'AAH CONE HEAD
• EASY

A cozy two-site ocean hideaway featuring views of **Gwaay St'aah Conehead** Mountain across **Chaahluu Kaahlil Rennell Sound**.



1f

GANDLL KUNS CHIIXWAAY BONANZA BEACH TRAIL
• EASY

The jewel of **Chaahluu Kaahlil Rennell Sound** offering an expansive sandy beach perfect for walk-in tenting and exploring. *The Bill Brown section to Bonanza is currently closed. Please park before the bridge to walk to the trailhead.



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**KUU JAD TLLDAGAAW SLEEPING BEAUTY
& TLLGADUU SLATECHUCK MOUNTAIN TRAILS**
• DIFFICULT

ACCESS – Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Daajing Giids take Honna Road and follow the road markers for 10 km to **Tllgaduu Slatechuck** Trail access road. Carry on for 1 km to the **Kuu Jad Tlldagaaw Sleeping Beauty** trail head.

DESCRIPTION – This is a difficult trail that climbs steeply to the alpine areas of Mt. Genevieve (729 m). Enjoy the alpine ecosystem and wide views in all directions.



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GUUHLGA SIIWAAY K'YUU
SPIRIT LAKE TRAIL
• EASY – MODERATE



ACCESS – Find the trailhead in the village of Skidegate on Hwy 16, across from the George Brown Recreation Centre.

DESCRIPTION – The **Guuhlga Siiwaay K'yu Spirit Lake Trail** is an excellent family hike offering forest hiking and lakeside picnic areas. Complimentary guided interpretive walks are offered June–August by Gwaii Haanas staff. Check the Gwaii Haanas website or call the office for specific days and times the tours are offered.



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HLGIDGUN GAWGAAY KUN
HAYDN TURNER COMMUNITY CAMPSITE
• EASY

ACCESS – In the village of Daajing Giids, follow Oceanview Drive to western end point.

DESCRIPTION – Set up your RV in one of the wooded sites or pitch a tent next to the beach and enjoy the view across **Daajing Giids Gawga Bearskin Bay** and **Guudaa Kunt's Gwaay.yaay Lina Island**.



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TL'LNAA STL'NG KAGAN BAY
DAY USE AREA & CAMPSITE
• EASY

ACCESS – From Daajing Giids, take Honna Road for 2.2 km to the day use area and a further 1.1 km to the recreation site.

DESCRIPTION – Have a picnic in the day use area overlooking the **Xaana Gandlaay Honna River** estuary, **Daajing Giids Gawga Bearskin Bay** and **Guudaa Kunt's Gwaay.yaay Lina Island** or set up camp in one of the beachside campsites overlooking **Tl'lnaa Stl'ng Kagan Bay**.



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SUNSET PARK & TRAIL
• EASY

ACCESS – From **Waan Kun Port Clements** follow Bayview Drive south towards **Juus Kaahlil**.

DESCRIPTION – Situated along the **Yaagun Gandlee Yakoun River** estuary, Sunset Park offers campsites with electrical hookups and a covered picnic shelter. There is also a bird watching tower for visitors to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the estuary. Great location on **Xaadáa Gwáayee xáaguusd** • **Xaaydaga Gwaay.yaay iinaswaay Graham Island** to enjoy sunsets.



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YAAGUN GANDLAAY PROTECTED AREA
XAAHL KAYD K'IWAAY GOLDEN SPRUCE TRAIL
• EASY

ACCESS – From **Waan Kun Port Clements**, follow Bayview Drive south towards **Juus Kaahlil** until you see the trailhead information shelter.

DESCRIPTION – Short trail approximately 20 minutes to walk. The site of the famous fallen **Kiidee kehjgad 'láa Golden Spruce** can be seen on the opposite bank of the **Yaagun Gandlee Yakoun River**.



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DAAMAXYAH PROTECTED AREA
DOVER CREEK TRAIL
• MODERATE

ACCESS – Located between **K'il Kun Sandspit** and the **Gaats'iigundaay Alliford Bay** ferry terminal, look for the **Daamaxyah Gandlaay Haans Creek** bridge and trailhead signage. Follow the universal access path to a viewing platform overlooking **Daamaxyah Gandlaay Haans Creek**.

DESCRIPTION – The loop trail follows **Daamaxyah Gandlaay Haans Creek** and then winds through a beautiful forest of large cedar and spruce trees. Approximately 2 hours to complete.



Née Kún/Naay Kun/Naikoon – Pesuta Shipwreck
Photo: Scott Simpson



Kuu Jad Tlldagaaw Sleeping Beauty
Photo: Scott Simpson

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KUN GWAAY
ONWARD POINT
• EASY

ACCESS – Located on **Gaats'iigundaay Alliford Bay Rd.** Travel 6 km from the Alliford Bay ferry terminal or 7 km from **K'il Kun Sandspit**.

DESCRIPTION – A scenic 15 minute hike through the shoreline forest leading to a covered lookout over **Xaana Kaahlil Skidegate Inlet**. Watch for whales between April and June.



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**DIINAL GAWGA GRAY BAY CAMPSITE
& SECRET COVE TRAIL**
• EASY

ACCESS – Limited to high clearance vehicles or better. Located 22 km from **K'il Kun Sandspit** via the Copper Bay Mainline. Follow signs.

DESCRIPTION – Campsite and day use area bordering the expansive shoreline of **Diinal Gawga Gray Bay**. Excellent location for families looking to enjoy beach walking and exploring. Secret Cove trailhead is located at the campsite entrance – watch for signs. The trail is 0.5 km to the beach.



PLEASE READ – GENERAL INFORMATION

The following sites, trails and parks are within easy driving distance of any community on **Xaadáa Gwáayee** • **Xaaydaga Gwaay.yaay Haida Gwaii** and are 2-wheel drive accessible, unless otherwise noted. All distances are one way. All sites are user maintained unless otherwise noted. Please take all your garbage with you when you leave.

TIPS FOR SAFE HIKING IN
TAAN • TÁAN BLACK BEAR COUNTRY

Taan feel threatened if surprised – hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing or carry noisemakers such as bells or a can of stones. In dense brush and near running water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of taan.

Most taan will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible and keep children close at hand and on the trail. Be especially alert when travelling into the wind, a bear may not be warned of your presence if it cannot pick up your scent.

When camping, keep a clean camp. Taan usually avoid people, but can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly.

CULTURAL FEATURES

Many areas on **Xaadáa Gwáayee** • **Xaaydaga Gwaay.yaay Haida Gwaii** contain culturally modified trees. Please do not disturb these culturally significant features.

FOREST FIRES

Should you spot a forest fire phone **1 800 663 5555** or ***5555** on a cell phone. This is a free province-wide forest fires emergency phone number.

CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

No campsite reservation service is available.

SAFETY FIRST

- Never hike alone.
- Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning.
- Always contact that individual when you return.
- Some trails are not clearly marked. Be prepared and take a map, compass, food, emergency gear and a GPS unit.
- Assume you will be staying overnight.
- Shoreline hikes may be limited by tides. Consult tide tables before heading out.
- Avoid hiking during strong winds.
- In case of emergency contact the RCMP Daajing Giids Detachment: **250 559 4421** or Masset Detachment **250 626 3991**.
- In case of medical emergencies contact BC Ambulance: **1 800 461 9911**.

RESOURCE ROAD SAFETY

Many sites and trails area accessed by active industrial resource roads. Follow all posted signs and yield right of way to industrial traffic. For more information contact the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District at **250 559 6200** or the Daajing Giids Visitor Information Centre at **250 559 8316**.

- Road conditions can be variable and access closed or limited due to weather, especially during winter months.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on visiting **Xaadáa Gwáayee** • **Xaaydaga Gwaay.yaay Haida Gwaii**, including up-to-date campground information, business listings, local events, accommodations, travel tips, and FAQs, check out the annual trip planner magazine: **Kaats'ti Hla** • **Káats'a Hlaa** *This is Haida Gwaii*, available online here:
www.gohaidagwaii.ca

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GAWU KUNS SIIWAAY

MOSQUITO LAKE RECREATION AREA

• EASY

ACCESS

– Limited to high clearance vehicles. From the **Gaats'iigundaay** Alliford Bay ferry terminal follow the Beach Main and **Gaats'iigundaay** Alliford Bay Main for 10 km to the **Diina GawGa** South Bay dryland sort. Travel 7 km on the **Diina GawGa** South Bay Main to Moresby Road and then 7 km to the campsite.

DESCRIPTION

– Rustic campsite situated on the shore of **Gawu Kuns Siiwaay** Mosquito Lake with stunning views of the surrounding mountains. A small boat launch is located next to the day use shelter



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GAWU KUNS LLNAGAAY

MORESBY CAMP RECREATION AREA

• EASY

ACCESS

– Limited to high clearance vehicles. Travel 4 km past the **Gawu Kuns Siiwaay** Mosquito Lake campsite on Moresby Road.

DESCRIPTION

– A multi-use site offering eight rustic campsites, a picnic shelter, wildlife viewing and boat launch facilities. Gateway to Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site.



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GANTL' GADAAS

PURE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

• EASY

ACCESS

– Along Highway 16 between **'Waan Kun** Port Clements and Masset. Follow signage.

DESCRIPTION

– Short walk to lakeside picnicking. This shallow lake is a popular spot and great for family swimming in the summer.



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NÉE KUN / NAAY KUN / NAIKOOK NORTH

14a

SGIDLII GANDLÉE K'YUU

WHITE CREEK TRAIL

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– Trailhead is located on the east side of Taaw Tildáaw just past the **SGidlíi Gandlee K'yuu** White Creek bridge.

DESCRIPTION

– This trail takes you into the bog ecosystem of the Argonaut Plain. CAUTION: It is very easy to get disorientated in the bog landscape. If you plan to hike beyond the marked trail, please carry a GPS and be prepared for wilderness conditions.



14b

AGATE BEACH CAMPGROUND

• EASY

ACCESS

– 24 km east of Masset along Taaw Tildáaw Road. Follow signs.

DESCRIPTION

– Oceanside campground with 39 sites offering views of **Siigee** Dixon Entrance and Taaw Tildáaw. Camping fee in effect and drinking water available June – September. No power on site.



14c

TAAW TLADÁAW

DAY USE

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– 24 km north of Masset along Taaw Tildáaw Road. Follow signage past the **SGidlíi Gandlee K'yuu** White Creek bridge.

DESCRIPTION

– 2.2 km loop trail around Taaw Tildáaw. Wheelchair accessible walkway parallels the Hiellen River. Two viewing platforms with spectacular views of North Beach and the Argonaut Plain (not wheelchair accessible.)



14d

GUHLGUUSDA K'YUU

CAPE FIFE TRAIL HEAD

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– From Taaw Tildáaw day use area, follow signage to trailhead. Variable trail conditions.

DESCRIPTION

– 10 km hike through forest and bog landscape to the dunes on **Tildas East Beach**. Overnight longhouse shelter available on first-come-first-served basis.



14e

GUHLGUUSDA CAPE FIFE -

NÉE KUN ROSE SPIT LOOP TRAIL

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– From Taaw Tildáaw day use area, follow signs to **Guhguusda K'yuu** Cape Fife trailhead. Hike **Guhguusda K'yuu** Cape Fife trail to the shelter at **Tildas East Beach** – then turn northward along the beach to **Née Kun** Rose Spit.

DESCRIPTION

– A two or three-day wilderness hike through coastal forest, bogs and sandy beaches. Loop distance approximately 35 km return trip. There is a shelter at **Guhguusda K'yuu** Cape Fife Trail on **Tildas East Beach**.



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NÉE KUN / NAAY KUN / NAIKOOK SOUTH

15a

TLLAAL GANDLAAY

TLLAAL RIVER AREA AND PESUTA SHIPWRECK TRAIL

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– Along highway 16 in the community of **Tllaal Tlell**. Follow signage.

DESCRIPTION

– This hike winds through a forest setting and then follows the riverbank of the **Tllaal Gandlaay Tlell** River to the river mouth and **Tildas East Beach**. The remnant bow of the log barge carrier *Pesuta* is still present on the beach. Best to approach the hike on a receding tide to avoid walking the riverbank during high water. 12 km return trip. Do not hike during high winds.



15b

KWIID SUU

MAYER LAKE DAY USE AREA

• EASY

ACCESS

– Along Highway 16 approximately 10 km west of **Tllaal Tlell**. Follow signage.l

DESCRIPTION

– A popular day use site for picnicking and launching canoes. A short walk along the east side of the lakeshore leads to the outlet of the lake. No maintained or marked trails.



15c

XAMGAW K'AN DAANAAY

MISTY MEADOWS CAMPGROUND & LOOP TRAIL

• EASY

ACCESS

– Along Highway 16 within the community of **Tllaal Tlell**. Follow signage.

DESCRIPTION

– **XamGaw K'an Daanaay** Misty Meadows campground offers 30 sites nestled in a forest setting adjacent to **Tildas East Beach**. Camping fee in effect and drinking water available June – September. No power on site. A hiking sign next to the information shelter marks the start of the loop trail. Hikers will walk through a wetland-dune transition landscape to the shore of **Tildas East Beach**. Follow the beach northward until you see the signpost marking the trail back to the campground. Approximately 1 hour.



15d

TLLDAS

EAST BEACH AREA & TRAIL HIKE

• MODERATE – DIFFICULT

ACCESS

– Hike begins at **Tllaal Gandlaay Tlell** River day use site. Follow trail to **Tildas East Beach** and *Pesuta* log barge wreck. Continue along **Tildas East Beach** for 78 km to the **Guhguusda K'yuu** Cape Fife Trail shelter and trailhead.

DESCRIPTION

– This is a long and demanding wilderness hike along the length of **Tildas East Beach** requiring sufficient preparation and supplies. Please see the BC Parks website for planning information. www.bcparks.ca or contact BC Parks staff at 250.557.4390.





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TLLAAL PROTECTED AREA

ANVIL TRAIL

• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– Along Highway 16, trailhead is 1.3 km north of the **Tllaal Tlell** Post office – across from telephone pole #767. Parking is available across from the trailhead at Mariner's Point.

DESCRIPTION

– 5 km loop trail through a rich floodplain and patches of old growth forest that survived a huge forest fire in the 1840's. Approximately 2 hours return. Heavy rains and flooding from September through April can render sections of the trail inaccessible. Do not hike during high winds.



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YAAGUN SUU PROTECTED AREA

YAAGUN SUU YAKOUN LAKE TRAIL

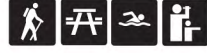
• EASY – MODERATE

ACCESS

– Limited to high clearance vehicles. From Daajing Giids take the QC Mainline 22 km to the Rennell Sound Road or from **'Waan Kun** Port Clements travel 48 km on the QC Mainline. Follow directional signs.

DESCRIPTION

– A twenty-minute walk through old growth forest leads you to the sandy shore of **Yaagun Suu** Yakoun Lake.



HAIDA GWAII RECREATION SITES & TRAILS

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DUU GUUSD PROTECTED AREA

CHAAHLUU KAAHLII RENNELL SOUND

1a **Chaahluu Kaahlíi** Rennell Sound Campsite

1b Five Mile Beach Trail

1c **T'aanhling.gaw Gandlaay** Riley Creek Trail

1d **Yaahguu Gandlls** Gregory Creek Trail

1e **Gwaay St'aah** Cone Head

1f Bonanza Beach Trail

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KUU JAD TLLDAGAAY SLEEPING BEAUTY & TLLGADUU SLATECHUCK MOUNTAIN TRAILS

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GUUHLGA SIIWAAY K'YUU

SPIRIT LAKE TRAIL

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HLIGDUN GAWGAAY KUN

HAYDN TURNER COMMUNITY CAMPSITE

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ONWARD POINT

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KUNXALAS PROTECTED AREA

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GAWU KUNS SIIWAAY

MOSQUITO LAKE RECREATION AREA

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GAWU KUNS LLNAGAAY

MORESBY CAMP RECREATION AREA

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GANTL' GADAAS

PURE LAKE PROTECTED AREA

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NÉE KUN • NAAY KUN NAIKOOK NORTH

14a **SGidlíi Gandlee K'yun** White Creek Trail

14b Agate Beach Campground

14c Taaw Tladáaw

14d **Guhlguusda K'yuu** Cape Fife Trail Head

14e **Née Kun** Rose Spit Loop Trail

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NÉE KUN • NAAY KUN NAIKOOK SOUTH

15a **Tllaal Gandlaay** Tllaal River Area & Pesuta Shipwreck Trail

15b **Kwiid Suu** Mayer Lake Day Use Area

15c **XamGaw K'an Daanaay** Misty Meadows Campground & Loop Trail

15d **Tildas** East Beach Trail & Hike

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TLLAAL PROTECTED AREA

ANVIL TRAIL

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YAAGUN SUU PROTECTED AREA

YAAGUN SUU YAKOUN LAKE TRAIL

HIKING & TRAIL DIFFICULTY LEVELS

EASY

MODERATE

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