



Volkssporting Association of British Columbia



CVF Director's Walk PT309 Tofino – 5 km/10 km – Rated 1B

This walk qualifies for the CVF Lighthouse Program. For 10 km Lighthouse walk credit, you must complete this 5 km 'Beach' walk plus the Tofino Heritage Walk

The walk begins at Chesterman Beach. To get there, take Pacific Rim Highway toward Tofino, pass Tourist Information and after 1.4 km, turn left on Chesterman Beach Road. Turn right into first parking area (just before Thornberg Cres). Parking and washrooms are available.

1. From parking area, cross Chesterman Beach Rd to path (signed "Beach Access"). Follow path past 3 posts to beach.
 2. Turn right and walk as close as you can get to the rocks at the end of the beach (view Wickaninnish Inn). The Lennard Island Lighthouse will be visible (on clear days) when you walk toward the Wickaninnish Inn.
- Note: There is a very nice coffee bar, Driftwood Café, in the Inn*
3. Turn around and walk to the path where you entered the beach. (4.9 km)
 4. Return to the parking lot.



Lennard Island Lighthouse

This light was first manned on Nov. 1, 1904. Tons of coal were brought to the island for the boiler that powered the steam-driven foghorn. The steam foghorn was replaced with a Diaphone horn which used low pressure (35 psi) compressed air. The next "improvement", the Diaphone electronic horn, did not equal the deep resonant two-toned sound of the original Diaphone! (Picture, circa 1950s)

The tower was rotting by the 1960's and was demolished in 1968. A free-standing fibreglass tube with a new lantern on top replaced the original structure. The strong winds of the west coast shook this new tower terribly in stormy weather. This tower was replaced in 1987 with a much stronger cement tower made from white stone and sand, which never needs painting, and which still stands today. The foghorns no longer operate with it! The lightkeeper's duties are now reduced to painting, minor maintenance, and the all-important weather reports.

We hope you enjoyed our walk!

If there are any problems with these instructions, please contact:
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