



Volkssporting Association of British Columbia



CVF Director's Walk YRE309 Tofino – 10 km – Rated 1B

This walk qualifies for the CVF Lighthouse Program.

For 10 km walk credit, you must complete this 5 km 'Beach' walk plus the 5K Tofino Heritage Walk (below)

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 gate (signed "Emergency Access Only. No Parking"). Follow path 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 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.

YRE309 Tofino “Heritage Walk” – 5 km – Rated 2B

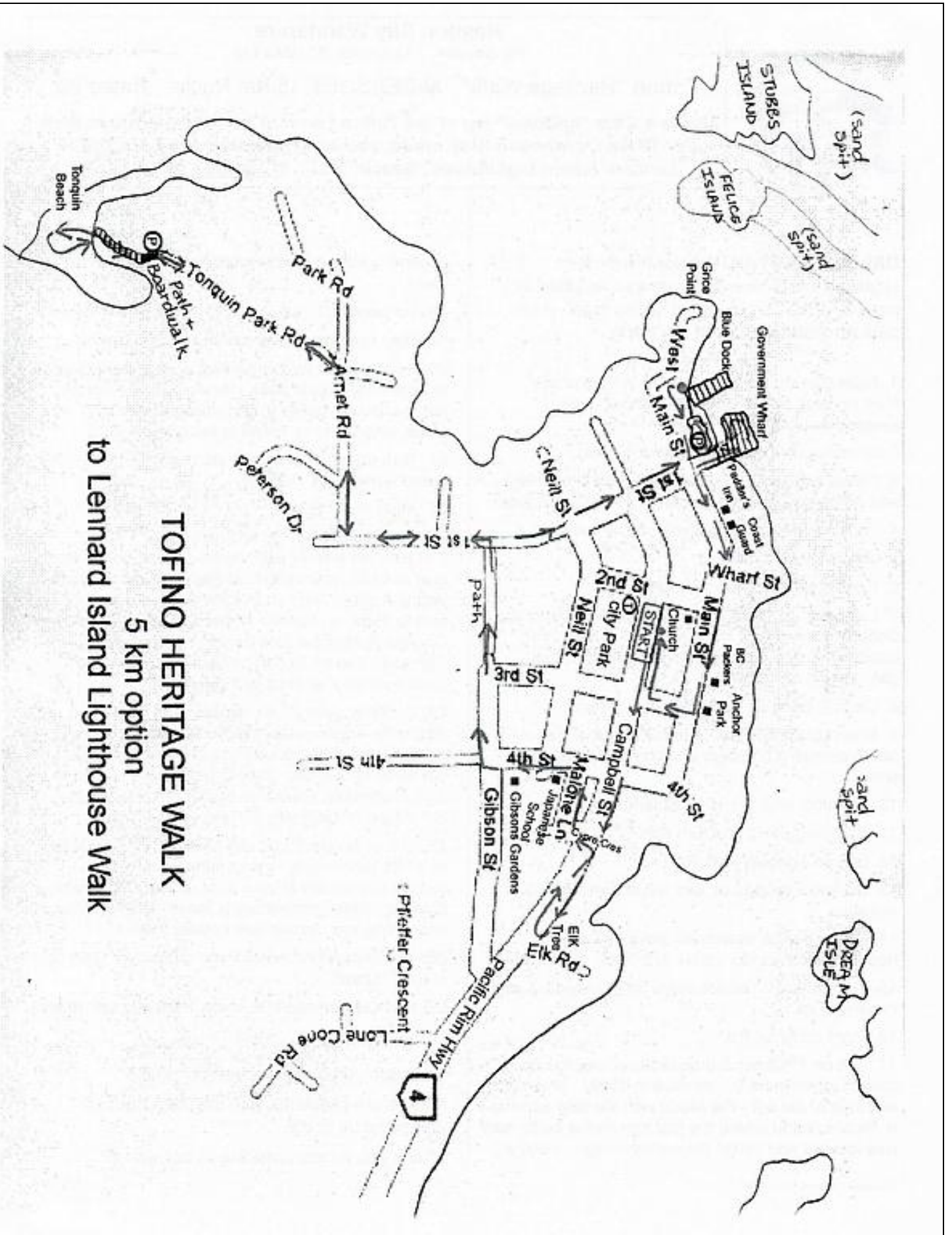
The walk begins in Tofino. To get to the start, take Pacific Rim Highway into Tofino (it becomes Campbell Street), pass 3rd Street & ‘Welcome to Tofino’ sign, then park in street in front of City Park. Washrooms are available.

1. From parking on Campbell St., follow sidewalk toward 3rd St., keeping water on left.
2. Continue on Campbell St. as it curves.
3. Follow sidewalk to ELK CEDAR (800+ year old tree) and to plaque, just before Jamie's Whaling Station.
4. Turn around, retracing steps on Campbell St.
5. Left at Cypre Crescent.
6. Right on Malon Lane.
7. Left on 4th St. (*notice on left 1920's era Japanese Schoolhouse, now a duplex, at 180 4th St. Next door is Gibson's Gardens with rhododendrons galore*)
8. Cross Gibson St. and turn right. **(1 km)**
9. At end of Gibson St., bear left entering gravel path between 3 boulders and continue until path ends.
10. At path's end, cross 1st St. and turn left.
11. Cross Arnet Rd and turn right.
12. Left on Tonquin Park Rd.
13. Go thru parking lot, turn left at Tonquin Park entrance.
14. Follow path & boardwalk stairs to Tonquin Beach (beach access varies with tide). **(2.4 km)**
15. Turn around & retrace steps on boardwalk & path to parking lot.
16. Right on Arnet Rd.
17. Left on 1st Street & proceed to end of the dock called Government Wharf (*built in 1908*). *At wharf's end look to the left - the island with the long sand spit is Stubbs Island where the first non-native settlement was located and called Clayoquot Village. Later a Japanese village of respected fisherman formed there.*
18. Turn around to beginning of Government Wharf.
19. Turn right into gravel parking area. **(4 km)**
20. Enter path at end of parking area and proceed to beginning of blue dock. (*Notice Grice Point on left, named for Tofino's first white settler, John Grice, who came to Tofino in the early 1890's*).
21. Turn around and retrace steps on path thru gravel parking lot.
22. Right on 1st Street.
23. Cross over Main St. and turn left. *On your left a short way, notice the old Tofino Hotel, built in 1937, now called the Paddler's Inn (painted yellow & teal). Next door is the Coast Guard bldg, built in 1954, on the site of the old Lifeboat Station. On your right is the third Legion Hall building, Canadian Legion Br #65, originally built in 1919 (painted blue & shared with library).*
24. Continue past 2nd St. (*Notice on right, St. Columba Anglican Church, built in 1913, tucked behind trees and rhododendrons planted in 1925. On the left (now demolished) sat the B.C. Packers Fish Processing Plant that began 80+ years ago, but closed in 1995 due to lack of fish.*
25. Left at Anchor Park, aka Meares Park (Main St. at 3rd St. junction) to fence on the water's edge. (*Notice Dream Isle to your right, where Fred Tibbs built his "castle" resembling a tower in 1915. Now only a limbless spruce tree resides there.*)
26. At entrance of Anchor Park, cross over Main St. onto 3rd Street.
27. Right at Campbell St. to city park and car. **(5 km)**

We hope you enjoyed our walk!

If there are any problems with the instructions or the map, please contact:

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TOFINO HERITAGE WALK
 5 km option
 to Lennard Island Lighthouse Walk