

Tahsis Walking Guide

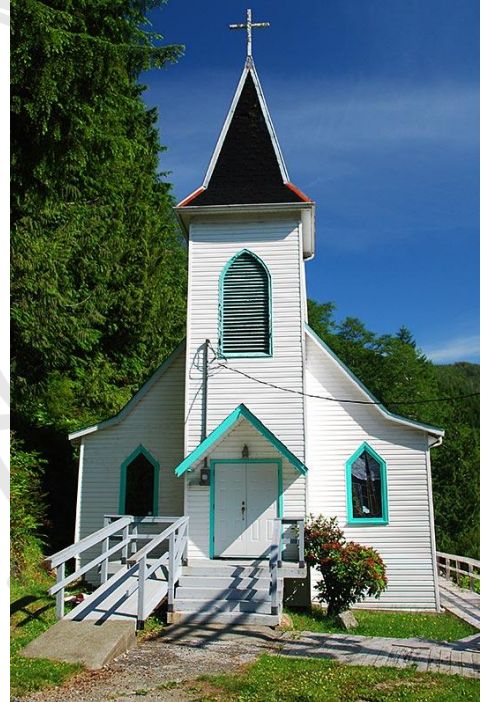
Whether you're going for a leisurely stroll with the whole family, or looking for something to get the blood pumping, Tahsis is home to a variety of routes and trails with something for everyone.

Tahsis Original Townsite

Ascending the Cardiac Climb stairs brings you to the old townsite. This neighbourhood is very rewarding for those interested in architecture, as it features old float homes from the 1940's (oldest in Tahsis) and the Heritage Building housing St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Continue on down South Maquinna Drive to Tipperary, then walk around the original townsite to see homes from the 1950's plus a spectacular view of the inlet from Tipperary Park at the top of Princess Victoria View.

As South Maquinna Drive heads down toward the Public Boat Launch, there is a picnic table and sign marking Ubedam Trail... a short hike up to Discovery Crescent and a popular shortcut for locals.



Tahsis Heliport and Tahsis River Bridges

Back at the head of Alpine View Road is the Tahsis Heliport, and a very walk-able waterfront section that is popular with locals walking their dogs. There is an expansive panorama view of the head of the Inlet, lots of local marine bird life and convenient parking. The bridge close by is a great spot to view spawning salmon going up the river in the fall. Stroll down North Maquinna to the second bridge over the Tahsis River, another great spot to view wildlife, bird life, and spawning salmon.

Bull of the Woods

A short drive past the old Maquinna Resort you will see a sign for Bull of the Woods trail. This trail is a 1.8km out and back trail that links up with West Bay. It is a beautiful trail that meanders along the shoreline through lush forest with viewpoints and benches along the way. Fun tree identification keeps you guessing species around every corner. This is a lovely walk on the west side of town that offers views of Tahsis Inlet.

Leiner River Recreation Site

3km (2 miles) out of Tahsis towards Gold River and just before the Leiner River Bridge is the Leiner River Rec Site. Walk around and explore this section of the river, where it expands out into a picturesque little swimming hole with a rope swing. Follow the trail towards town to link up with the Leiner River Estuary Trail.

Leiner River Estuary Trail

This 2 kilometre long trail provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities right on the doorstep of Tahsis. This route is a level trail with boardwalks and viewing platforms on the salt marshes and along the Leiner River where it meets the sea.

Wildlife often seen here include Trumpeter Swans, hawks, eagles, seals, salmon and bears. Many birds stop over here on their annual migrations. The trail access is from Tree to Sea Drive, just 500 metres from town and is well marked. There is a parking lot and washroom at the trailhead. This makes for an easy afternoon stroll close to town.

