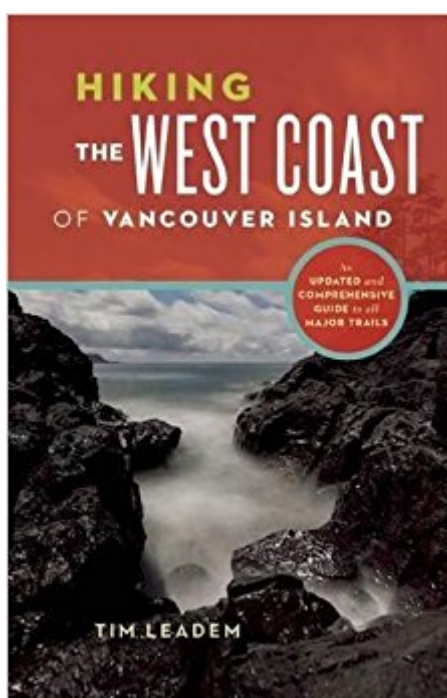


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Hiking The West Coast Of Vancouver Island: An Updated And Comprehensive Trail Guide



Synopsis

The rugged west coast of Vancouver Island offers some of the most spectacular and storied hiking in the Pacific Northwest. Home to the world-famous West Coast Trail, once a lifeline for marooned sailors and still among the most breath-taking yet demanding hikes on the continent, the island's western shores also feature lesser-known coastal trails for all abilities. From the tidal pools and pocket beaches of the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail to the craggy surf-swept shores of Shushartie Bay and the North Coast Trail, the ten areas covered in this volume will give you a taste of the region's best hiking terrain. This third, fully updated and expanded edition, delivers the detailed trail descriptions, insider tips and clear two-colour maps that hikers have come to rely on plus two entirely new sections on the wild and challenging North Coast Trail extension from Cape Scott and the remote and rarely visited Tatchu coastal hike on the Rugged Peninsula.

Less-experienced hikers may enjoy the Juan de Fuca Trail, a southern extension of the West Coast Trail from Port Renfrew to Jordan River, or the trails through the stunning old-growth forest of Carmanah-Walbran Provincial Park. For day trippers, there's the Wild Pacific Trail, a northern extension of the West Coast Trail that begins in Ucluelet and heads north over headlands and white sand beaches toward Long Beach and Tofino. And for those who prefer more remote hiking, the northern part of the island offers the rugged Nootka Trail, described by Backpacker magazine as a wild, historic and beautiful trail, or the boardwalk at Cape Scott, where black bears share the windswept beaches with kayakers and the ghosts of shipwrecked crews. From planning the trip, to getting to and from the trailheads, to choosing the most scenic campsites, this is an indispensable guide for the thousands of hikers who use the West Coast Trail each year and for those who will want to use its alternatives.

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Customer Reviews

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Good on a wide variety of hikes, but wanted to see a lot more detail and opinion on west coast trail. There was 3 lines of detail per 10km (roughly speaking). The trail has a lot of variety and decision points (where to camp, whether to take beach etc.) And I found this book helped with very little of that. However good on general conditions, packing lists etc.

Interesting book, and it gave me information I needed to plan our trip. However, the date for reserving has been moved to the 1st of January, so we were too late to get the reservation we needed.

I guess I should have read the reviews more closely. I bought this book because it is the most recently published book for the West Coast trail and I have read that things have changed a bit on the trail. I am starting the hike at Pachena Bay and unfortunately this book only has directions and commentary for the opposite direction (hiking the trail from southeast to northwest). Ugh. Given people hike the trail in both directions, shouldn't a book worth its salt have both?

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