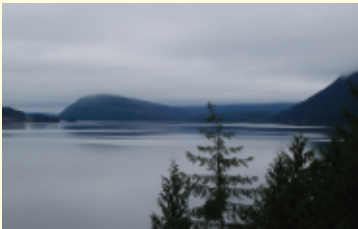




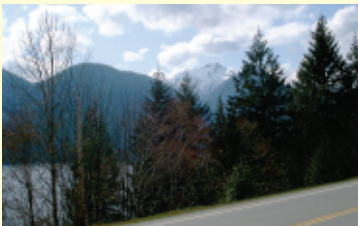
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Cathedral Grove a must see!



Sprout Lake near Port Alberni



Mount Klitsa on Hwy. #4 to Ucluelet



One of many riverviews on Hwy. #4



Breathtaking Kennedy Lake

THE MORE INTERESTING DIRECTIONS TO A SNUG HARBOUR INN

Route #4 connects the East & West Coast of Vancouver Island. From Victoria or Nanaimo you travel North on Highway #19 to join Route #4. From Campbell River go south on #19 to join with route #4.

Turn toward Port Alberni on Rt. #4. At 2.7 km you'll come to a traffic light. BE SURE to set your odometer back to zero as you pass under this light.

At 16.3 km is the start of Cathedral Grove, one of the last stands of virgin forest in North America. The trees here are HUGE, some thousands of years old. Some were young when the Magna Carta was signed & fully grown when Columbus crossed the Atlantic. An impressive place. At what I believe is exactly 20.1 km you will pass on the left a brief area where probably more than 50% of these giant trees were blown down or broken off in what must have been one incredible puff of wind during the 1996/7 New Years Eve storm. Experts figure more than a 200km per hr. wind. If you see the spot just try to imagine the fury of the moment and the noise. A real life moment...not a Hollywood production.

Coming down the long hill into Port Alberni there will be a 7-11 on your left. A good place to fill up and grab a cold drink. Clean rest-rooms too. Also a place where you should again zero your odometer.

Heading West again on Rt.#4 you'll pass a small marina to the left. Thought provoking to know this marina and the entire Port Alberni waterfront was wiped out in the Tsunami following the 1964 Alaska earthquake. In spite of being miles from the open sea the water funneled through the narrowing channel ending in devastation along the little town's waterfront.

At 14.4 km you'll pass the last building until the West Coast and at 19.0 km you'll catch your first glimpse of Sprout Lake. If traveling between April and November keep an eye out for black bears. They are often seen feeding on berries in the cleared areas either side of the highway. They're hard to spot but are VERY black. Also look for cars parked along the road where you wouldn't expect them, They may be watching a bear. At about 26 km you'll start to see fire damage from the late 60's when the road was under construction and a cook fire at campsite got out of control burning 25 square miles of timber.

At 44.7 km you'll go over Sutton Pass and at 50.25 km you are exactly half-way to A Snug Harbour Inn from Port Alberni. By now the drive should be exceptionally beautiful. At 53.7 km comes a spot where folks enjoy stopping to watch the river. It's spectacular but a better one awaits you at 54.7 km.

Some folks enjoy a photo or picnic lunch stop at 68.7 km on the edge of Upper Kennedy Lake. From here the mountains will gradually disappear and at 91.3 km you'll be at the West Coast Junction. Turn left and go 8 km through the village of Ucluelet. Take a right on Marine Drive and go a half km to the Inn.

We will be there to greet you... Drive safely and enjoy the many views.