

Spotlight on: Naikoon Provincial Park



Where

Naikoon Provincial Park is a 69,166 hectare wonderland of sandy beaches, awe-inspiring old growth rainforest, and miles of backwoods trails to explore. It's located on Graham Island in the Queen Charlotte Islands, from the northeast tip of the island (Rose Spit) to just north of Tlell.

How do I get there?

Plane: Air Canada provides daily service to Sandspit (on Moresby Island) from Vancouver. Pacific Coastal Airlines and North Pacific Seaplanes both fly into Masset airport. Rental car companies are in Masset, Sandspit and Queen Charlotte City.

Ferry: BC Ferries serves the Islands from Prince Rupert sailing into Skidegate. Sailing time is approximately 6 hours.



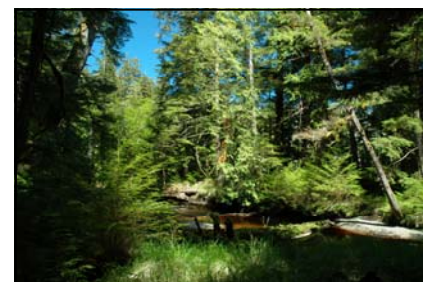
Nearest Communities:

Masset: Services here include hospital, credit union, grocery store, restaurants and lodgings. Try hiring a charter boat for deep water fishing in Dixon Entrance.

Old Masset: Administrative seat of the Council of the Haida Nation. The Village Office can assist you in arranging visits to cultural sites and information about local Haida artists.

Tlell: Known as the heart of the artist's community on the islands. Explore the galleries and artisan shops.

Port Clements: Supports the logging and forestry industries on the island. Key access point for boating and kayaking on sheltered Masset Inlet.



Climate Conditions

Naikoon's coastal climate means that while it is generally mild year-round, you can expect cooler misty weather with short notice. The average summer temperature is 19 degrees Celsius, while the average winter temperature is 2 degrees Celsius.

What To Do

Fly fishing is excellent along the many rivers and streams in Naikoon Provincial Park. Fishermen from all over the world come to test their rods against **salmon**, **steelhead** and **trout** lurking in the Tlell, Yakoun and Sangan Rivers.

Miles and miles of pristine sandy beachfront are available on the popular **North Beach** section of Naikoon. Stroll along the beachfront and look for treasures washed up on shore (glass balls are particularly treasured), or dig for **razor clams** or **Dungeness crabs** for dinner. **Mountain biking** and **limited ATV use** is allowed on North and East Beach ONLY.

Meyer Lake in the southern part of Naikoon is popular for **boating**, **canoeing** and **kayaking**, **picnicking** and **fishing**.

There are many **trails to explore** in Naikoon Provincial Park, ranging from day trips to the **Pestua Shipwreck** near Tlell and the viewing platforms on Tow Hill, to the multi-day **backpacking expeditions** along East Beach and Cape Fife.

Two first-come, first-serve **campsites** are open from May 15 - September 15 at Agate Beach and Misty Meadows, with summer campground hosts available at Misty Meadows.

The Queen Charlotte Islands provide excellent opportunities to observe a diverse range of animals from **Sitka blacktail deer** and **black bears** roaming in the back country, to **grey whales** and **fur seals** migrating off Rose Spit in late spring.



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