

# THETIS ISLAND - LOCAL TRUST AREA

Relevant land use planning information for Thetis Island and 21 associated islands and islets, including: Valdes, Ruxton, Reid, and Pylades Islands



- 32 square kilometers in area
- 131 km of coastline over Thetis Island and 21 associated islands and islets
- Species at Risk: Peregrine Falcon, Townsend big-eared bat, Surf scoter etc.  
*\*Source: Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan 2011-2015*
- 2,131 hectares of Sensitive Ecosystems (44% of the Local Trust Area), especially mature forest ecosystems
- 155 hectares protected (3.2 % of the Local Trust Area)

- Zoned land: 58.68% residential, 38% community, 3% resource, 0.32% commercial/industrial

### Registered Covenants

- 0 Nature Reserves
- 0 NAPTEP Covenants
- 1 Conservation Covenant

Ongoing campaign to create a Nature Reserve at Lower Burchell Hill

Population: 345 (330 in private households)  
 Total number of persons aged 65 years and over in private households: 105  
 Total number of children under the age of 15: 35

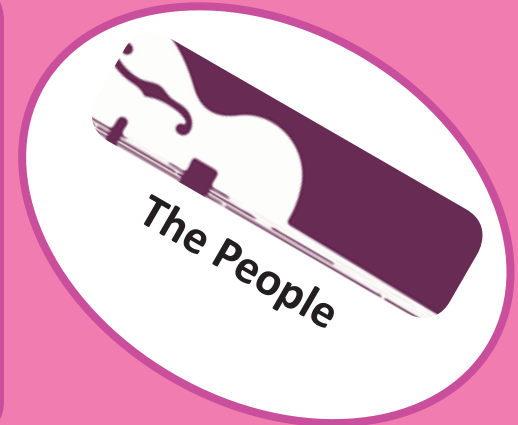
*\*Source: 2011 Census Data*

72% of private land owned by non-resident property owners (2009)

*\*Source: Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan 2011-2015*

Traditional territory of the Cowichan Tribes, Lyackson, Penelakut, Stz'uminus First Nations

Community facilities: Forbes Hall Community Centre, Thetis Island School, 2 Fire Halls, and St. Margaret's Cemetery



- Within the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)
- 10 parcels within the Agricultural Land Reserve
- Shellfish tenures around Thetis, Dunsmuir, Scott, and Dayman Islands
- # of Building permits issued in:
 

2014: 10	2013: 3
2012: 13	2011: 8
- Business licenses not required in the Thetis Island Local Trust Area
- Retail and business services are limited, and there is limited accommodation for tourists



## The Housing

165 occupied private dwellings (97% single-detached homes)

- 1-person households = 33%
- 2-person households = 49%
- 3+ person households = 18%

Cottages, (accessory) guest cottages, commercial visitor accommodation, bed & breakfasts, and specific home occupations **may or may not be permitted** - refer to the appropriate Land Use Bylaw for the specific island in question

Building Permits and inspections by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

2 institutional camps on Thetis Island: Capernwray Harbour & Pioneer Pacific



## Key Documents

### **Bylaws:**

#### **Thetis Island**

Official Community Plan (No. 88)  
Land Use Bylaw (No. 89)

#### **Valdes Island**

Rural Land Use Bylaw (No. 42)

#### **Ruxton Island**

Zoning Bylaw (No. 13)

### **Proposed Bylaws:**

#### **Associated Islands**

(Serving Ruxton, Reid, Pylades, Hudson, Scott, Dayman, Tree, and Whaleboat)  
Official Community Plan (No. 93)  
Land Use Bylaw (No. 94)

### **Other Documents:**

- Thetis Island Community Profile 2011
- Thetis Island Sustainability Guide
- Associated Islands Community Profile 2012

### **Ferry Service:**

- 4 nautical mile ferry route takes approximately 30 minutes between Vancouver Island (Chemainus) and Thetis Island
- 1985 "Kuper" Ferry capacity: 32 vehicles, 269 passengers

Seair Seaplanes offers floatplane service between Telegraph Harbour on Thetis Island and the Vancouver Airport South Terminal in Richmond.

There is a public dock at Preedy Harbour and Water Taxi service to the Associated Islands

26 km of roads

0 km Heritage-Designated roads



## The Transportation