

WELCOME to HORNBY Island!

Hornby Island is a very special place, held dear by residents and visitors alike. By their nature, islands tend to be more fragile than areas on the mainland. Extra care is often required to keep them safe. While tourism is important to our local economy it can also bring extra pressures such as increased traffic and use of services. While here, we ask you to “live like a local” and observe the following guidelines that our community uses to ensure a positive future for Hornby Island.

Areas of Particular Concern:

First Nations' Presence and Heritage:

Both Denman Island and Hornby Island are within the traditional territory of the **K'ómoks First Nation** (<https://www.komoks.ca/maps>) and are important places historically and presently for them. Sites of First Nations' cultural activity have been documented by the B.C. Archaeology Branch, and there are measures to protect **K'ómoks First Nation** heritage sites. Please be respectful of and sensitive to the fact that there are First Nations artifacts on this island.

Sensitive Ecosystems:

The wonderful natural areas that make Hornby Island such a special place also include sensitive ecosystems that contain rare plant communities and habitat. Please help us protect this natural heritage by staying on trails in sensitive areas and not removing or damaging vegetation.

Maintaining Residential Character:

Vacation Home Rentals are permitted on Hornby Island in the context of maintaining the residential character of neighbourhoods. This gives visitors the opportunity to experience community living while they are here, and also gives assurance to residents that their neighbourhood character will not be negatively impacted. Please observe the legal occupancy limits for this house, and enjoy being in a home away from home.

Noise:

Please be considerate of the fact that you are in a residential area, where local residents and other visitors also enjoy the peace, quiet, rest, and comforts of rural Hornby living. Please be respectful of your/our neighbours' peace and quiet. Excessive noise is subject to fines ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. If you have a noise concern, please contact the Comox Valley Regional District Bylaw Compliance Department directly at 250-334-6000.

Water Usage:

For the accommodation you're staying at, water will be supplied by a well and/or cistern on the property. Fresh, potable water is a scarce resource on an island and water use is a real concern on Hornby. Well usage on one property can affect the amount of water in other areas, so please help us practice water conservation by avoiding long showers, doing a lot of laundry, or letting faucets/taps run unnecessarily. **It is advisable to leave a gap between heavy uses of water (e.g. laundry, showers) to give the well adequate time to recover.**





Septic System:

Rural septic systems require different care and maintenance than urban sewage systems. Please flush only organic material down the toilet (non-organic materials should be deposited in the washroom garbage). Grease products (such as bacon grease or heavy oils) can clog septic systems – please try and ensure that these do not go down the sink, but rather into the garbage or compost.



Fire Safety:

In the event of a fire, call **911** immediately to dispatch the local Hornby Island Fire Department. When you have a chance, please familiarize yourself with the location(s) of the fire extinguishers on the property. **Note: There are total fire bans in place most summers because of extreme conditions.** Please observe signage or check with the Hornby Island Fire Department non-emergency line at 250-335-2611 to be fully aware of any prohibitions that might be in place. If smoking on the island, please do so away from dry grass, and dispose of cigarette butts safely and responsibly.



Control of Pets:

In provincial parks, dogs are not permitted on beaches and must be on leash elsewhere in the parks. Check signage for requirements at other parks and community facilities (such as the Farmers' Market and Ringside Market). Elsewhere, although leashes may not be required, their use can reduce problematic encounters with deer, humans, vehicles, and other dogs. During your stay, please try to keep barking to a minimum and ensure you pick up after your pet.

In an emergency call 911

Important Non-Emergency Phone Numbers:

Police/RCMP (Courtenay dispatch)	250-338-1321
Hornby Island Fire Department and First Responders	250-335-2611
Medical Clinic	250-331-8631



Additional Information:

Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation	250-335-1199
Hornby Island Visitor Information	(www.hornbyisland.com)
Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (www.hirra.ca)	250-335-1842
Please see the local telephone book for a complete list of Hornby Island businesses and services.	

Please tread lightly and be mindful of your impacts while visiting, and remember...

**YOU
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BE MORE
CAREFUL
WITH AN
ISLAND**

The Islands Trust is a unique federation of local governments serving islands in the Canadian Salish Sea. We are responsible for preserving and protecting the islands' unique amenities and environment. As such, we are delighted to welcome you to Hornby Island and hope you enjoy your time in our community.

Thank you and enjoy your stay!

