

# Other ideas

## WHALE WATCHING

Campbell River Visitor Centre:  
1235 Shoppers Row

APRIL - OCTOBER

Campbell River is a hub of opportunities for whale watching enthusiasts. Experience

everything from whales, dolphins and sea lions, to bears and eagles through the safe guidance of an experienced and knowledgeable tour operator. If you would like more information about booking an excursion, our team at the Visitor Information Centre would be happy to assist you. Visit [campbellriver.travel/outdoors/wildlife/](http://campbellriver.travel/outdoors/wildlife/)



## SNORKELLING WITH THE SALMON

JULY TO SEPTEMBER

Each year thousands of salmon return to the river from which they began. The crystal clear water allows for easy viewing of the salmon in the river environment from the raft or you can don a wetsuit and participate in one of the most unique experiences by snorkelling in the river teeming with thousands of salmon. The prime season for snorkelling with the salmon runs from late July into September. If you would like more information about booking this unique experience, our team at the Visitor Information Centre would be happy to assist you.



## FISHING

GUIDED + TYEE POOL

Over the years Campbell River has earned the nickname "Salmon Capital of the World" because our waters are home to all five species of Salmon. In the summer months, the waters of the Discovery Passage are dotted with small fishing boats all trying their luck. Getting out on the water with a local guide is the best way to get the most out of your fishing experience, they will provide you with all the gear needed and take you around to all the local hotspots. It is recommended to book a fishing charter in advance, for a list of operators visit [campbellriver.travel/fishing](http://campbellriver.travel/fishing)



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# CAMPBELL RIVER'S TOP 10 THINGS TO DO



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## ELK FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

**Location:** 2 km out of Campbell River along Hwy 28, turn right at Brewster Lake Road for the Elk Falls parking lot

Lose yourself in nature and the overwhelming power of the Elk Falls from the suspension bridge above. After the waterfall, wander through the six kilometres of serene old growth forest trails and feel dwarfed by the sky-high trees. Nestled in nature, Elk Falls will leave you in awe of west coast woodlands. While visiting, be sure to check out the Campbell River Hydroelectric Facilities Discovery Centre.



## QUINSAM RIVER SALMON HATCHERY

**Location:** 4217 Argonaut Road

As one of Canada's largest salmon rearing facilities, the Quinsam Hatchery has been in operation since 1974 playing a vital role in restoring natural spawning runs to the Campbell and Quinsam Rivers during the fall months. The highlight for visitors is the fish floor inside the hatchery's interpretive centre: it is a glass floor covering a re-creation of the nearby rivers with salmon, trout and other native aquatic species. Providing visitors with information about the salmon life cycle and conservation, the hatchery is open 8:00 am to 3:30 pm daily.



## TYEE SPIT/ DICK MURPHY PARK

**Location:** 3200 Spit Road

This walk along the Discovery Passage and the Campbell River Estuary boasts great views of Quadra Island, wildlife and cruise ships in the summer. From July 15th to September 15th witness a Campbell River tradition: the Tyee Club rowers and anglers trying to catch a salmon over 30lbs from small wooden rowboats. Take a detour down to the rocky beaches and dip your toes in the chilly Pacific Ocean for a true local experience. Catch a bit of the sunset from the viewing platform on the estuary side of the spit.



## DISCOVERY FISHING PIER

**Location:** 655 Island Highway

Take a walk along the beautiful Discovery Pier, a popular spot for anglers of all ages. The Pier provides great views of Quadra Island and the Discovery Passage, and is one of Campbell River's most unique attractions. Open 24 hours a day, the Pier is wheelchair accessible and fully lit. It has built-in rod holders, bait stands, fish cleaning tables, covered areas, picnic tables and benches. The concession stand provides rod and tackle rentals, licenses, and is famous for their delicious ice cream cones and wraps. The concession is open 7:00 am to dusk, May to October.



## MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

**Location:** 621 Island Highway

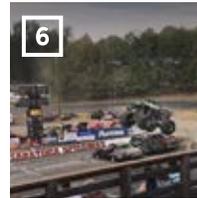
Discover the area's rich fishing history at the Maritime Heritage Centre. Behold the fully restored motor vessel BCP 45, a table seiner made famous on the Canadian five dollar bill in the 1970s. Now a national historic site, guests are allowed to hop aboard the restored table seiner and explore the cabins below deck. In addition to the BCP 45, the Centre also has an eclectic collection of maritime artifacts that range from model ships to navy paraphernalia.



## SARATOGA SPEEDWAY

**Location:** 2380 Macaulay Rd, Black Creek

The Speedway provides family-friendly entertainment and activities. Get a ride in a monster truck, race a go-cart or watch the action at a Crash to Pass race featuring everything from travel trailers to boats! For a current racing schedule visit <http://saratogaracing.ca> or pick one up at the Visitor Centre.



## CAMPBELL RIVER ART GALLERY

**Location:** 1235 Shoppers Row

The Campbell River Art Gallery is located in the Centennial Building downtown, right beside the Visitor Centre in the Tyee Plaza. Exhibiting contemporary art of professional artists from across Canada, the gallery offers workshops for adults and youth, gallery tours, Super Saturday free art-making sessions, films and other special events.



## RIPPLE ROCK HIKE

**Location:** Off Hwy 19, about 16 km North of Campbell River

This popular hiking trail overlooks the site of the famous 1958 Ripple Rock blast, which was the largest non-nuclear explosion in the world at the time. While the detonation was dangerous, the trail is the opposite. At 4 kms long in each direction, this moderate trail provides scenic viewpoints overlooking Menzies Bay and the Seymour Narrows.



## MUSEUM AT CAMPBELL RIVER + HAIG BROWN HERITAGE HOUSE

**Location:** 470 Island Highway, at 5th Avenue

Explore vibrant and contemporary exhibits of local Indigenous cultures, sit behind the wheel of an early logging truck, and learn about the early days of recreational and commercial fishing at the award-winning Campbell River Museum. While visiting, be sure to take in the short film on the Ripple Rock explosion in the Van Isle Theatre. To truly immerse yourself in the town's history the Museum runs the Haig Brown Heritage house as a B&B during the summer months. As well as hosts croquet and tea on the grounds in the months of July & August.



## ROTARY SEA WALK

**Location:** Island Highway, spanning from Waterfront Hill to Willow Point Hill

This paved 6.2km lane running alongside the shoreline offers flat and convenient access to spectacular views of the Discovery Passage and Quadra Island. Walkers, bikers and strollers are common on the pathway that runs along the beachfront and winds to iconic local hubs like the 50th Parallel marker, Rotary Beach Park, and cafes. A highlight for photographers is Big Rock, a massive, painted rock with many legends to its origin, sitting in the chilly waters reaching towards the path.

