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**Getting Here...**

Cortes Island can be reached via a 45 minute ferry ride from Quadra Island which in turn is accessed by a shorter 10 minute ferry crossing from Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Visit [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) for the schedules.

**Enjoy Your Stay!**

Playing children, joggers and hikers are on the road and people are exploring the island by bicycle. Please slow down and share the roads

**Mansons Landing**



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**Cortes ISLAND 2019**

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**Cortes Radio**  
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<https://cortesradio.ca/>

Voice Of The Discovery Islands



**Trails**

Stay on trails ~ Keep dogs on leash ~ Pack out what you pack in

- Ha'thayim Marine Provincial Park (Von Donop) 1
- Carrington Bay Regional Park 2
- Whaletown Commons 3
- Kw'as Regional Park 4
- Mansons Landing Provincial Park 5
- Hank's Beach Forest Conservation Park 6
- Whale's Rest Regional Park 7
- Siskin Forest Park 8
- Green Mountain 9
- Gnat Park 10
- Moon Park 11
- Seascape Park 12
- Smelt Bay Provincial Park 13
- Easter Bluff 14

Trail maps available at stores & Museum  
No trail sign = NO ENTRY (private driveways)

**Desolation Sound**

**Community**

- Gorge Hall A
- Mansons Hall B
- Klahoose Multipurpose Building C
- Linnaea Farm / Library D
- Church E
- Fire Hall 1 F
- Fire Hall 2 G
- Skate Park H
- Cortes Island School I
- Public Docks J
- Vancouver Yacht Club K
- Seattle Yacht Club L
- Health Centre +

**2019 Events**

- Seafest ~ Saturday May 18**  
Seafood Festival at the Gorge Harbour Marina. Delicious seafood, crafts, displays & music.
- Cortes Day ~ Saturday July 20**  
Full day event at Smelt Bay Park. Parade, games, food, icecream, Nail-Sail-Bail. Lots of fun!
- Love Fest ~ Saturday August 10**  
Outdoor music festival.
- Sandcastle Day ~ Sunday August 11**  
Sand sculpting event for families & friends at Smelt Bay Beach.



# Welcome to Cortes!

Hopefully you are spending your time on the ferry breathing the lovely fresh air, watching the water for a whale's welcoming wave, and dreaming about your time on Cortes Island.

**Did you come to explore?** Pack a lunch and take in one of our many great hikes. Wander the forest paths or trek up to Easter Bluff for a view you will never forget. Looking for trails that have both ocean and forest? We've got those, too.

**Do you just need to take a break and relax?** Enjoy a walk in the cool morning forest, followed by combing the beach for treasures. Or find the perfect, private spot for yoga. You will find the quiet you need to hear the eagle's cry or the whale's gentle blow.

**Love gardening?** Enjoy the island gardens that are open to the public or pick up the self-guided tour from the Museum and learn the history of our island while you look around.

**How about sailing** into the world-famous Desolation Sound? Or exploring the petroglyphs in the entrance of the Gorge? Book a sailing trip or rent a kayak and see Cortes from the water. Did you bring your own kayak? Our many public boat launches provide easy access to stunning scenery.

And if that wasn't enough play for you, **how about a day at the beach?** We have plenty and each has its own secrets. Paddle board from the sandy beach of Hague Lake and jump from the rocks of Turtle Island. Or maybe shooting through the mouth of Manson's Lagoon is more your speed?

At the end of a fun day, visit a grocery store and find everything you need to make a **delicious meal**. Or get pampered and nourished at one of our cafés or restaurants.

If you somehow run out of live **music**, let Cortes Community Radio provide a unique soundtrack to your days in paradise. CKTZ 89.5 FM

If you want a little piece of Cortes to **take home** with you, visit the Craft Store, the weekend markets, the galleries, and the road stands. You will find something special to keep your Cortes vacation close to your heart until next time!

**Fire Bans are an important part of island safety.** Please check [www.cortesisland.com](http://www.cortesisland.com) for the current status.

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# Diamond Dozen



**Kw'as Park**  
Easy and moderate trails. Parking near the Motel or at end of Kw'as Rd.

**Hank's Beach**  
Easy 15-minute walk through forest to gravel beach. Great swimming.



**Siskin Lane Trails**  
Diverse trails. Some suitable for bikes & sturdy strollers.

**Easter Bluff**  
Wear proper footwear & bring water. The stunning view is well worth the 1/2 hr climb.



**Mansons Lagoon**  
Swimming at high tide, exploring at low. Picnic, hike, lagoon dive & sun tan.

**Smelt Bay**  
Island's most popular sunset spot. Great sand flats at low tide.



**Hague Lake Public Beach**  
White sand, clear water, perfect for families. No gas motors.

**Whaletown Commons**  
Maple tree heaven. Lush, cool forest on the hottest days. Great trails.



**Old Schoolhouse Art Gallery**  
Features local artists. Open Friday 6-9 and Saturday/Sunday 2-6.

**Craft Shop**  
More than 40 local artists sell their wares in this beautiful shop.



**Museum**  
Tourist information booth & locally curated exhibits. Heritage garden.

**Live Entertainment**  
Free live music at the Gorge Harbour Marina many evenings a week.



## Accommodation

- 14** **Barbara's B&B**  
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Deluxe, full organic breakfast. Homemade breads, pastries, jams. Private entrance and patio. Water view Ravishing Rugs Showroom.
- 15** **Brilliant by the Bay Bed & Breakfast**  
250.935.0022 ~ [www.brillbybay.com](http://www.brillbybay.com)  
Located on the island's sunny south end.
- 16** **Cortes Island Boathouse**  
250.935.6795 ~ [www.cortesislandboathouse.com](http://www.cortesislandboathouse.com)  
Waterfront accommodation at the high tide line. Stunning mountain/ocean views. Perfect honeymoon or family holiday!
- 17** **Cortes Island Motel**  
250.935.6363 ~ [www.cortesislandmotel.com](http://www.cortesislandmotel.com)  
Located in cedar and fir forest between Gunflint and Hague lake.
- 18** **Gorge Harbour Marina Resort**  
250.935.6433 ext 1 ~ [www.gorgeharbour.com](http://www.gorgeharbour.com)  
Lodging, Camping and Marina, Laundry and Hot showers Pool, Hot Tub, Wifi, Live entertainment. Yoga July and August.
- 19** **Sowelu by the Sea**  
250.935.6777 ~ [www.cortesaccommodation.com](http://www.cortesaccommodation.com)  
Comfortable and stylish vacation rental with fabulous ocean/mountain views. Close walk to Hollyhock.
- 20** **The Nest**  
250.935.6765 ~ [www.cortestnest.com](http://www.cortestnest.com)  
Private one bedroom self contained suite in the heart of Smelt Bay. 5 Min walk to beach and 10 min walk to Hollyhock through the forest.

## Community

- 21** **Cortes Radio ~ CKTZ 89.5 FM**  
250.935.0200 ~ [www.cortesradio.ca](http://www.cortesradio.ca)  
Cortes Radio, CKTZ 89.5 FM, voice of the Discovery Islands in music and talk 24/7.
- 22** **FOCI ~ Friends of Cortes Island**  
250.935.0087 ~ [www.friendsofcortes.org](http://www.friendsofcortes.org)  
Environmental charity. Summer activity programs – nature walks, workshops and more. Have fun, learn and discover!
- 23** **HACI ~ Harbour Authority of Cortes Island**  
250.935.0263 ~ [www.cortesharbours.ca](http://www.cortesharbours.ca)  
HACI manages 5 docks on Cortes, providing safe, well-maintained moorage for a diverse group of marine users year round.

## Shops & Groceries

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- 25** **Cortes Natural Food Co-op**  
250.935.8577 ~ [www.cortescoop.ca](http://www.cortescoop.ca)  
The Co-op brings Cortes Island farmers, fishers and foodies straight to your table! We feature fresh, local, and organic products, including produce, dairy, meat, seafood, and a full selection of other eco-friendly food items. Everyone welcome!
- 26** **Fairhaven Gardens Nursery and Landscaping**  
250.935.6559 ~ [laura.fairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:laura.fairhaven@gmail.com)  
Visit us for local knowledge, plants, and supplies. Open every Friday & Saturday 10 to 4, April through October.
- 27** **Gorge Harbour Marina Resort**  
250.935.6433 ~ [www.gorgeharbour.com](http://www.gorgeharbour.com)  
Open daily. Full service grocery store. Liquor, propane & gas. Lodging, camping and Marina. Restaurant. Internet.
- 28** **Squirrel Cove General Store**  
250.935.6327 ~ [www.squirrelcove.com](http://www.squirrelcove.com)  
Everything you need: full service grocery store, coffee & pastries, fresh meat & produce, baking, dry goods, in store post office, laundromat, wifi, showers, Marine fuel at high tide, gas, propane, hardware & marine supplies, ATM. Liquor agent. Garden Centre.

## Services

- 29** **Royal LePage Advance Realty**  
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- Twincomm**  
1.866.446.6004 ~ [www.twincomm.ca](http://www.twincomm.ca)  
Twincomm is a locally-based internet service provider (ISP), serving Cortes Island for over 15 years, with close to 400 Cortes customers in the communities of Manson's Landing, Squirrel Cove, Whaletown, and Klahoose First Nation.

## [www.cortesisland.com](http://www.cortesisland.com)

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# Cortes

## ISLAND 2019



## Restaurants & Cafes

- 30** **Cortes Natural Food Co-op Bakery & Cafe**  
250.935.6505 ~ [www.cortescoop.ca](http://www.cortescoop.ca)  
Meet up, hang out, and get food! We offer espresso drinks, breakfast, and lunch along with fresh bread and baked treats using local and natural ingredients. Fully licensed, seating inside and out. Call for hours as they vary with the seasons.
- 31** **Floathouse Restaurant**  
250.935.6433 ~ [www.gorgeharbour.com](http://www.gorgeharbour.com) ext 2  
Come in for a drink on our deck overlooking the marina. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner June July and August Open for dinner the rest of the year. Call for times.
- 32** **Hollyhock**  
250.935.6576 ~ [www.hollyhock.ca/day-visit](http://www.hollyhock.ca/day-visit)  
Garden-fresh vegetarian gourmet fusion dishes w/ weekly wild seafood & beachside oyster BBQs! Book in advance.

## Tours & Retreats

- 33** **Hollyhock**  
250.935.6576 ~ [www.hollyhock.ca](http://www.hollyhock.ca)  
Visit for a day or stay for a holiday! Restaurant, garden, store, massage, yoga & kayaking. Programs in wellness, leadership & more.
- Misty Isles Adventures**  
250.935.6756 ~ [www.mistyslesadventures.com](http://www.mistyslesadventures.com)  
Wildlife day trips on 43 ft schooner to Desolation Sound and Mittenatch Island. Kayak trips and guided tours.

## Galleries/Crafts/Museum

- 34** **Cortes Craft Shop Co-op**  
250.935.6635 ~ [www.cortescrafts.ca](http://www.cortescrafts.ca)  
Gifts & treasures created by 38+ local island artists and artisans. Open mid May to mid September.
- 35** **Cortes Island Museum & Archives**  
250.935.6340 ~ [www.cortesmuseum.com](http://www.cortesmuseum.com)  
Exhibition Gallery, Public Archives, Heritage Garden, Museum Gift Shop & Visitor Information Booth.  
Summer: June to mid-Sept, Tue to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm.  
Winter: Fri & Sat, 12 to 4 pm. Wild Cortes satellite natural history exhibit at Linnaea Farm – check with Museum for opening hours.
- 36** **Old Schoolhouse Art Gallery**  
250.935.6339 ~ [schoolhouseartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:schoolhouseartgallery@gmail.com)  
Open mid June to Labour Day. Fri 6 to 9 pm.  
Sat & Sun 2 to 6 pm. Current schedule at [www.oldschoolhouseartgallery.ca](http://www.oldschoolhouseartgallery.ca)