



## HORNBY HISTORY

- <1791 Hornby Island was the territory of the Pentlatch, a people belonging to the Coast Salish group of West Coast people, who called the island Ja-dai-aich, meaning the "outer island"
- 1791 Spaniards found the island and named it Isla de Lerena after the Spanish Finance Minister, Don Pedro Lopez de Lerena
- 1850 British found and re-named it Hornby Island, after Admiral Phipps Hornby - the Commander of the Pacific Station - ten years later Mt. Geoffrey and Phipps Point were named after the Admiral and his son, Captain Geoffrey Hornby of HMS Tribune
- 1855 No Pentlatch left on Hornby due to a variety of factors including sickness, slave raids and colonization
- 1860 The largely uninhabited island suffered a huge fire which cleared land for new settlers
- 1870 A whaling company moved its base to Hornby, but two years later went into liquidation and 100 acres at Whaling Station Bay were auctioned off - this land was sheltered, had water, and had deep fertile soil
- 1960 Hornby had grown into a prosperous community with 150 residents made up of fishermen, subsistence farmers, resort owners and retired intellectuals
- 2021 Census numbers show Hornby Island has roughly 1225 permanent residents, but reaches upwards of 6000 people on the island in July + August



## LOCAL MUST-SEES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play with your pup on Whaling Station Bay</li> <li>• Swim with the bioluminescence at Big Tribune Bay</li> <li>• Take in a sunset at Grassy Point</li> <li>• Jump off Phipps Point abutment at high tide</li> <li>• Catch a baseball game at Joe King Ballpark on Sundays at 1:30 pm</li> <li>• Play a round of disc golf at the Ballpark</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break a sweat on the switch-backs up Lea Smith Trail</li> <li>• Get a birds-eye-view at "the Bench" up Mount Road</li> <li>• Stroll the old growth forest and stunning bluffs of Helliwell Provincial Park</li> <li>• Scuba dive with sea lions off of Ford Cove</li> <li>• Circumnavigate the island along our beaches</li> </ul> |
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## FLORA + FAUNA

### Land Animals



Black tailed deer  
Frogs  
Garter snakes  
Possums  
Alligator lizards  
Cougars (can be found drinking wine at local watering holes)

### Birds



Common loons  
Horned grebes  
Red-necked grebes  
Songbirds  
Ravens  
Great blue heron  
Kingfisher  
Bald eagles  
Hawks  
Owls

### Marine



Steller sea lions  
Harbour seals  
River otters  
Orcas  
Grey whales  
Humpbacks  
Chum + coho salmon  
Sea stars  
Sea cucumbers  
Sand dollars

### Native Plants



Trillium  
Chocolate lily  
Bleeding heart  
Indian paintbrush  
Spring gold  
Salal  
Ferns  
Calypso orchid  
Orange honeysuckle  
Sea blush

*\*\* There are no dangerous animals or poisonous snakes on Hornby Island*



## FLORA + FAUNA FACTS

- 40% of Hornby Island's land mass is protected and preserved as Provincial and Regional Parks and as Crown Land
- The herring spawn in March attracts tens of thousands of birds, as well as large numbers of eagles and sea lions - Helliwell Park is an excellent viewing spot as Norris Rocks is a major hangout for wildlife
- Upland habitats adjacent to Lambert Channel (the body of water between Hornby/Denman) are part of the dry Garry oak/Douglas fir forests that are restricted in BC to the Georgia Strait
- Helliwell is at the northern edge of Garry Oak distribution which occurs at drier sites and is home to the endangered Taylor's checkerspot butterfly
- Chum salmon return to spawn in Beulah Creek from mid-November to December depending on water levels - fish can often be glimpsed in the pool to the south side of Central Road where the creek passes through a culvert under the road west of the Co-op



## IMPACT REDUCTION

### LOOK



#### Protect the environment

- Stay on designated roads and trails
- Avoid rubbing petroglyphs
- Don't touch organisms in tide pools
- Don't have fires on the sandstone + use fire rings provided on beaches
- Keep buckets of water near and put out fires
- Pack out what you pack in
- Pick up after your pets
- Put garbage in bins or take garbage with you
- Do not move any natural materials from parks

### LEARN



### LEAVE FOR THE FUTURE



#### Respect wildlife

- Avoid sensitive habitats and nest sites
- Be patient and move slowly/quietly
- Watch from a distance
- Do not disturb baby seals
- Keep dogs leashed

#### Stay safe

- Watch for wildlife on roads (especially deers at dawn/dusk)
- Be aware of local hunting season information



## WATER CONSERVATION

### WATER ACCESS ON HORNBY ISLAND



#### 1. Retrieve from ground



#### 2. Catch from air



#### 3. Reuse old water



#### 4. Buy from provider

- Drilled and dug wells are the main source of water on Hornby, followed by rainwater collection
- Groundwater flows freely across property boundaries and is therefore a shared responsibility
- Aquifers on Hornby are unconfined fractured bedrock and are classified as highly vulnerable
- Residential wells are concentrated in the more populated areas and are not evenly distributed throughout the island

### HOW TO CONSERVE



#### If it's yellow, let it mellow - If it's brown, flush it down

Modern toilets hold an average of 6 litres per flush, but old ones can hold 9-12!



#### Don't run water when you don't need it

Be sure to turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.



#### Take shorter + fewer showers

We're on Hornby now, so let your freak flag fly! If you really want to fit in with the locals, just go for a swim instead!



#### Be green by going gold

It is very responsible and attractive to bolster a beautiful yellow lawn during our dry season.





## LOCAL BUSINESSES

### THE BUSINESS

### WHAT IT OFFERS + WHY IT'S COOL

<b>Baird &amp; Co. Nursery and Gift Shop</b>	<i>Transform your home and garden with the help of these absolute legends. Knowledgeable and helpful, they'll make your thumb turn green.</i>
<b>Blissful Bodyworks</b>	<i>Say "Yes" to yourself! Experience expert bodywork with Andrea, including deep tissue, reiki, reflexology, and more.</i>
<b>Bradsdadsland Camping</b>	<i>Tranquil, quiet camping atop the bluffs and facing west. The perfect place for your family vacation.</i>
<b>Breeze Restaurant and Lounge</b>	<i>An island "hot spot". The Breeze offers a la carte and buffets dinners, weddings, concerts and more. Check Facebook for updates!</i>
<b>Celestial Sphere</b>	<i>A beautiful store with even more beautiful offerings like clothing, silver jewelry, housewares and more.</i>
<b>Denman Hornby Canoes &amp; Kayaks Ltd</b>	<i>This cool canoe and kayak company services not only Hornby, but Denman as well!</i>
<b>Dr. Peter Walford, Dentist</b>	<i>"Painless Pete" is a staple on the island and operates with a heavenly calm. Be sure to check out his button pin collection!</i>
<b>Farmers' Market</b>	<i>Make it, bake it, grow it, and more! Seasonally, located in a comfortable treed setting just down the road from the Community Hall.</i>
<b>Fibres Boutique</b>	<i>Visit Fibres for the latest fashion trends. With new clothes for every season and super helpful staff, this shop will keep you lookin good!</i>
<b>First Credit Union</b>	<i>Right behind the hall, up the dirt road, this credit union has some of the friendliest, most helpful staff on the island and an ATM.</i>
<b>Forage Farm to Kitchen Cafe</b>	<i>"Farm to Kitchen" is the motto at this cafe. With a menu catering to any diet, and a killer licensed patio, you don't want to miss it!</i>
<b>Ford Cove Camping and Cottages</b>	<i>Beautiful Chrome Island, Denman Island and Vancouver Island views. Right beside the store and marina. Boom.</i>
<b>Ford Cove Store/Cove Pizza</b>	<i>Great pizza that doesn't break the bank and all the right groceries you could need when the big stores close.</i>
<b>Ford Cove Marina</b>	<i>Park or moor your boat in the marina on Hornby. Say hi to the Harbourmaster and pop by for a coffee in the general store.</i>
<b>Ford Cove Restaurant</b>	<i>Sink your jowls into this delicious fare, open year round. Indoor and outdoor seating. Overlooking Ford Cove Harbour.</i>
<b>Fossil Beach Farm</b>	<i>Whether you want to glamp, rent a space for events, or visit the cidery tasting room, this waterfront gem will keep you saying "wowwww!"</i>
<b>Fruit &amp; Veggie Stand</b>	<i>"Upper Case" serves up the freshest fruits and veggies, sourced locally and from the BC interior.</i>
<b>Greydawn Printing</b>	<i>Need something printed? Need wifi? Need a computer equipped with internet? Susie has you covered. Producers of the Hornby Tribune Weekly!</i>
<b>Heart Vineyard</b>	<i>Enjoy a wonderful glass of wine while sitting in the tasting room or basking in the vineyard sun. Glamping and weddings also available..</i>
<b>Heron Rocks Campsite</b>	<i>Enjoy camping right beside the ocean in your own secluded waterfront village. Walk down the sandstone shore and stop for food at Ford Cove.</i>
<b>Hornby Arts</b>	<i>Come see the latest art show, and current instalments. Don't forget to become a member as well.</i>
<b>Hornby Creative</b>	<i>Come peruse in the always welcoming Hornby Creative gallery and gift shop. Find locals crafts, artwork, home decor and more.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Bakery &amp; Pizzeria</b>	<i>Delicious pizza, tasty baked treats, and great tunes - in a relaxed outdoor setting Plus...they deliver!!</i>
<b>Hornby Island Brewing</b>	<i>The smallest tasting room, serving up big island flavors and ever-evolving brews. Every pint a triumph! On the road to Whaling Station.</i>





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<b>Hornby Island Community Hall</b>	<i>At the heart of the Community lies a beautiful building. The hall is a host to all sorts of events and is located beside the school and park field.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Coop General Store/ Hardware/Liquor Agency and Gas Bar</b>	<i>Smack dab in the middle of the island, this place has it all. Groceries, libations, hardware, fuel, beach toys, clothing, and The Ringside" market right outside. Not to mention a few minutes of walking to Big and Little Tribune.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Diving</b>	<i>Closed: Hornby Island Diving Ltd. is diving into research and conservation— still part of the dive tribe, but with a private focus.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Medical Clinic</b>	<i>Located down Sollans Road from the Hall, this place has the best help money can buy. Neighbours to the health care professionals annex.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Ocean Adventures</b>	<i>Call our pal Jesse for one of the best fishing and/or sightseeing tours the island has to offer. If you miss the ferry, take a water taxi.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Outdoor Sports</b>	<i>Often referred to as "The Bike Shop," this is the HQ for the adventure seekers on Hornby Island. Don't forget to pick up a trail map!</i>
<b>Hornby Island Resort</b>	<i>Located at Shingle Spit, beside the ferry and the Thatch Pub, Hornby Isl. Resort offers beach homes for vacation getaways.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Sailing</b>	<i>Feel the breeze, catch the thrill – sailing has never been this exciting! With a pro at the helm, nature's show is yours to enjoy up close.</i>
<b>Hornby Island Winery</b>	<i>Friendly tastings for all ages and the finest bubbles the world has ever known. Tastings/sales onsite and at the Farmers' Market</i>
<b>Hornby Ocean Kayaks and SUP's</b>	<i>Find Jade + Mike at the end of Shield Road next to Big Trib. No better way to enjoy the view than from on a SUP/kayak around the island.</i>
<b>Hornby Summer Bus</b>	<i>Go green, skip the parking hassle, and enjoy paradise without the pavement. Save the island and leave the car behind! <a href="http://www.Hornbybus.com">www.Hornbybus.com</a></i>
<b>Hummingbird Bakery</b>	<i>The sweetest little shop at the Ringside. Chef Olivia's creations will make your mouth water, and have you coming back for more.</i>
<b>Island Potters</b>	<i>Come see what some of the islands best artist have to offer. Located right beside the coop parking lot, so you can't miss it!</i>
<b>Island Stars Observatory</b>	<i>Reach up for the stars while your feet touch the ground. The business has gone dark, John &amp; Carol host private events only.</i>
<b>Island Yoga</b>	<i>Take a moment to unwind while stretching and moving in the meadow beside Sandpiper Beach. Then go for a swim!</i>
<b>Jeffrey Rubinoff Sculpture Park</b>	<i>Wander the grounds and discover over 100 steel sculptures, inspiring you to ignite the evolution of ideas and creativity. Open seasonally, as posted."</i>
<b>Juice Bar &amp; Smoothies</b>	<i>Fresh juices and smoothies that pack a punch. Healthy, goodness served seasonally.</i>
<b>Little Tribune Blueberry Farm</b>	<i>For an authentic experience of living off the land. "You Pick" blueberries fresh from the bush. Or stay in a glamping tent on the Farm.</i>
<b>Little Tribune Yoga Classes</b>	<i>Nudity not required! Harness your chi on this amazing spectacle of a platform, surrounded by a picturesque 180 degree Lil Trib view.</i>
<b>Lix Coffee and Ice Cream</b>	<i>A popular hangout for locals year round and the place to be in the summer. Coffee, ice cream, and more. What else could you want?</i>
<b>Middle Mountain Mead</b>	<i>The tasting room with the best view on Hornby. Perched on the mountain, this hideaway will take you back to the medieval times with their unique elixirs.</i>
<b>Natural History Centre</b>	<i>Where nature's stories come to life. Programs and events that connect you to the world around you, one discovery at a time!</i>
<b>New Horizons</b>	<i>Almost like the Community Hall's little sister/brother, New Horizons is an adaptable venue space .</i>
<b>Oasis Massage</b>	<i>Release your mind and body, enjoy pure relaxation and rejuvenation!</i>
<b>Phrog Distillery</b>	<i>The tasting room serves many, worth the journey of discovery! Down Roburn Rd to Crater Lane - for a variety of excellent, island-made spirits.</i>





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#### Royal LePage @ Ringside

*Looking to buy or sell a house or property? These ladies are always in the Ringside to talk...before or after your shop.*

#### Sea Breeze Lodge

*Waterfront cabins with a view! Open year-round. All-inclusive in the summer. Zip around "the big tree" and head for the ocean.*

#### Sizzle Food Truck

*Epic food truck style meals that fit in your hands, or on a small plate. Sit in the sun at the picnic tables and people watch the day away...*

#### Strachan Valley Farm

*Nestled on Hornby's mountain, where bees buzz, sheep graze, hens lay, and fresh produce blooms. This farm stand is "a find".*

#### Summer Soul Farm

*Cultivating fresh, eco-friendly veggies with a side of island vibes. Growing 30 crops, no gimmicks—just nature's finest." Farm stand on Central Rd.*

#### Sun Corona

*Could you have more fun than being on a musical ocean charter with Angel and Denis?*

#### Sun Door Yoga

*This peaceful haven is a host to many relaxing yoga and wellness retreats., classes and workshops.*

#### Sweet Spot

*Step into a world of vintage clothing, accessories and one-of-a-kind finds. Feel free to hang out in the orchard meadow as well!*

#### Table Restaurant

*Pepare for a taste bud treat, with a French flair.  
Located at Heart Vineyard.*

#### Taste of the Westcoast

*Catch her if you can! Jaimie offers full service catering, custom platters, made from scratch dips & more.*

#### Thatch Pub and Restaurant

*Your first and final destination! Serving up delicious pub grub, and beers. Live jazz music every Friday night. And don't forget to stop by the gift shop!*

#### To the Moon and Back

*It's not a bookstore, it's not a toy store; not a collector's spot and not a gift shop--it's all of the above. A great place for fun gifts!*

#### Tribune Bay Campsite

*Location, location, location! Crawl out of your tent, trailer or RV and walk right down to the most critically acclaimed beach on Hornby!*

#### Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre

*Come for the camping, kayaking, storytelling, friend making, high rope walking, and more. Leave with the best memories and a desire to return.*

#### True North Tug Tours

*Kick back on the beautifully restored 1962 tugboat La Fille. Captain Drew works, you enjoy - the sights of the Salish Sea.*

#### Vancouver Island Regional Library

*Yes that's right! Hornby has its own library. Need a quiet place to study, or maybe a new book...or four?*

#### Vorizo Cafe

*This quaint little eatery serves up some amazing Mexican cuisine with a west coast flare. Enjoy chowing down in the beautiful open-air patio.*



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