



# Resources for Bird Nerds in British Columbia

## Bird Watching for Recreational Boaters



## **Birding Capital of Canada**

Waterfowl & Shorebirds

Seabirds

Raptors

Songbirds & Forest Birds

Endangered Species

## **How Do You Become a Bird-Nerd?**

Look Around

Buy Some Binoculars

Grab a Field Guide – Online (eBird)

Find A Friend (Flock Together)

Don't Need Fancy Equipment



## Wildlife Mindfulness Tips for Boaters

Identify Protected Areas & Species During Itinerary Planning

Awareness of Regulations

Permits Required in Some Locations

Respect for Wild Areas      Empty Beaches Aren't "Uninhabited"

Be Conscious of Pollution

Shores Are Important      Clam Beds, Eel Grass, Herring Spawning  
Vital Habitat & Food Sources  
Be Mindful of Wakes & Jet Skis Near

Don't Cause Unnecessary Disturbances  
Large Gatherings, "Feeding Frenzies" – Times to Refuel/Refresh

Dogs

Protect Wildlife – even Birds – From Harm & Harrassment



## Sanctuaries

### Protection During Critical Life Cycle

Breeding & Nesting

Moulting

Staging & Stopover during Migration

### Prohibited Activities in Wildlife Sanctuaries (Birds)

Hunting/Firearms

Disturbing or Taking Nests

No dogs



## **Provincial Parks**

### **Practice Fire Safety**

Prevent Wildfires

### **Respect Indigenous Values**

Awareness of Heritage Sites  
Leave Artifacts Alone (Pot Shards, Arrowheads)

### **Park Rangers**

There to Help, Empowered to Enforce

### **No Lifeguards**

Practice Water Safety

### **Pets Welcome**

Must be Under Control  
Offleash Areas are Marked

## **Be Aware of Sanctuaries & Ecological Reserves Nearby**

### **B.C. Parks – Plan Your Trip**

Everything You Need  
Permits, Camping, Marine  
[bcparks.ca](http://bcparks.ca)



BC Parks





## Ecological Reserves

### Established to Maintain Biodiversity

Used for Scientific Research & Education

Preserve Representative Samples:

Plant & Animal Species

Features

Phenomena

### Prohibited Activities in Ecological Reserves

Consumptive Activities

Motorized Vehicles

Emitting Waste

Smoking

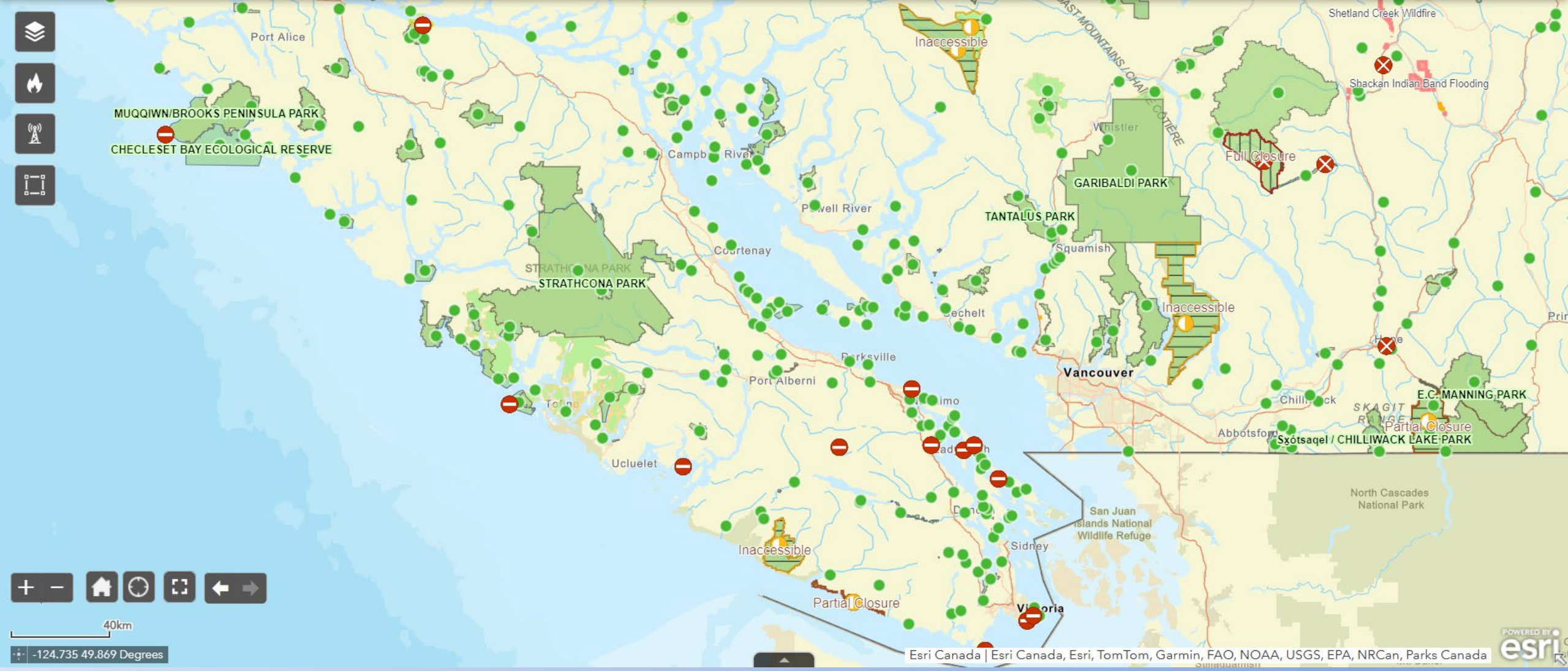
Unauthorized Entry

Fires

Removing Natural Resources

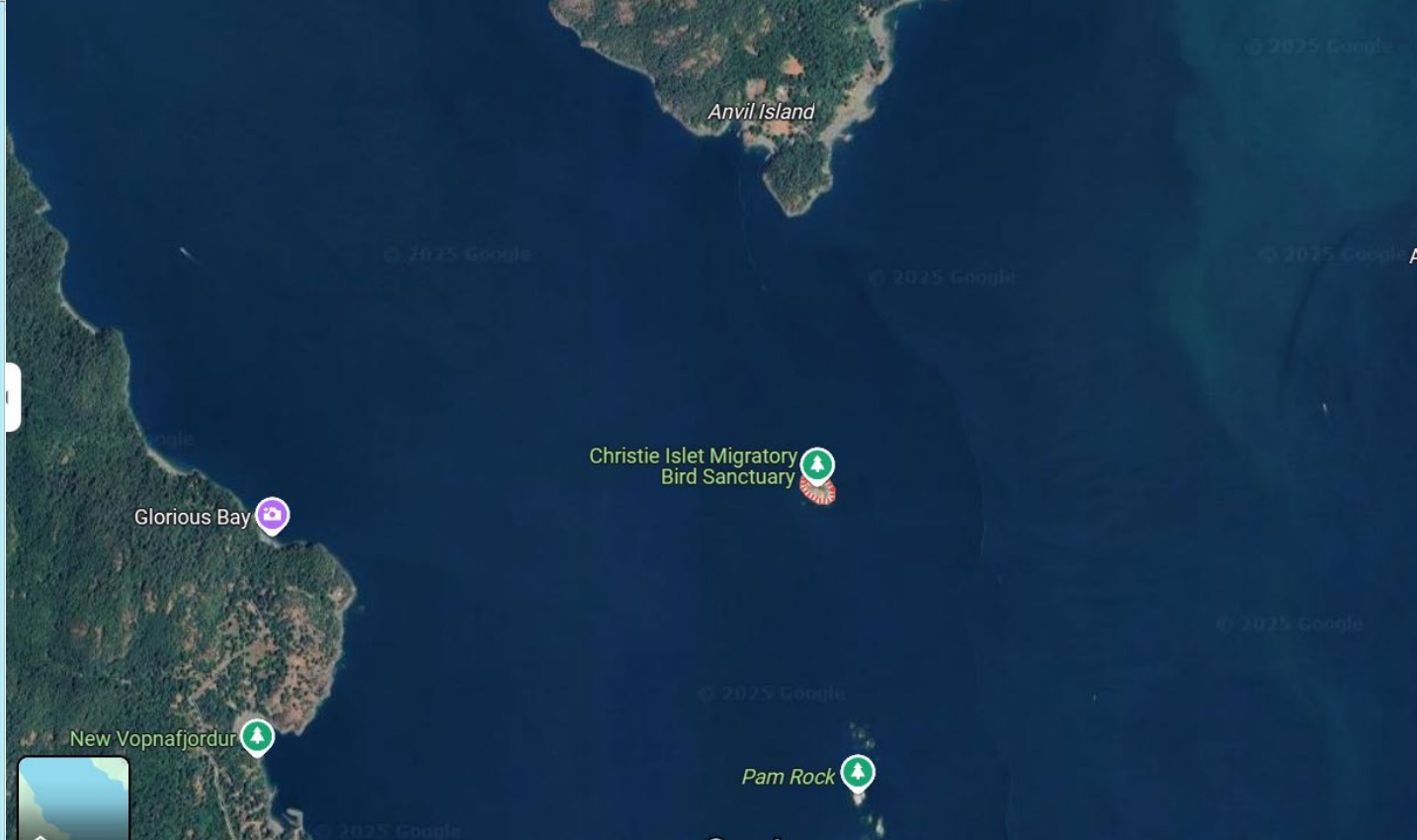
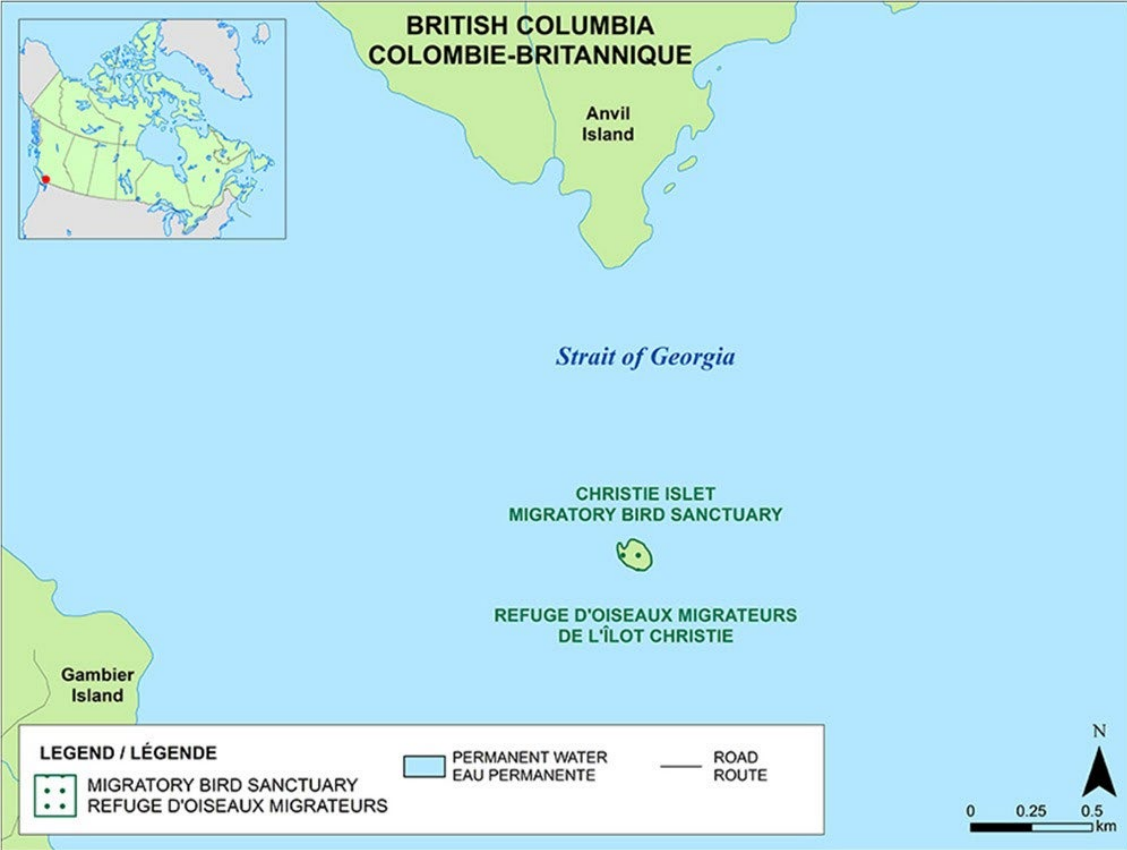
Disturbing Wildlife

Drone Use



40km  
-124.735 49.869 Degrees









STRAIT OF GEORGIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
COLUMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

Vancouver

ALAKSEN NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE AREA

RÉSERVE  
NATIONALE DE FAUNE  
DE ALAKSEN

GEORGE C. REIFEL  
MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

RÉFUGE D'OISEAUX MIGRATEURS  
GEORGE C. REIFEL

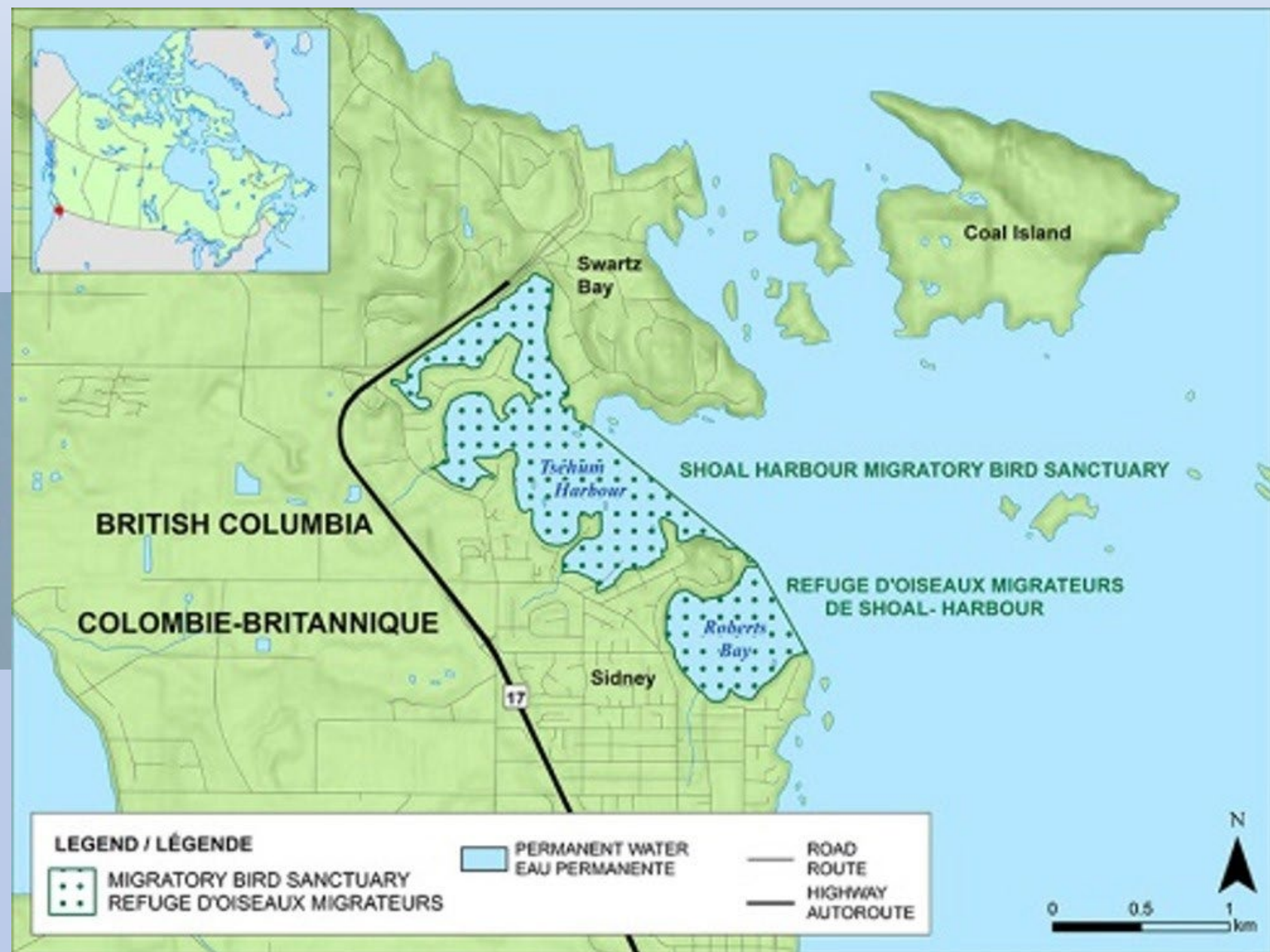
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Island

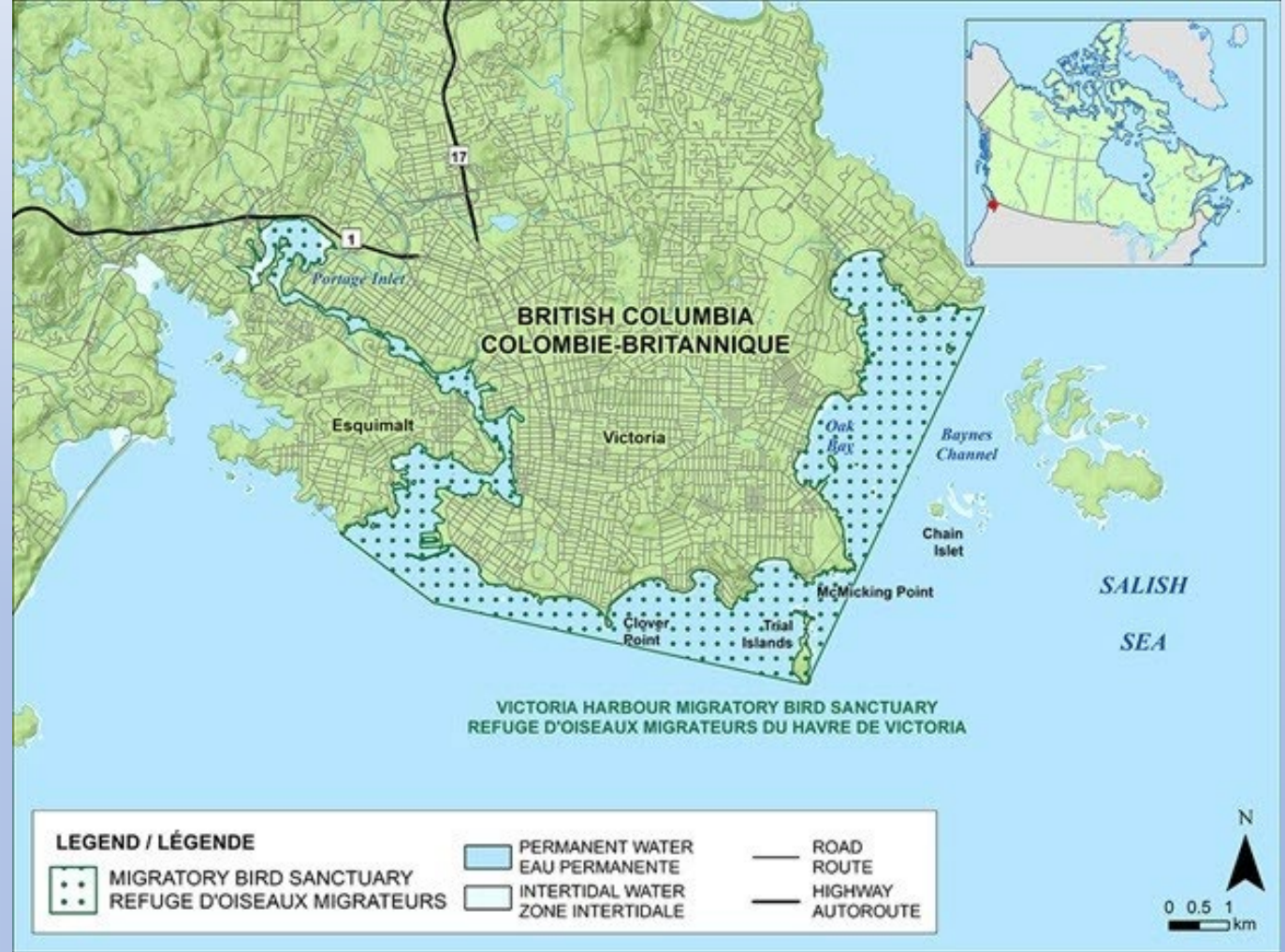
Fraser River  
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LEGEND / LÉGENDE

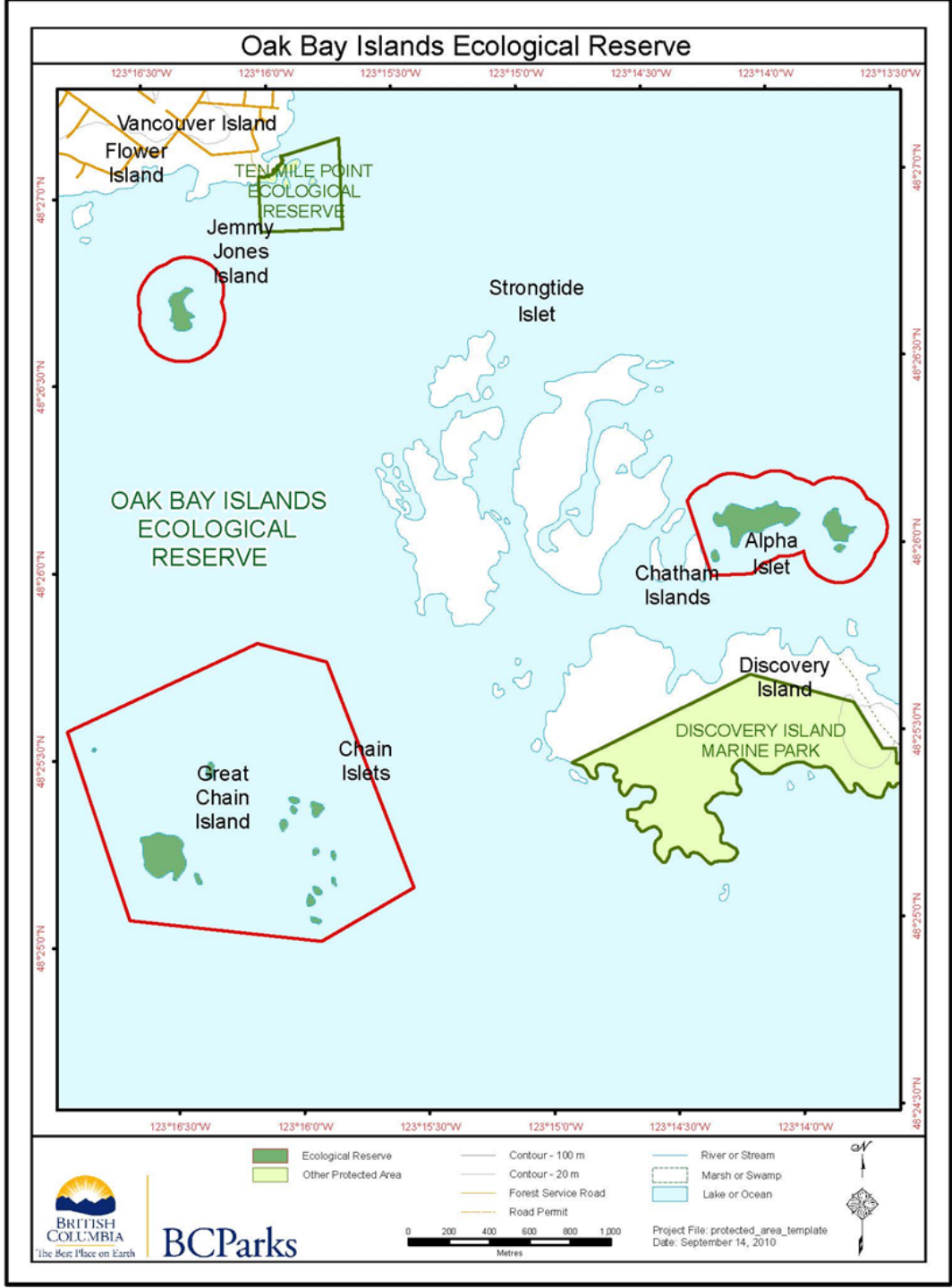
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RÉSERVE NATIONALE DE FAUNE
- MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY  
RÉFUGE D'OISEAUX MIGRATEURS
- PERMANENT WATER  
EAU PERMANENTE
- ROAD  
ROUTE
- HIGHWAY  
AUTOROUTE

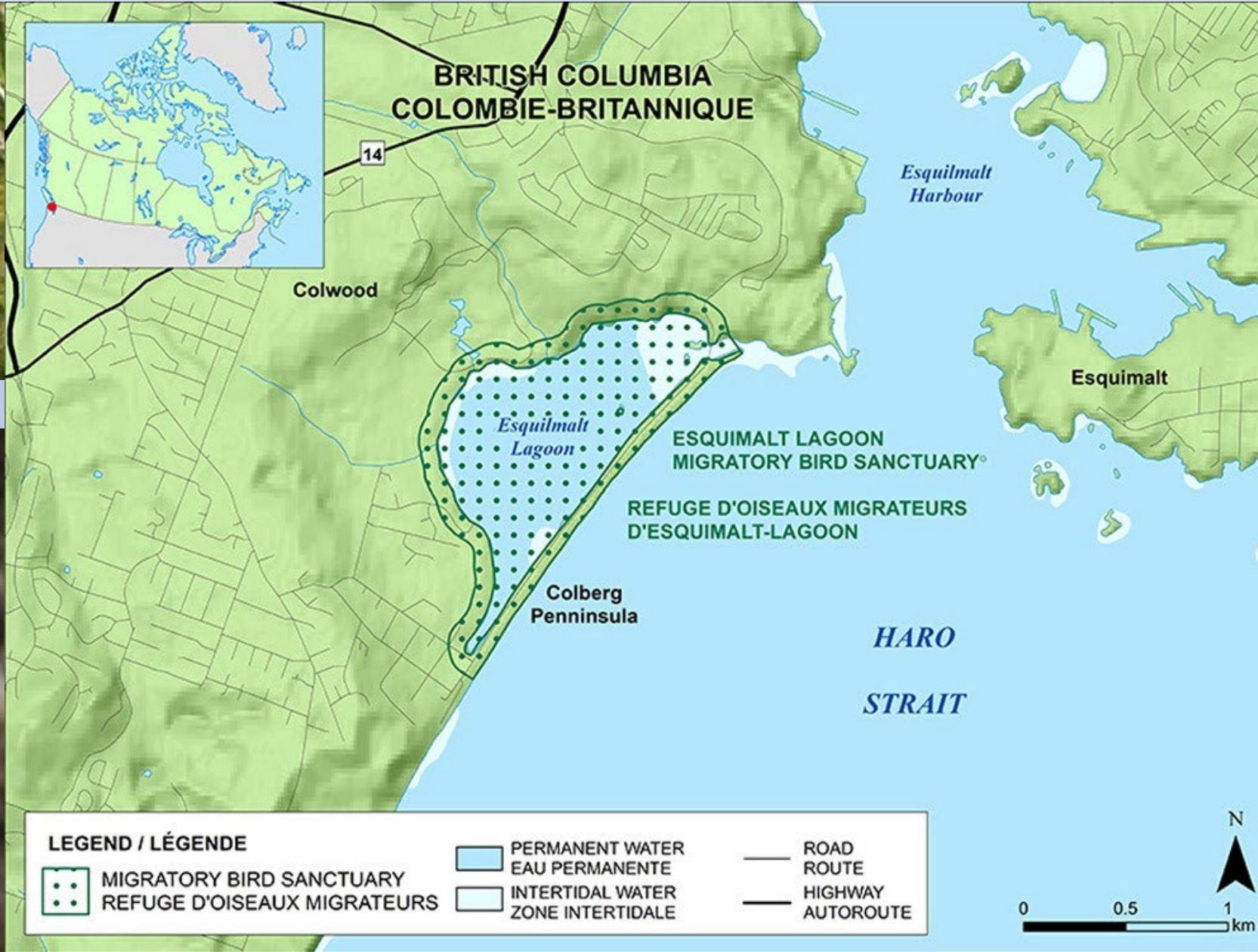






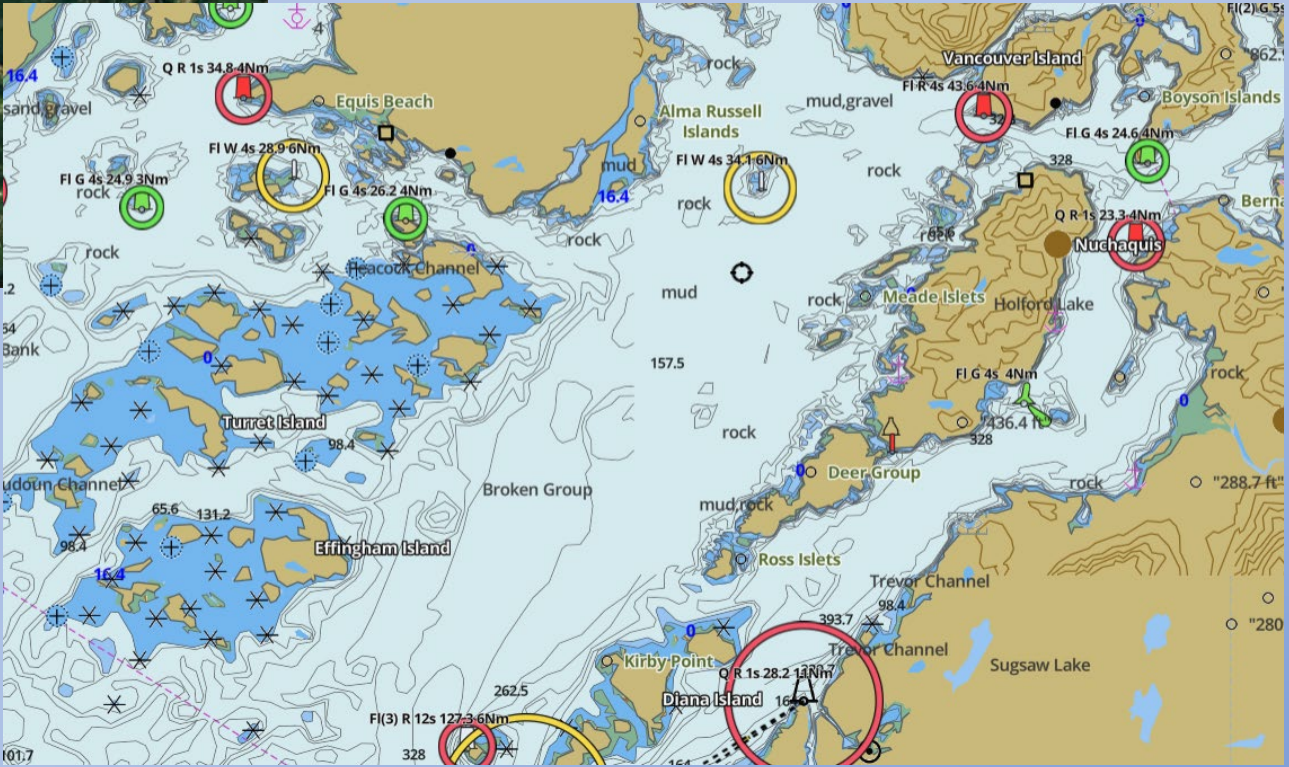
# Ecological Reserve: Oak Bay Islands Provincial Park: Discovery Island Marine Park

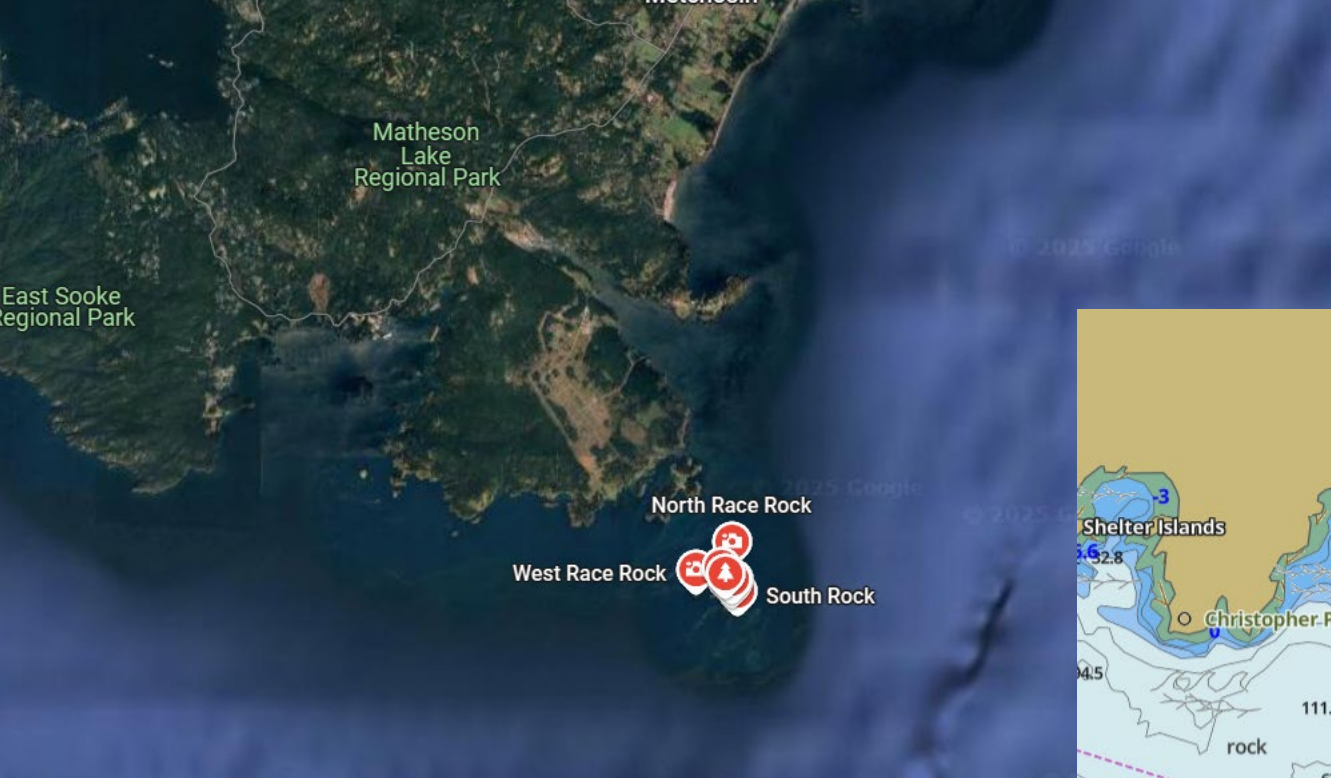




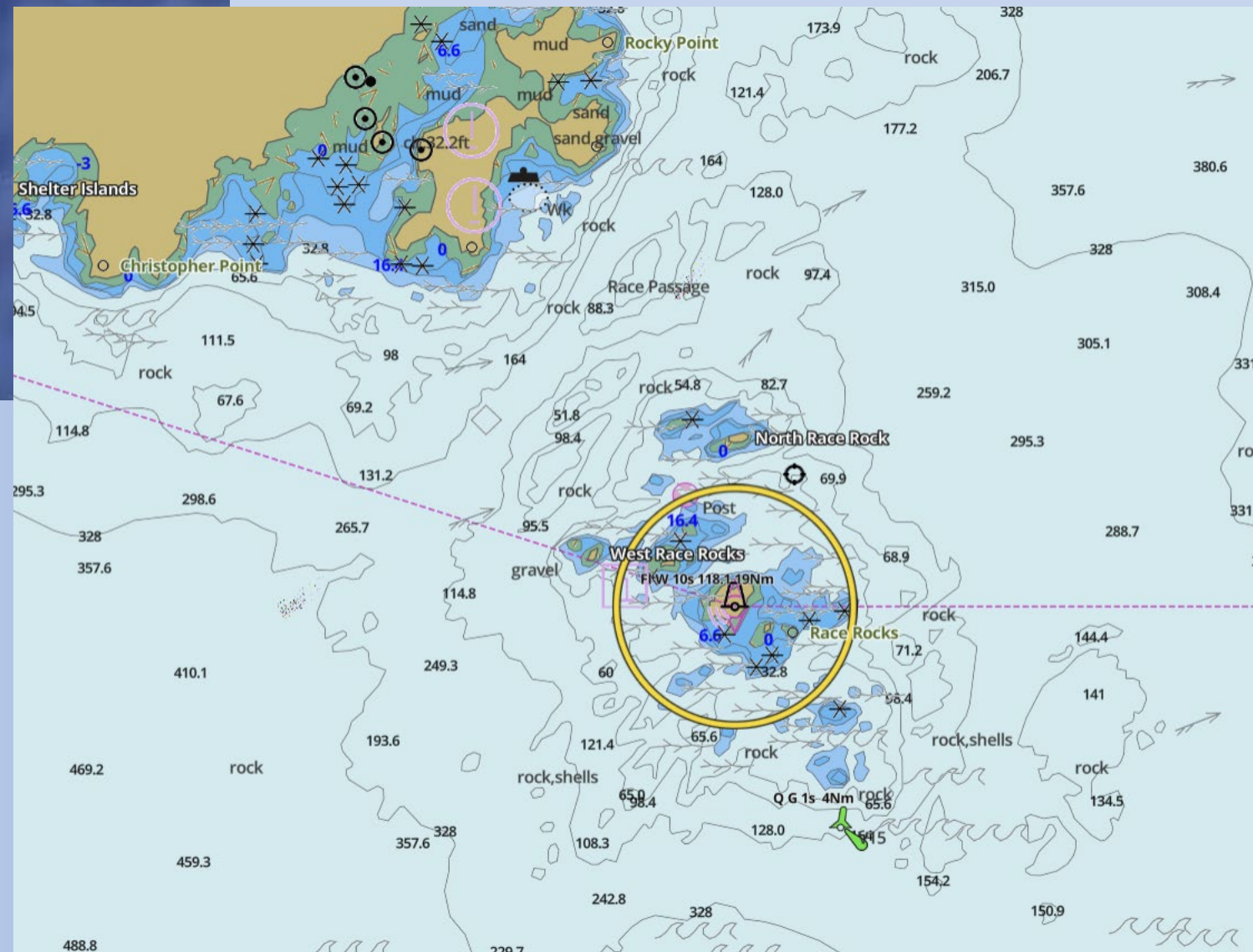
# Baeria Rocks

# Barkley Sound





North Race Rock  
West Race Rock  
South Rock



**Race Rocks**  
**(racerocks.ca)**

**East Entrance**  
**– Strait of Juan de Fuca**



# Explore Species

Maps, stats, photos, and sounds for any bird in the world, including personalized stats based on your eBirding

🎲 Surprise me!



# Explore Regions

Recent sightings, checklists, birding activity, best hotspots, and top birders for a county, state, province, country, territory, or dependency

🔍 National Wildlife Refuges 🔍 KBAs/IBAs

Major Regions ▾

## More Ways to Explore



### Species Maps

Explore interactive range maps by species or subspecies — zoom in for details



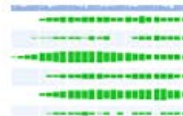
### Search Photos and Sounds

Explore media through the Macaulay Library



### Explore Hotspots

Discover the best places for birding nearby or around the world.



### Bar Charts

Find out what birds to expect throughout the year in a region or location





**Pedder Bay RV Resort & Marina**  
Passerine Migration Monitoring  
Northern Saw-whet Owl Monitoring  
Bird Walks – Public Education

**Rocky Point Ammunition Depot**  
Restricted Access – DND Special Clearance Required

**Witty's Lagoon Regional Park**  
Maps Program CRD

**Power to Be at Prospect Lake**  
Restricted Access

**Hummingbird Project**  
Banding Project  
Research

**Outerbridge Park**  
Bird Walks

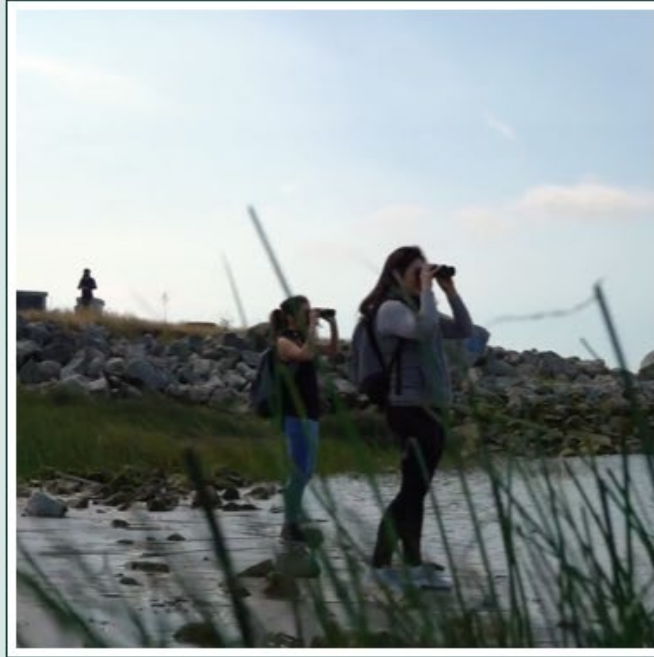


## LOOK UP, STAY GROUNDED

Situated on the Pacific Flyway, British Columbia is home to a vast array of North America's best birdwatching opportunities.

Whether you're a seasoned birder or just taking off, The BC Bird Trail is your guide to exploring birding, conservation, and community in British Columbia.

[EXPLORE ALL TRAILS](#)



### REGIONAL BIRD TRAILS

Bringing multiple communities together, Regional Bird Trails form a thorough network of iconic points of interest connected to The BC Bird Trail.

## Seasonal Bird Lists by Location

Central Vancouver Island

Fraser Valley

Sea to Sky

South Fraser

Vancouver Island

Destination B.C.

Super, Natural British Columbia

[bcbirdtrail.ca](http://bcbirdtrail.ca)



## Bird Lover Resources for Coastal British Columbia

**eBird** – Cornell Lab of Ornithology – Citizen Data  
[ebird.org](http://ebird.org)

**BC Nature** – Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (1969). Breeding bird atlas.  
[bcnature.org](http://bcnature.org)

**Rocky Point Bird Observatory** – Conservancy. Public Education. Partnership with Eagle Wing Tours.  
[rpbo.org](http://rpbo.org)

**BC Bird Trail** – Birdwatching locations & Seasonal Migration Patterns. Funded by Destination B.C..  
[Birdtrail.ca](http://Birdtrail.ca)

**Greater Victoria Naturehood** – BC Nature. Public Education. Restoration Projects & Naturalists. Volunteer Supported.  
[gvnaturehood.com](http://gvnaturehood.com)

**RUSH - Resilient Urban Systems & Habitat** – Pilot program map of areas in need of restoration and ecological healing.  
[whatstherush.ca](http://whatstherush.ca)

**Victoria Natural History Society** – Society of Naturalists. Downloadable “Checklist of Birds”  
[vicnhs.ba.ca](http://vicnhs.ba.ca)

**Bird Life International** – International Focused Conservation & Public Education  
[birdlife.ca](http://birdlife.ca)





## **Bird Lover Resources for Coastal British Columbia**

**Atlas of Breeding Birds of British Columbia** – Breeding Map & Checklists are GREAT!!!!  
[birdatlas.bc.ca](http://birdatlas.bc.ca)

**Friends of Ecological Reserves** –  
[ecoreserves.bs.ca](http://ecoreserves.bs.ca)

**Nature Conservancy of Canada** – Protection of Critical Habitats.  
[Natureconservancy.ca](http://Natureconservancy.ca)

**Pacific Flyway** – US Fish & Wildlife. Maps & Resources. Stopover Sites  
[fws.gov](http://fws.gov)

**Bird Studies Canada** – Migratory Patterns, Maps, Citizen Project Data  
[Birdscanada.org](http://Birdscanada.org)

**Map of Migratory Birds in Canada**  
[ec.gc.ca](http://ec.gc.ca)



## Bird Lover Print Resources for Coastal British Columbia

[A Field Guide to Birds of the Pacific Northwest](#) by Tony Greenfield KnowBC.com

[At Sea with The Marine Birds of the Raincoast](#) by Caroline Fox

[The Birder's Guide : Vancouver Island](#) by Keith Taylor.

[Birds of Coastal British Columbia](#) by Nancy Baron and John Acorn 1997

[Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest: A Complete Guide Second Edition](#). Richard Cannings, Tom Aversa et al. [Seasons with Birds](#). Bruce Whittington. ISBN 1-894898-21-4. 2004 ebook Overdrive

[The Birds of Vancouver Island's West Coast](#). Adrian Dorst, On Point Press, 2018 ISBN:9780774890106 UBC

# WITH GRATITUDE

Acknowledge of the existence, diverse teachings, traditions and practices within these unceded and traditional territories.

203 First Nations in British Columbia

Vancouver Island

Coast Salish – including Quw’utsun, Halalt, Stz’uminus, Snuneymuxw, Snaw-naw-as, K’ómoks, & Qualicum First Nations

Howe Sound

Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & Lilwat7úl (Lil’wat) Nations

South Fraser

scəwáθən (Tsawwassen), x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əýəm (Musqueam) & other Coast Salish Peoples

Fraser Valley

Sts’ailes, Seabird Island, Sq’ewá:lxw, Cheam, Douglas, Leq’a:mel, Samahquam, Sq’ewlets, Skatin and Stó:lō Coast Salish Peoples, Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui, Semiahmoo, Semá:th, Mathxwí First Nations

Indigenous Tourism B.C. [www.indigenoussc.com](http://www.indigenoussc.com)

First Nations Fisheries Council: [www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca](http://www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca)

