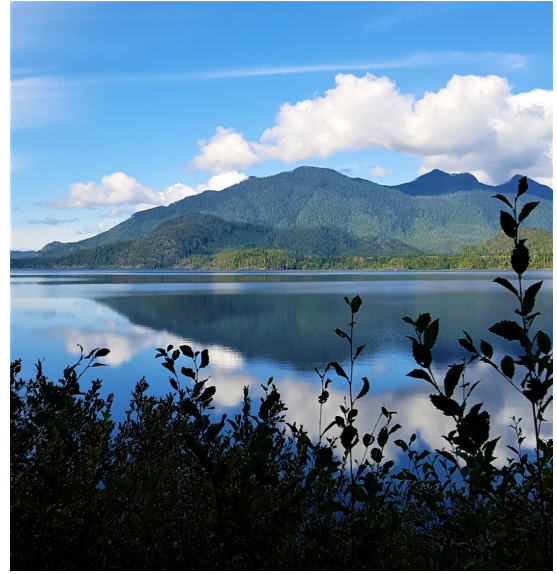


Vancouver Island West Coast – Sep 18

We awoke this morning to sunny skies. After packing up our "home" camp, we ventured onto Hwy 4 heading west towards the Pacific Rim National Park. It's been a while since we have visited the west coast of the Island; usually in past visits, it has been a one-day affair, ferrying visitors. We decided this time to stay a while and check out Ucluelet and Tofino in a little more depth.

Getting close to the west coast, Hwy 4 skirts Kennedy Lake.



BC Highways is doing some major work on the Kennedy Lake hill just before you get to the junction of Hwy 4. We knew we were early so we stopped on the side of the road for about 15 minutes. We got out and picked up 13 empty beer cans! We are continually flabbergasted at the insensitivity of many people who think the side of the road is a great place to deposit their trash!

About 20 minutes after the highway was supposed to open, it did. We had a short distance to go before we turned into Green Point campground.

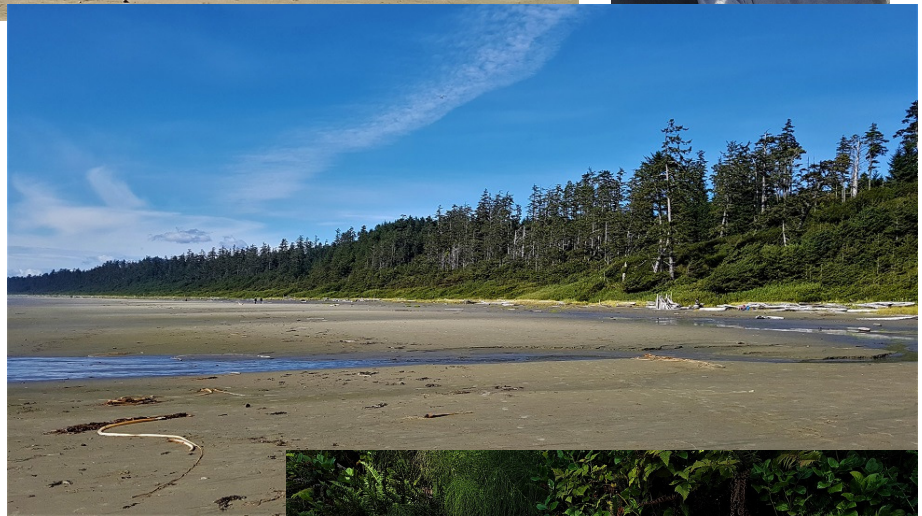


The sun was shining so we headed to the beach. Rain is forecast for tomorrow.

Many years ago, I had the opportunity to train on CP Air's 747s as a possible flight attendant (the real one's threatened to strike, so management asked for volunteers). Long story short, on a familiarization flight in a 747, 40 of us "trainees" flew along the beach pictured below about 1/4 mile off shore at 1,200' altitude. I know, I was looking at the altimeter from the cockpit doorway. What a highlight of my career at the airlines that was. Magic carpet ride!!



Definitely west coast!



The path down to the beach meant a climb up when we headed back to our campsite. Fortunately there were a couple of benches.

Back at camp, we settled in eagerly looking forward to tomorrow when we head to Tofino, at the northern-most end of the road.

See you then.

