

Vancouver Island West Coast – Sep 19

Well, it rained overnight, but stopped by the time we got going this morning. We decided, weather be damned, we're going to visit Tofino today.

We were reasonably early arriving in Tofino, early enough to snag a parking spot right on the main drag. The other good news; it's stopped raining. We can deal with cloudy weather!

We walked around the downtown area and strolled down to the wharf. We were not expecting this:



Now we will have to visit the "Rock" and find the eastern terminus of the TCH!



It must be time for coffee, so we decided to find the Common Loaf Bake Shop. It turned out to be a tiny little shop and the few tables were taken. Okay let's head back to the one we walked by earlier. But wait, what's that across the street? Tuff Beans Coffee House. Sounds like our kind of place, so in we go.



On the way back to Alfie after coffee, I couldn't not take this picture. Nothing personal, but you know who you are. Ha ha!



After visiting an intriguing looking bookstore, and buying a travel Crib board, we headed south to find the Tofino Brewing Company. We've enjoyed their Kelp Stout many times; time to see what else they've got.

What a pleasant surprise. We sampled three of their offerings, free of charge. So many craft breweries we've tried in our travels sell samples, larger samples of course. It was just very nice to try a small sample and not have to pay (for something we might not like).

By the way, we liked all three, so with a Kelp Stout making a fourth, we got back in Alfie and headed for Radar Hill.

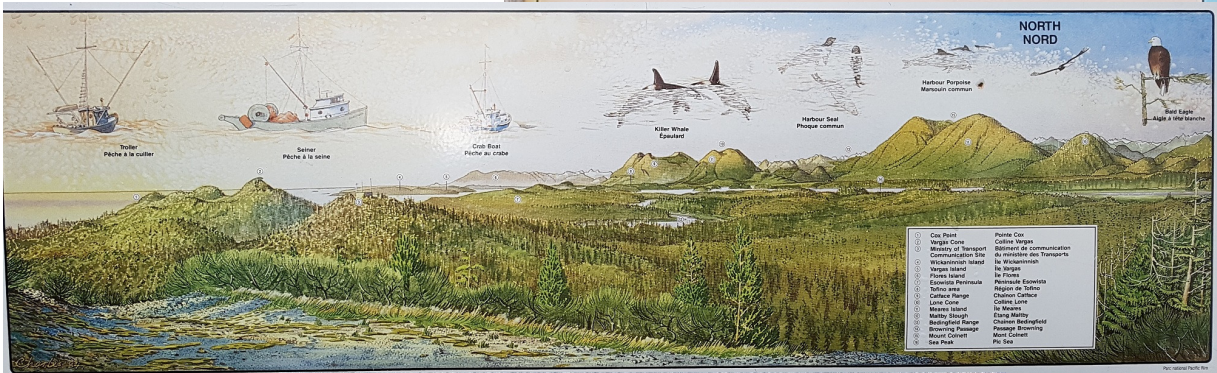
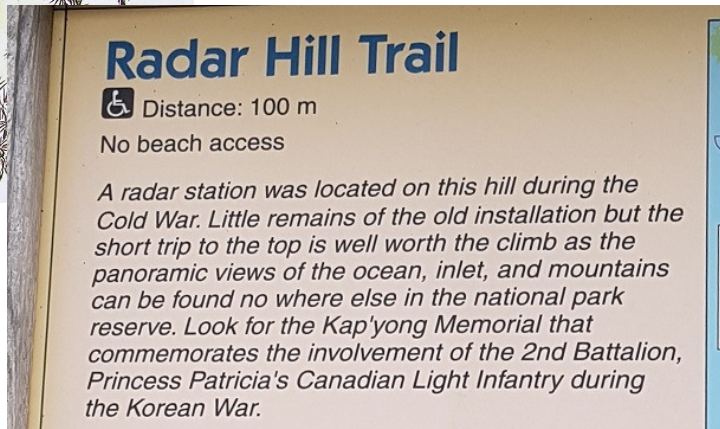
This Cold War site (1954) was part of the Pinetree Line Defence System. A radar station was located on this hill.



With the development of ICBMs by 1960, such defences became obsolete and were dismantled.

Unfortunately there is nothing left of this installation; not even a picture like this one.

It was a nice short walk with some interesting views of the surrounding areas.



On January 10, 1997, the Government of Canada and the Government of Korea jointly declared the twinning of **Pacific Rim National Park Reserve** and **Hallyŏ Haesang Sea National Park** at a public ceremony in Seoul, Korea.

Two countries, two National Parks, one ideal. Preservation through conservation for future generations.



We drive through the Incerator Rock parking lot but decide there are too many tourists - we'll come back another time.

Back at camp, we settle down for the rest of the day. Thanks to Netflix, we watched *The Angel*, a movie that I downloaded before we left Errington.

Tomorrow we're heading for Ucluelet.

See you there.