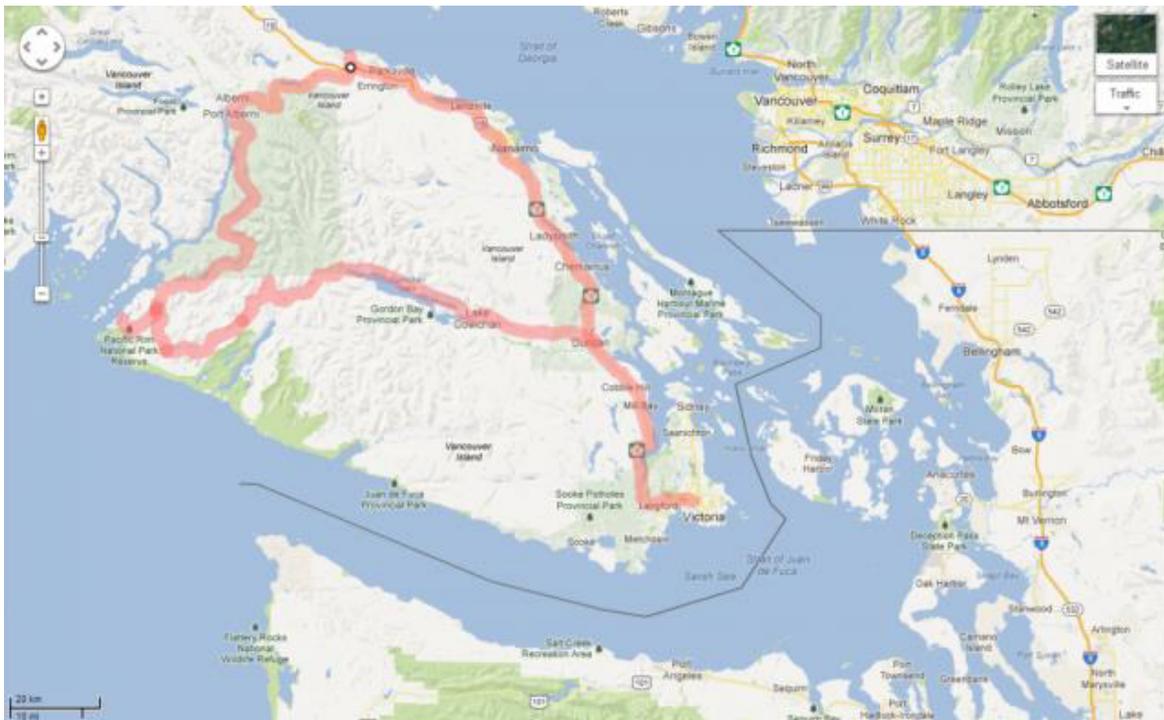


Bamfield Fungus Festival 2018 Participant information

Thank you for deciding to join us for the Bamfield Fungus Festival! Please take a look at the following information to help prepare you for your trip to Bamfield, your stay while you're here, and to give you an idea of what to expect during the festival. Please don't hesitate to email me (Janessa Dornstauder) at bcsacoordinator@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have after reading this document. You can also get in touch with the organizers and other participants by visiting our Facebook group "Bamfield Fungus Festival Community". This Facebook group is also a great place to coordinate ride shares and organize group bookings for accommodation, as well as stay connected to the Bamfield Fungus Festival Community. I look forward to spending a wonderful time learning about the wonderful fungi of Bamfield with you!

How to Get to Bamfield



From Victoria: There are two options for getting to Bamfield from Victoria:

-Via Duncan: Travel north on the #1 Island Highway to Duncan. Just north of Duncan turn left on Hwy. 18, travelling west to Lake Cowichan. Passing through Lake Cowichan, you will enter a network of gravel logging roads. Follow the signs for Bamfield. The logging route is approximately 120kms. Total travel time is ~ 4 hours.

-Via Port Alberni: Travel north on the #1 Island Highway to Nanaimo. Continue north through Nanaimo, turning right at the Hwy. 4 exit for Port Alberni/Bamfield. Once you arrive in Port Alberni, follow the signs for Bamfield and the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. You will enter a gravel logging road that is approximately 76 kms. Follow the signs to Bamfield. Total travel time is ~ 4.5 hours.

From Nanaimo: From Departure Bay, turn right on the #1 Island Highway travelling north. Follow the directions as above to Port Alberni. Total travel time is ~ 3 hours.

From Port Alberni by ferry: (<http://www.ladyrosemarine.com/>)

Via West Coast Trail Express: (http://www.trailbus.com/Schedule_wct.html)

For more information, please consult these websites:

<http://www.bamfieldchamber.com/about-bamfield/bamfield-transit>

<http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/about/bmsc-overview/how-to-get-here>

Rideshare: If you have space in your vehicle or need a ride please visit the “Bamfield Fungus Festival Community” group on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BamfieldFungusFestival/?ref=br_rs

Accommodation in Bamfield

Bamfield has a motel, many fishing lodges, B&Bs and a campground all within walking distance. The Bamfield Inlet bisects the town; we have an east side and a west side. When you drive into Bamfield you arrive on the east side. It is impossible to drive to the west side, as it is boat-access only.

Accommodations are available on the west and east side. You may decide to stay on the east side for ease of (road) access. If you decide to stay on the west side, it is highly recommended you bring some sort of water transportation such as a kayak, or ensure your accommodations have a way for you to get across. Water taxi service is available via Paradise Water Taxi (250-728-1212) and Bamfield Water Taxi (250-728-1295).

For campers, there are two camping options, the Bamfield Centennial Park and Pachena campground. Bamfield Centennial Park is very close to the school where most of the activities will take place. Pachena campground is right on Pachena beach which is about a 10-minute drive away.

What to Bring

Food: Not all accommodation will come with cooking facilities and ‘eating out’ in Bamfield is not always available. We do have two restaurants in town called The Pub and The Café, however opening times and days are variable. Groceries can be purchased at Mercantile and Marine (which also serves a variety of food including pizzas, paninis, etc.) on the west side and at the Market on the east side. The stores are usually closed by 6 or 6:30pm. The festival will have you busy, and I highly recommend you bring some food with you during activities.

Outdoor gear: It rains in Bamfield a lot, all year round, even in the summer. This is great; it means more fungus earlier in the season! For your comfort please bring warm clothes, a rain coat, rain pants and gum boots. We will be doing two forest walks which include walking on uneven and often very muddy and slippery ground.

Mushroom collecting equipment: Please bring a basket, several sheets of wax paper for wrapping mushrooms in, a knife and a fungus Identification guide (the latter is optional).

Cash: Bamfield has an ATM at the Market. But for ease of not stopping, bring cash with you to purchase gifts at galleries and of course a Bamfield Fungus Festival T-shirt!

Bamfield Fungus Festival Fee

Learning about mushrooms and exploring the outdoors while fungus hunting should be available to everyone no matter what their financial situation! Almost all of the events during the Bamfield Fungus Festival are free! So tell your friends and everybody you know about it, the more people who participate, the more successful the event and the more it will grow in future years. It's also for all ages so bring the kids too!

The BCSA has received funding from the Government of Canada for BFF 2018. Funding is not always reliable for future years so donations to keep Fungus Festival sustainable are greatly appreciated.

Things to do Before and After the festival

Visit the Marine Station: The Bamfield Marine Sciences Center has numerous aquaria and a really fun touch tank in the whale lab where you can see and interact with local marine animals. No need to call for a tour, just show up and give poke around or head straight to the whale lab. <http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/>

Visit Brady's Gallery: Just a two-minute walk from the board walk (and en route to Brady's beach) is a very cute gift shop (take a left after going up the metal steps). All crafts are locally hand crafted here in Bamfield.

Tour the west side of Bamfield: They call the west side the best side, and for a good reason. The west side is home to Brady's beach, the scenic boardwalk and Brady's gallery. A walk along the board walk takes about 10-15 minutes from end to end, you'll pass community art works, 'penny lane', 'button alley', and 'key west-Bamfield', multiple flower boxes and end up at the store. Brady's beach is about a 15-10 minute walk along a gravel road from any point along the board walk. It is well worth the effort, the beach is littered with sea stacks, drift wood, shells and beach glass, and it has an amazing view and some incredible tide pools.

Fishing charters: Visit www.bamfieldchamber.com to see a list of companies offering fishing charters.

Hiking: Bamfield is conveniently close to many trail heads within the Pacific Rim National Park. The trail head to Keeha, Tapaltos and Cape Beale is located at the end of South Bamfield Road (take your first right after the Dump/Recycling Depot heading out of Bamfield). You can do day hikes into the West Coast Trail; the trail head is located at Pachena Bay (take the right into the park where the paved road meets the logging road).

Where to Find ...

Groceries: There is the east side Market, located on Frigate Rd at the first 4 way stop when you enter Bamfield, and the west side general store, Mercantile and Marine, located near the government dock.

Food etc.: On the east side there is a café and restaurant called the Market, and the Pub which is across the street from the market. Both run seasonal hours, so it is a good idea to check in or call when you arrive to find out what the hours are.

Cell Service: Close to the school and on top of the hill is the fire department- this is a good location to get cell service. There is a pay phone located on the east side next to the pub, across from the Market.

Internet Access: The BSCA office located in the community school offers computer use and internet by donation. Open during normal work hours.

Gas: There is a gas bar in Anacla, open Mon – Fri 9 am to 4pm. You will see a sign for Anacla, Gas Bar. It is a good idea to fill up in Port Alberni to avoid being out of gas outside of the gas bar hours.

ATM: There is an ATM at the east side Market (Frigate Road, at the first 4 way stop when you enter Bamfield).

Car Repair Help: Breaker's Marine will be able to help you in the case of car troubles. They are located beside the east side Market on Frigate Road. Breaker's or Bamfield Builders (behind Breaker's) are great places to go for propane, or any mechanic/building supply related needs.

Camping Supplies: Breaker's Marine located beside the Market on the east side.

Boat Fuel: McKay Bay Lodge has a local fuel dock/pump and offers marine fuel. Located on the west side (south end) of the inlet. Fuel is also available at Kingfisher dock. Located on the east side of the inlet near the buildings with the blue roofs.

Post Office: The post office is located next to the General Store on the west side - you can pick up your post cards and send them off in the same trip! Post services available Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat. Post box + stamps + postcards can be found at the east side Market as well.

Health Care: The Bamfield Health Centre is located at 353 Bamfield Road (keep going north past the pub). Regular hours are Mon to Fri 9am to 4pm. Phone: 250-728-3312. It is recommended to call ahead to make sure the nurse is in the office. If you have an emergency, call 911.

Bamfield-Pachena Bay (land) Taxi
(250) 728 3363

Mercantile and Marine (west side)
(250) 728 3351

The Market (east side)
(250) 728 2000 or (250) 728 3500

Bamfield Builders Supply
(250) 728 1223

Breakers Marine
(250) 728 3281

Bamfield Water Taxi
(250) 728 1295

Paradise water taxi
(250) 728 1212

Bamfield Marine Science Center
(250) 728 3301

VIHA (Health clinic)
(250) 728 3312

BCSA/Community School
(250) 728 1220

