

Surfing Long Beach Lodge

Rumour has it, kitchen staff at Long Beach Lodge Resort get the odd call at work from their surfing friends looking for wave reports. That's because when they glance up from the open kitchen and across the magnificent Great Room, this is what they see. The resort is known for its premium ocean-view accommodation, amazing food, and luxurious surf club, complete with spa-like change rooms and hot tub. Lessons and gear rentals get you out on the waves in no time. longbeachlodge.com



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WHAT A VIEW!

People come from all over the world to golf the Island's courses. And admit it: Island golfers are a bit spoiled. With some of Canada's best courses within driving distance, and most open all year round, you can choose a course depending on the view you want, like this one at Highland Pacific Golf Course in Victoria. Plus, you never have to put away your clubs – you just switch from your summer golf wardrobe to the winter version sometime in the later fall. vancouverislandgolf.ca

WALKABOUT

Pick a community or a neighbourhood, park the car, and walk. Simple, free, and easy, walking is good exercise and you'll see so much more.

It is possible to be practical and stylish at the same time. Ibex Merino Constance infinity scarf (line available at Robinson's Outdoor Store, \$45); TO9 women's broad-brim hat (Tilley Endurables, \$79); Topo daypack in olive cordura (Sitka, \$200); Keen Presidio walking shoes (MEC, \$129)



Horses at School

Queen Margaret's School, an international boarding school for girls founded in 1921 in Duncan, is known for its quality education but, in particular, for its equestrian program. Girls from grades four to 12 can earn their Equine Canada riding levels and credits toward graduation. The program includes jumping, dressage, and competition, as well as stable management and pre-veterinary exploration. Students can even bring their own horses. / qms.bc.ca



Orca moms rule the pods. Orcas have a matriarchal social system, with the oldest female as the leader in charge of teaching hunting and language (yes, they have a language) to the youngsters. About 80 orcas in three pods live in southern Vancouver Island waters and 16 pods live in Johnstone Strait and Queen Charlotte Strait in the North Island waters. Spring and summer are prime times for orca-watching in both areas.