

The Hidden Groves—a bit of history

The story of the Hidden Groves Legacy is one of survival. Charred bark, up to a foot thick on the largest Douglas firs [some over 700 years old], is the reminder of long ago natural fires. When the forest canopy had regrown following partial cutting in the late 19th/early 20th century, the Ministry of Forests asked the local logging company to leave this area intact as a fire break, despite intensive harvesting all around it. Beginning in 2000, Sunshine Coast residents passionately resisted plans to harvest 95% of these 125 precious acres which today are set aside solely for recreation and education by the Community Forest.

One of the unusual features near the Hidden Groves parking area is the recent revival of 'bark stripping' by the Sechelt Indian Band. Leaving the tree unharmed, the cedar bark is still used for traditional baskets, regalia and clothing.

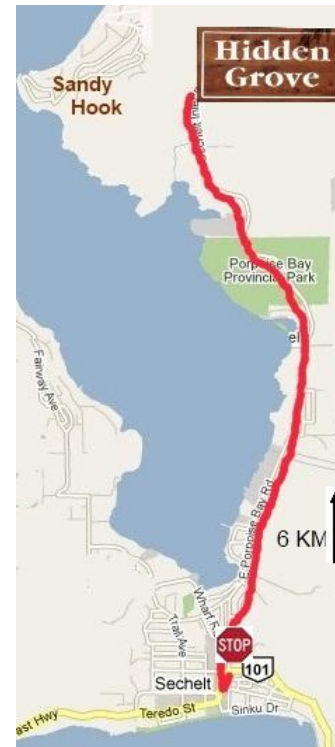
The gently rising trail into the heart of the Hidden Groves passes rocky outcrops and mossy plateaus to arrive at the Ancient Grove, a concentrated grouping of firs, both old growth and large second growth. From here, more challenging trails lead to named trees such as the 'Twister' and the 'Lonely Giant' as well Pine Bluff with its 'mystery' bench and view of Sechelt. Along the way, sharp eyes may spot uncommon species such as the white pine, western yew, evergreen huckleberry or rattlesnake plantain.

Hidden Groves Legacy is blessed with varied terrain which blocks the sounds of civilization, creating the illusion of a much larger and more remote forest, thus allowing everyone a private experience of this remarkable place.

Please Note: There are no washrooms and no garbage disposal. Remove pet waste from public areas and trails.

Find your way

From downtown Sechelt go back to the main traffic lights and proceed straight ahead through them (you are on Wharf Street) to the first top sign. Turn right and keep going—past the Provincial Park until you go up a hill with a left curve. At the top you will see the Hidden Grove sign - turn right into the parking area. (If you see the Sandy Hook sign you have gone 200 feet too far!)



Getting in touch

On the Web at www.hiddengrove.net
History—Pictures—Guides—Plans & more
There is a [Guestbook](#) to sign too.

Post to:
Hidden Grove Legacy Committee
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Hidden Groves Legacy



Some Nice Things About The Hidden Groves

- unique combination of ancient giant trees, maple wetland and rocky promontories.
- lots of trail selection and some posted maps to guide you
- easy access and parking at entrance to trails
- most trails are a minimal challenge for any walker
- Views of Vancouver Island and Sechelt Inlet
- legal off-leash area for well behaved dogs

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Check out these

Features of the Groves:

- * The Ancient Grove
- * The Lonely Giant
- * The Sechelt Vista
- * Northern Loop with the Twister Detour
- * Connector routes to the Sechelt Heritage Forest

PLEASE take care when crossing Inlet Road.

PLEASE come back soon AND tell your friends about the Groves in Sechelt.

