

Denman Island Frequently Asked Questions

Everything you need to know when visiting!

*Island life is laid-back and peaceful but may have fewer conveniences.
This FAQ will help you plan ahead for a perfect getaway.*

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW WHEN VISITING...

Water levels are low in the summer and early fall.

It's recommended to bring your own drinking water (or purchase at the [General Store](#)) and conserve water while you are here.

Bring cash. Many of our home businesses and artists use cash only, and sometimes cheques or e-transfer are accepted. (ATM is available inside the General Store)

Call ahead to see if Artists and other home businesses are open. Business hours may be seasonal and varied – many people have additional jobs or farmwork and may not always be available.

There are limited food options in the evening and on Sundays.

Check open hours of restaurants and stock up on supplies at the General Store or Farmers Market.

GENERAL DENMAN ISLAND INFORMATION

How big is the island?

19 km by 5 km at its longest and widest points. Population approximately 1100.

Where is there a public toilet in the village?

[Guesthouse Bistro](#), the [General Store](#), and the [Café-Pourium](#).



Where are other public toilets on the Island?

Both Ferry Terminals, and outhouses at [Fillongley Park](#), [Bill Mee Park](#), & [Boyle Point Provincial](#) Park.

Pets on Denman?

Dogs should be leashed, and all pets should be kept in a fenced yard when unsupervised.

Where can I find Visitor Information, brochures and maps?

You may find hard copy maps and brochures at the [General Store](#) or [Abraxas](#), and online information at www.visitdenmanisland.ca

ACCOMODATIONS

Where can I stay overnight?

[Places to stay on Denman Island](#) are very limited.

There are several B&Bs and one campground.

Plan ahead and book early!



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TECHNOLOGY ON DENMAN ISLAND

Where can I access WiFi?

In the village at the [Denman Activity Centre](#) (DAC), [Dora Drinkwater Library](#), the [Café Pourium](#), and at the [Guesthouse Bistro](#).

Where is there an ATM?

There is an automatic teller machine at the General Store.



Cell Service?

There are areas of Denman Island where cell service is not available. Cell carriers include Telus, Bell, Rogers, and Koodo.

THINGS TO DO

What is there to do on the island?

Check the [Event Listings](#) on [visitdenmanisland.ca](#) or pick up a recent issue of the Islands Grapevine newspaper at the General Store or Abraxas.

When is the Farmers Market open?

The [Denman Island Farmers Market](#) runs on Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm from May - September, and you can also catch the Reusables “FREE” Store.

When are the art tours?

- [Pottery Studio Tour, May 18, 19, 2019](#)
- [Home and Garden Tour, June 15-16, 2019](#)
- [Readers & Writers Festival, July 18-21, 2019](#)
- [Art Studio Tour, July 27-28, 2019](#)
- [Summer Art Gallery June-August 2019](#)



Fitness activities?

There is a Fitness Centre in the [Denman Activity Centre](#) and a variety of drop-in fitness programs including Pickleball, Tai Chi, Bellyfit, and Table Tennis. [See the schedule here](#). Tennis Courts are in the village beside the playground.

Museum hours? Library hours?

Museum: Open in the afternoons in July & August.

Dora Drinkwater Library: Open all year, 6 days a week from 1:30 – 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 5-7 pm. Closed Sundays and holidays.

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Are campfires allowed in the summer?

Usually not. For updated info please check <http://www.denmanfire.ca/>



Where may I camp?

There is one campground on Denman Island at Fillongley Park, **book early** by contacting 250-474-1336 or online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/fillongley/

Where to go swimming?

There is a path to a lovely beach located at the corner of MacFarlane and East Roads (parking across the road), and also at [Fillongley Provincial Park](#).

Bike Rentals?

At the [Denman Guesthouse Bistro](#), \$25/day including the helmet.

Tennis Courts?

A tennis court is beside the playground in the Village area (Northwest Road).



Tour operators?

[Denman Hornby Canoes & Kayaks](#) (250-335-0079).

Outdoor spots to visit or hike?

- Morning Beach Park – at the north end of The Point Road
- Denman West Public Dock – at the Denman West ferry terminal
- Central Park – park entrance across from the Old School Centre
- Fillongley Provincial Park – on the east side of Denman Island
- Bill Mee Park & Boat Launch – 1 km south of the Hornby Island ferry terminal
- Boyle Point Provincial Park – at the southern tip of Denman Island

[See 6 Outdoor spots to visit or hike Map](#) >



Visiting Tree Island/Sandy Island Marine Park

- Tree Island is accessible by foot at tides lower than 2.5 m. Public access is from the end of Gladstone Way on Denman. Hike 2.8 km along the shore north to Longbeak Point, then another 1 km across the sand flats to Tree Island. The nearest boat launch is from Union Bay 4.5 km to the south-west.
- There is no fresh water on the island, and fires are prohibited.
- Because of its proximity to CFB Comox, you may find smoke canisters from military exercises – these should not be disturbed but reported to 250-339-8211.

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SERVICES

Is there garbage pick-up available?

Every Wednesday morning during the summer, every second Wednesday during the rest of the year. Tickets available at the General Store for \$2.50 each (per bag).

Reusables Store, Recycling & Bottle Depots?

Summer Hours: [Recycling and Bottle Depot](#) is open
Saturdays 9:00 a.m-1:00 pm and 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. & Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.



Who do I call to change a tire? Get a tow?

Stuart MacNutt, 250-335-2965



Moorage at the public dock? A boat launch?

[Denman Island Community Dock](#) has short-term overnight moorage (maximum two consecutive nights) at one dollar per boat length.
Launch at [Bill Mee Park & Boat Launch](#).



Where is the nearest hospital? Who to call for an ambulance or in case of fire?

St. Joseph's in Comox is the nearest hospital. Please call 911 for ambulance or fire.

Where are the Emergency Social Services (ESS) reception centers?

Gathering Points are Elkhaven at 2325 Northwest Road, the Community School, or the Firehall.
Contact person for ESS is Edi Johnston.

DRIVING ON DENMAN ISLAND

The Maximum speed limit is 60 on our rural roads and is reduced in some areas.

- **Obey the posted speed limits.**
- **Don't pass** - Narrow, curvy roads, and small shoulders leave no room for error.
- **Be courteous** - Slow down on gravel roads – the dust reduces visibility and torments the neighbours
- **Watch for Wildlife** – there are abundant wild black-tailed deer on the island and they frequently cross the roads.
- **Watch for horses & children!** Either can be on a road at any time and can be unpredictable.
- **Heading to Hornby?** *The Hornby ferry waits* for the traffic coming from Denman West, they will not leave without you!

For more information, go to www.visitdenmanisland.ca or email info@visitdenmanisland.ca