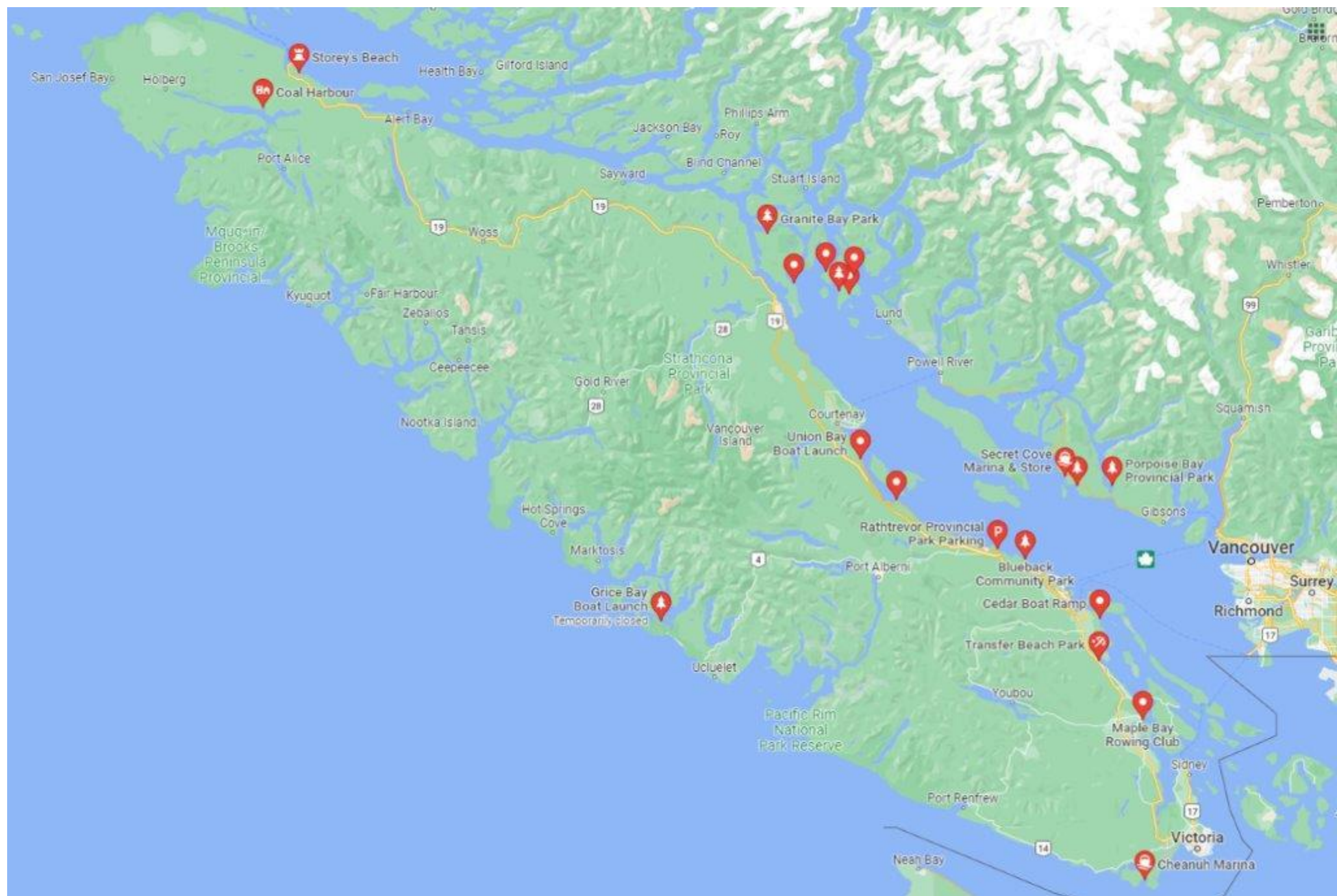


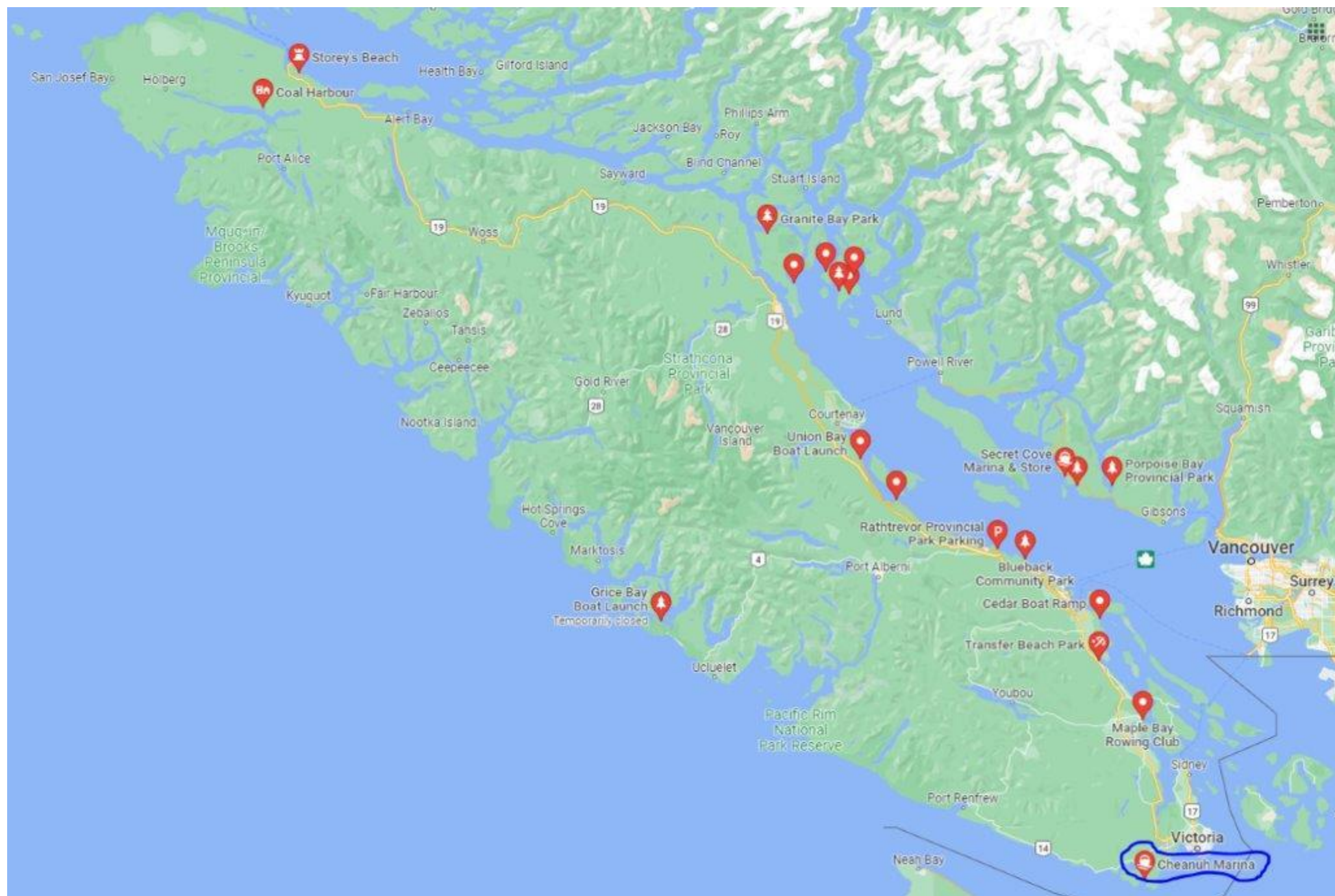
A scenic view of a calm lake with forested mountains in the background and several kayakers in the foreground. The water is still, reflecting the surrounding landscape. The kayakers are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with their colorful gear and paddles visible. The mountains in the background are covered in dense green forest and are partially shrouded in a light mist or haze.

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So You Want To Paddle on the Ocean ...  
First Strokes







## Becher Bay (Cheanuh Marina)

- Easy to get to from Victoria and Sooke
- Good road access
- Easy parking beside boat ramp
- Parking fee

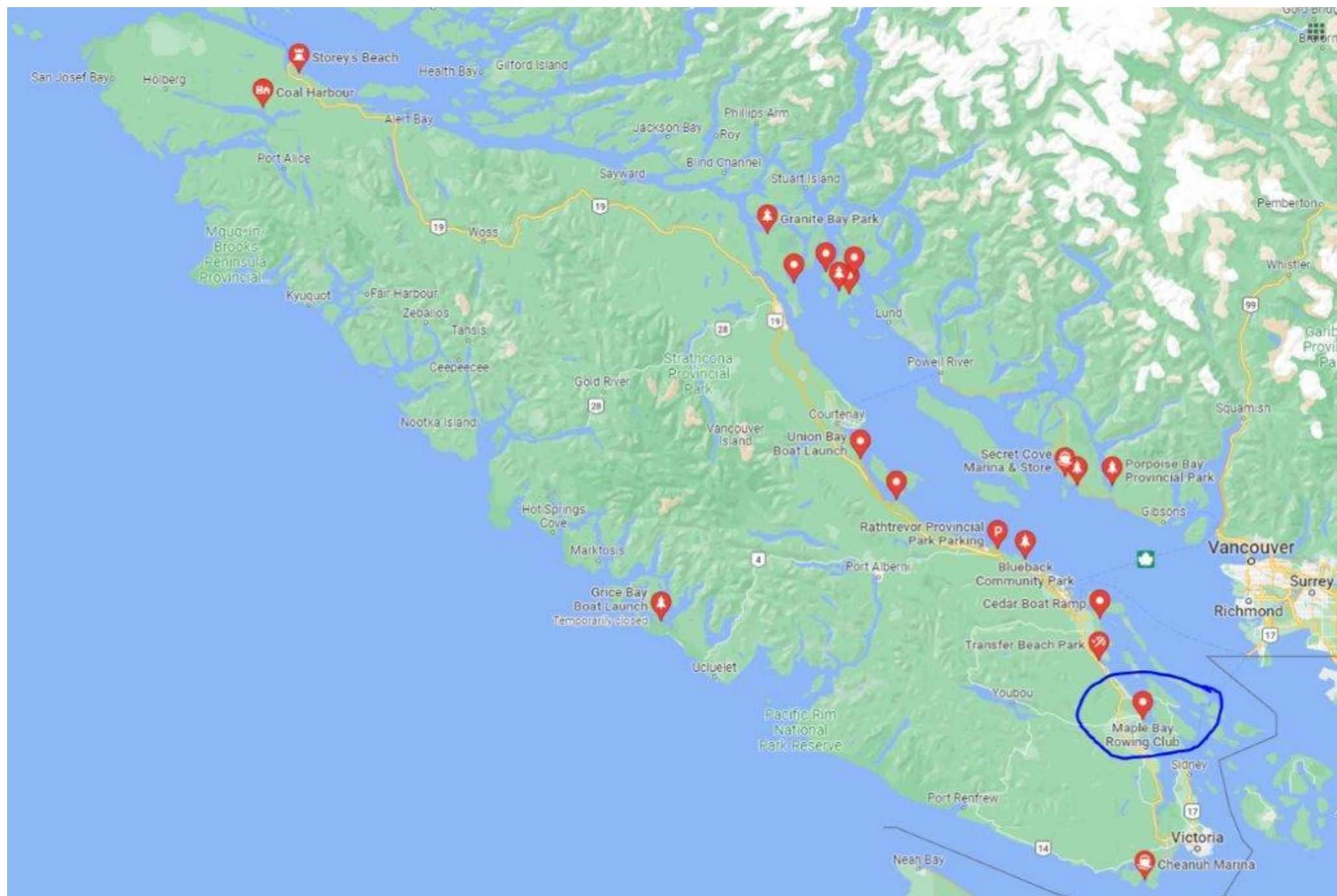


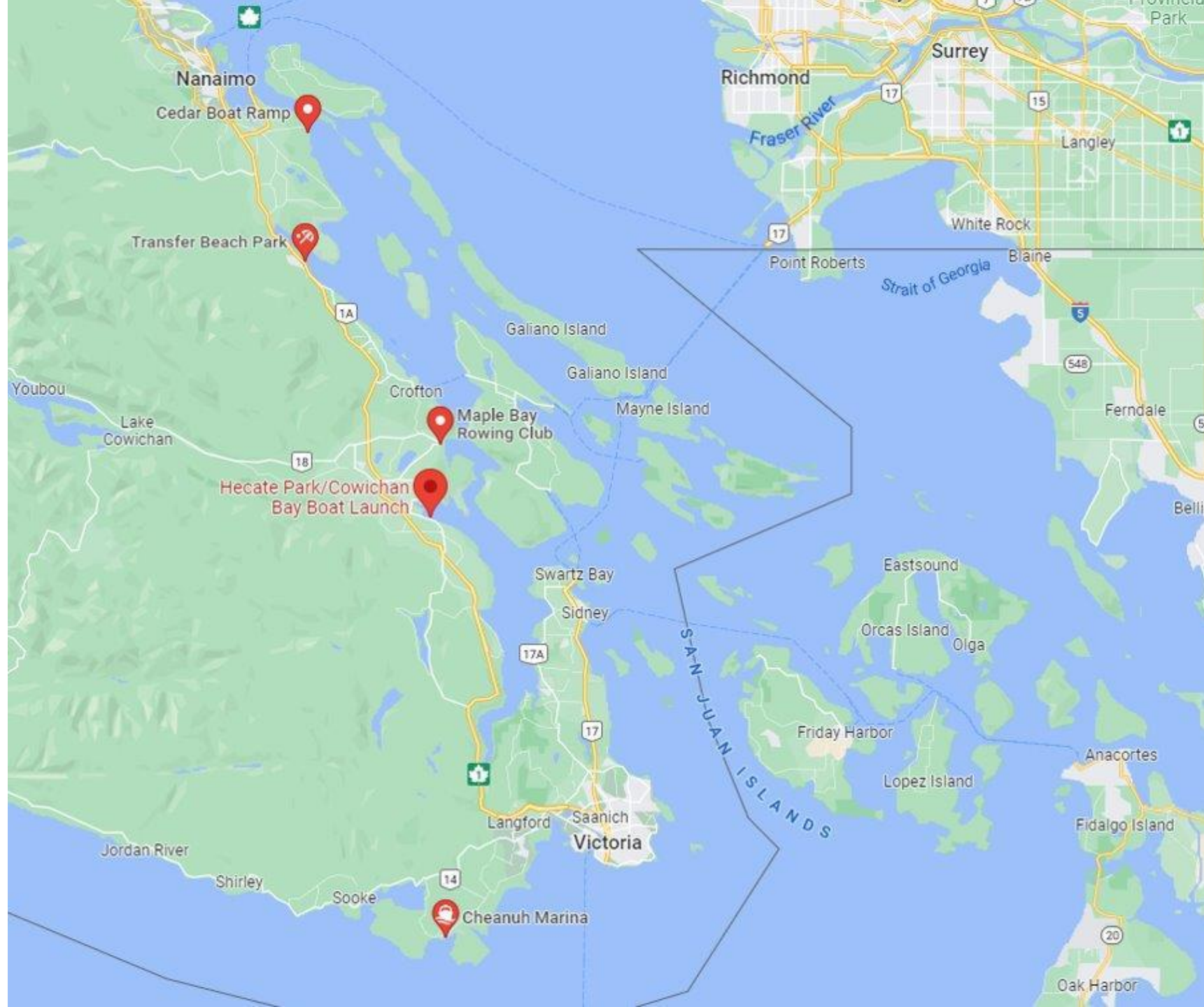




Becher Bay









## Maple Bay

- Easy access from Duncan
- Easy put in beside boat club ramp
- Parking available
- Sheltered bay

## Cowichan Bay (Hacate Park)

- Easy to get to from Victoria and Duncan
- Good road access
- Muddy beach!

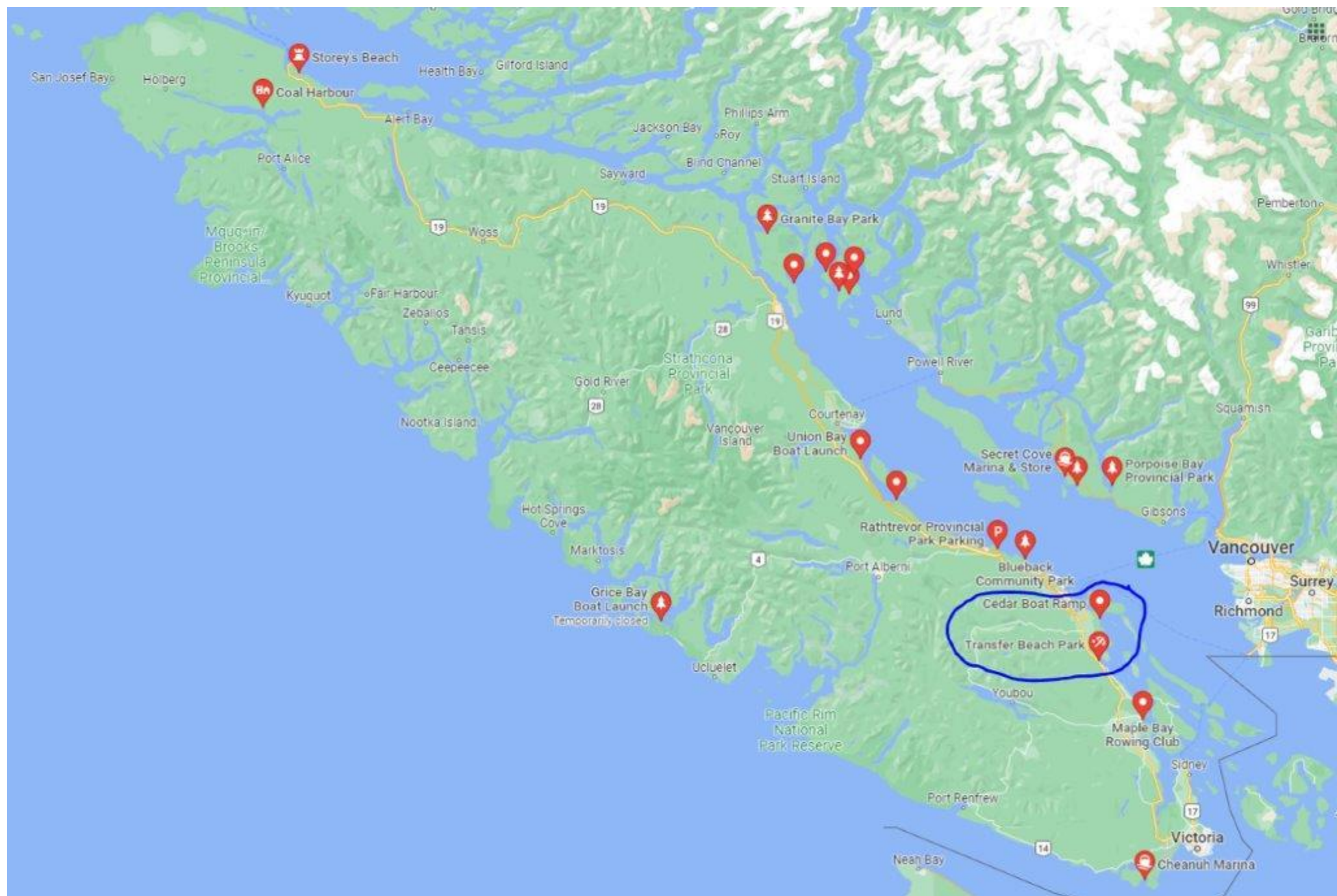




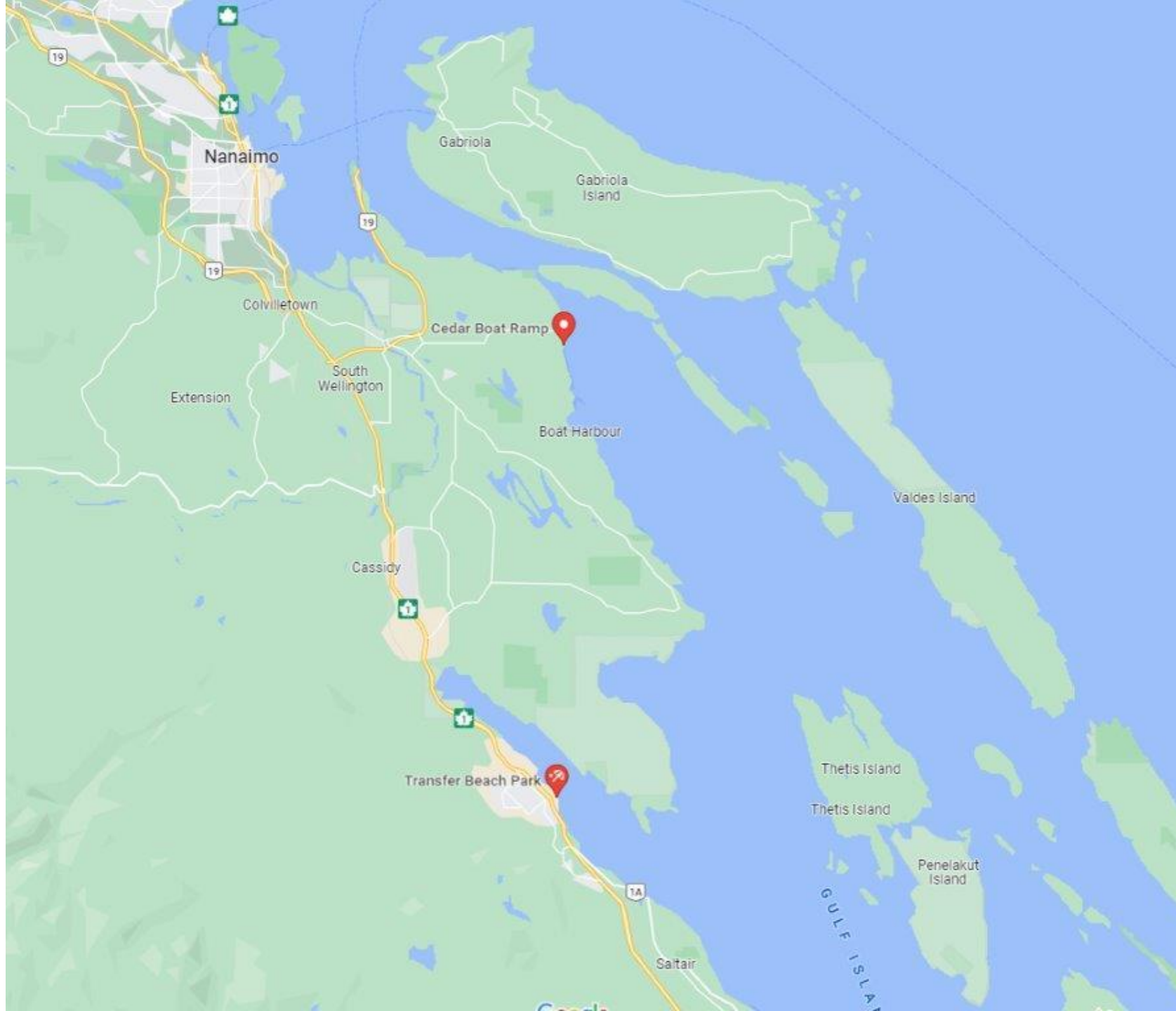
Cowichan Bay





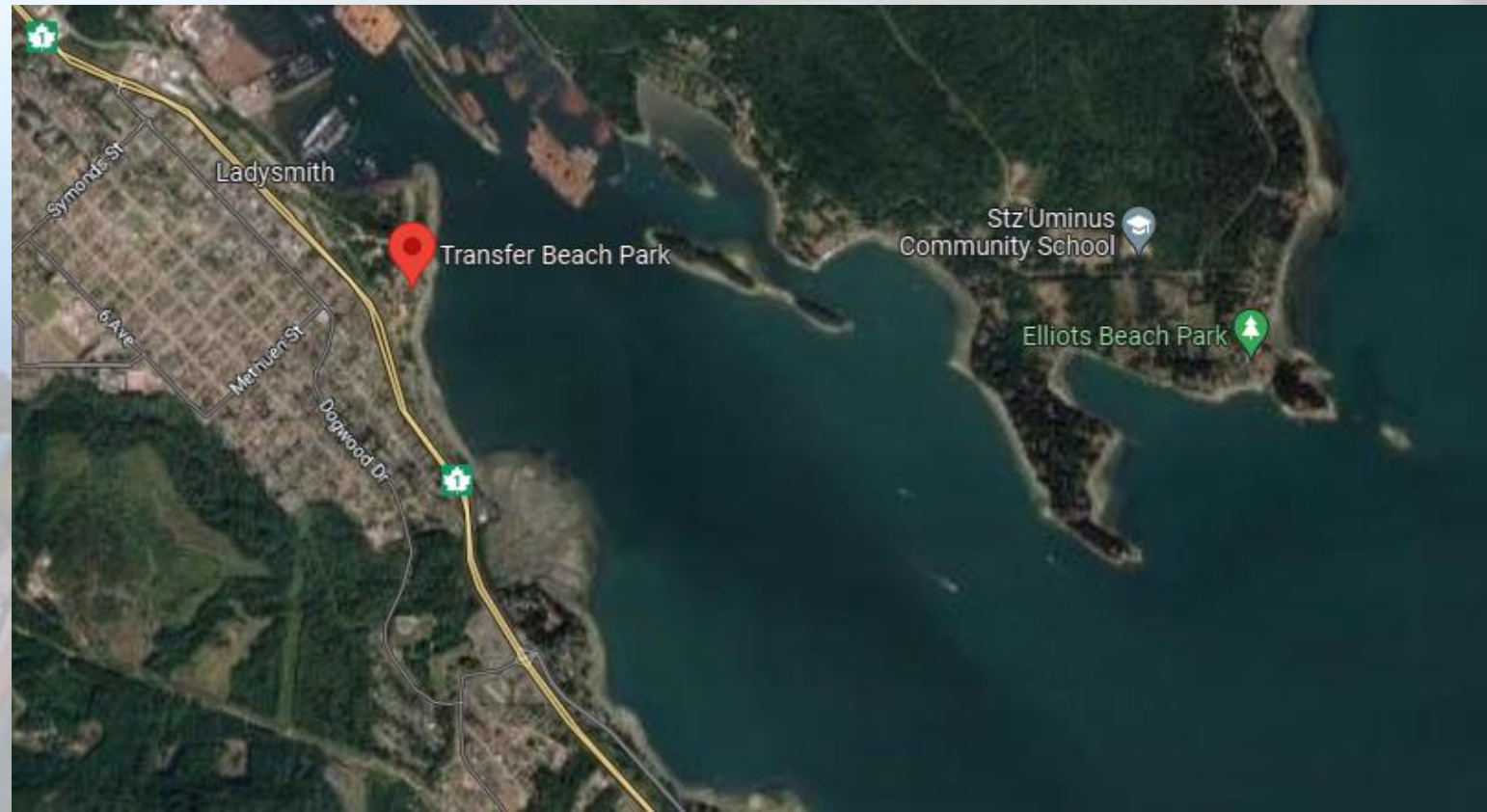






## Ladysmith (Transfer Beach Park)

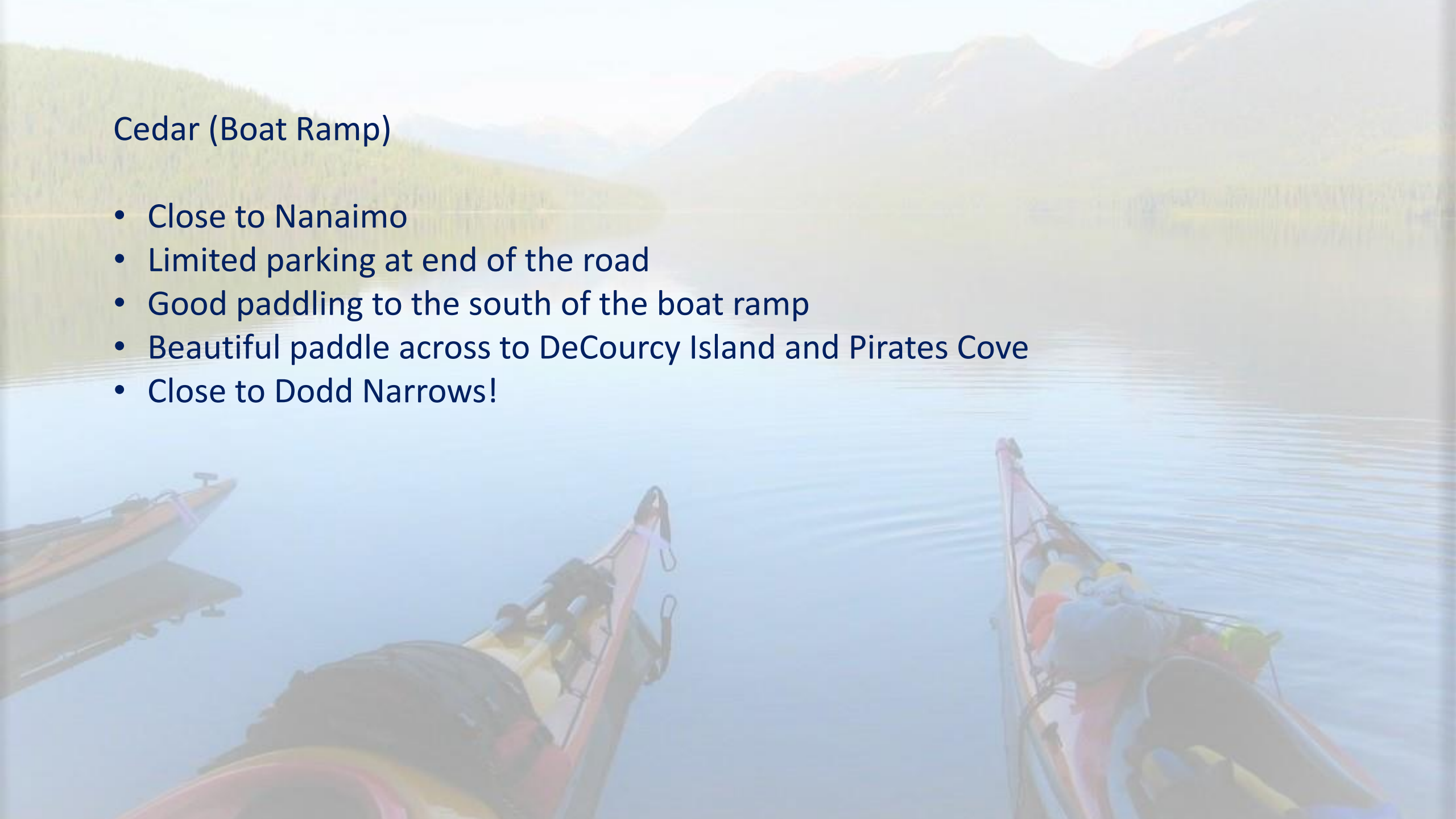
- Easy to get to from Nanaimo
- The inlet at Ladysmith not too nice
- But nice little islands across from Ladysmith



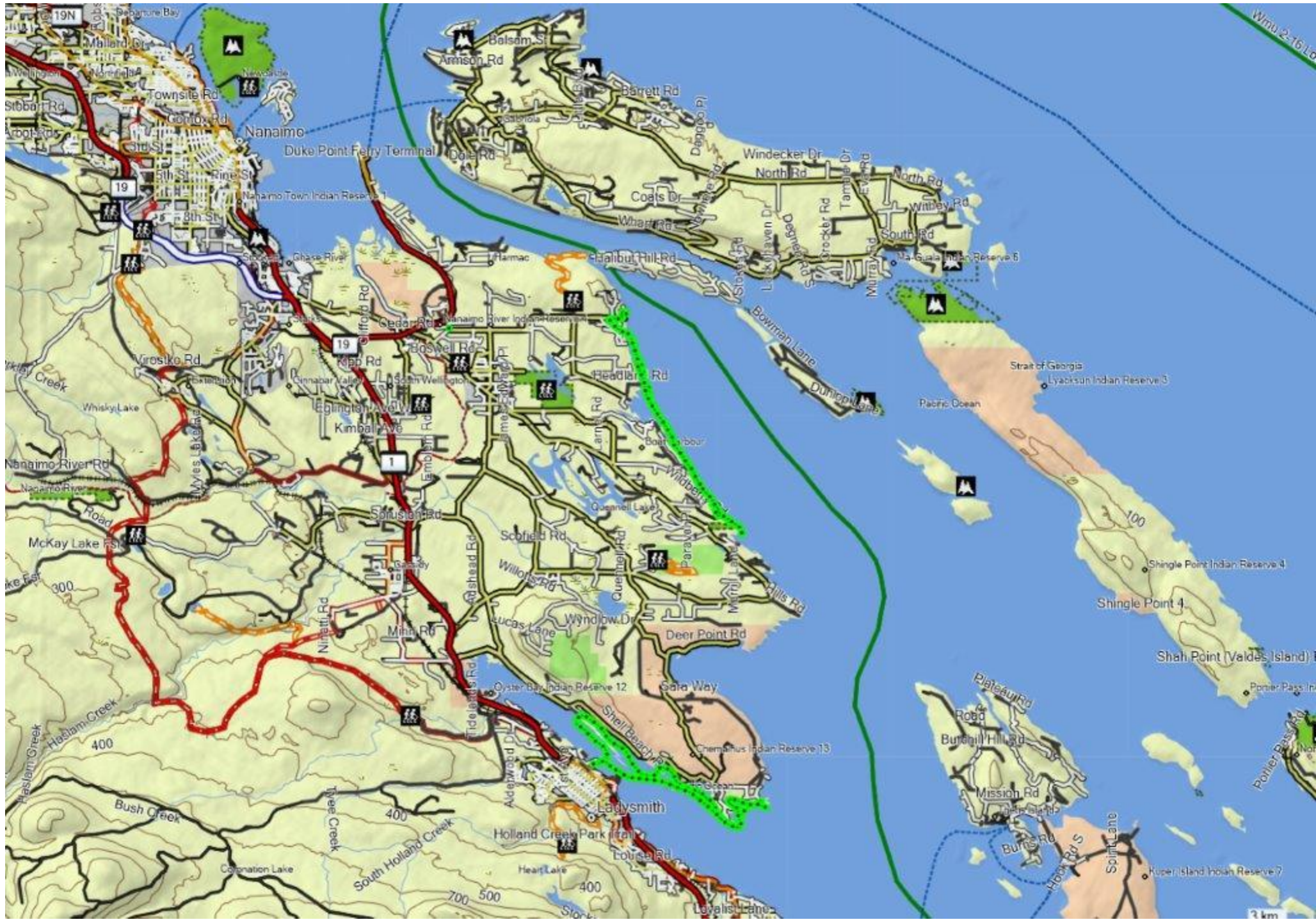


## Cedar (Boat Ramp)

- Close to Nanaimo
- Limited parking at end of the road
- Good paddling to the south of the boat ramp
- Beautiful paddle across to DeCourcy Island and Pirates Cove
- Close to Dodd Narrows!









Cedar





Cedar

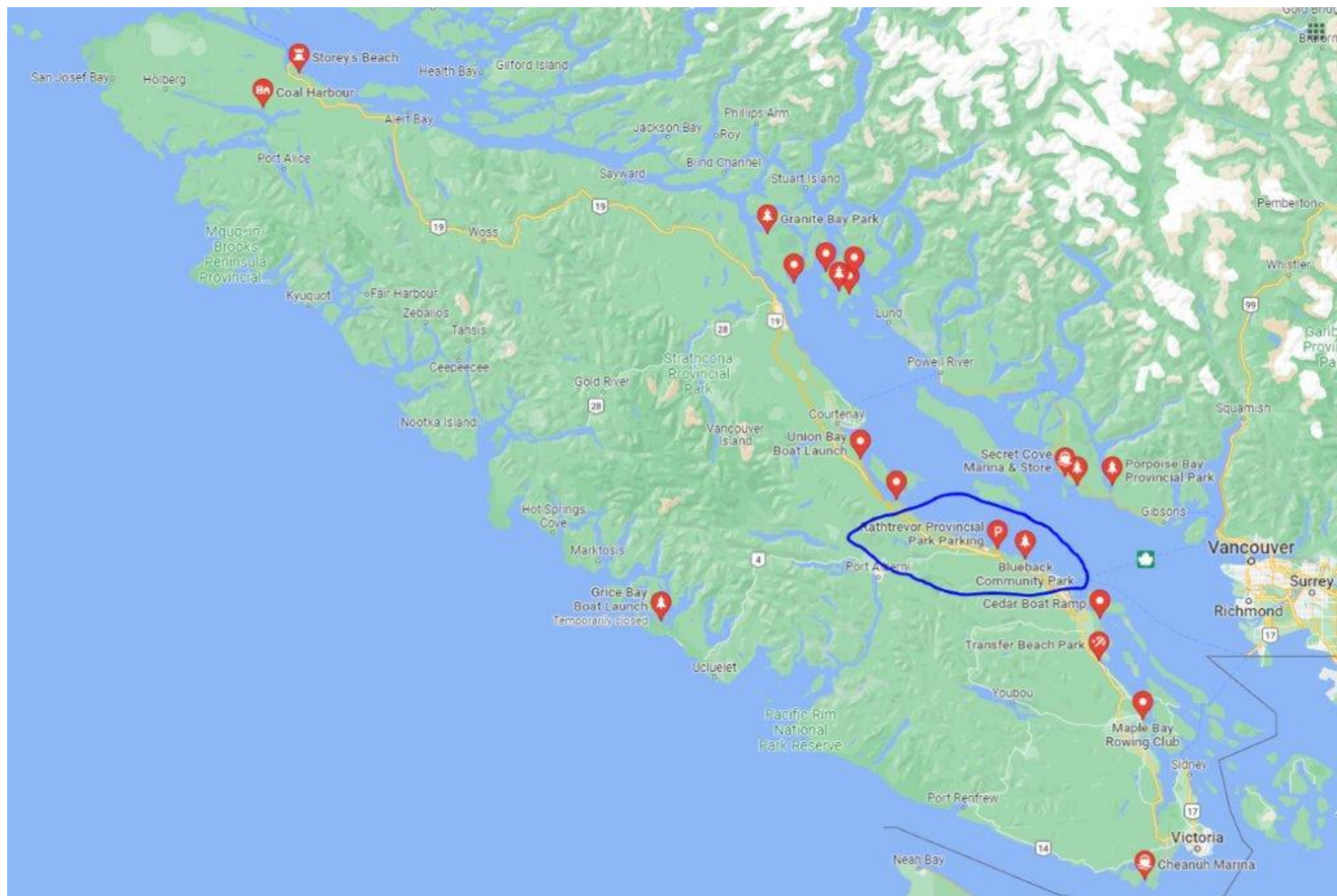




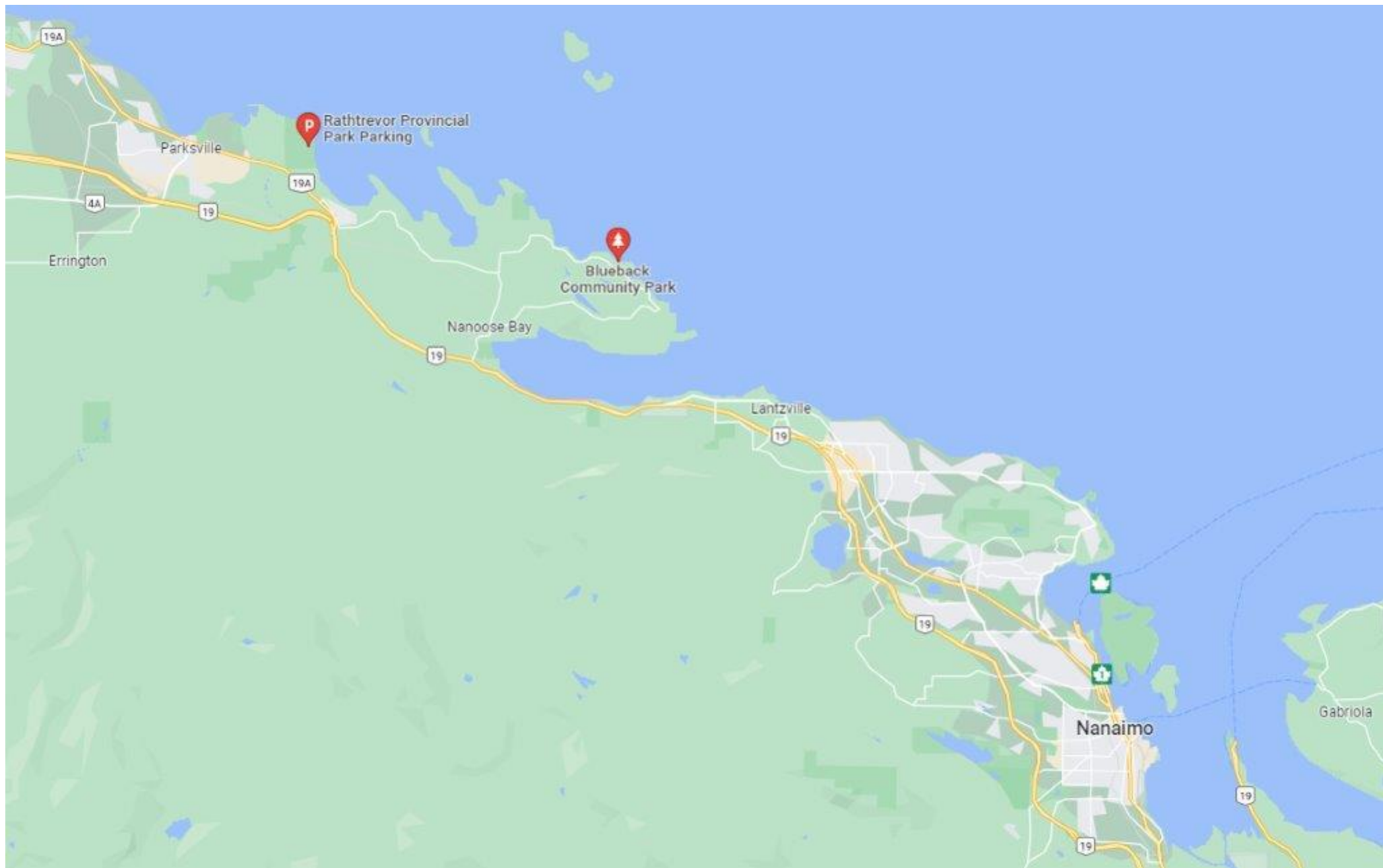
DeCourcy Island









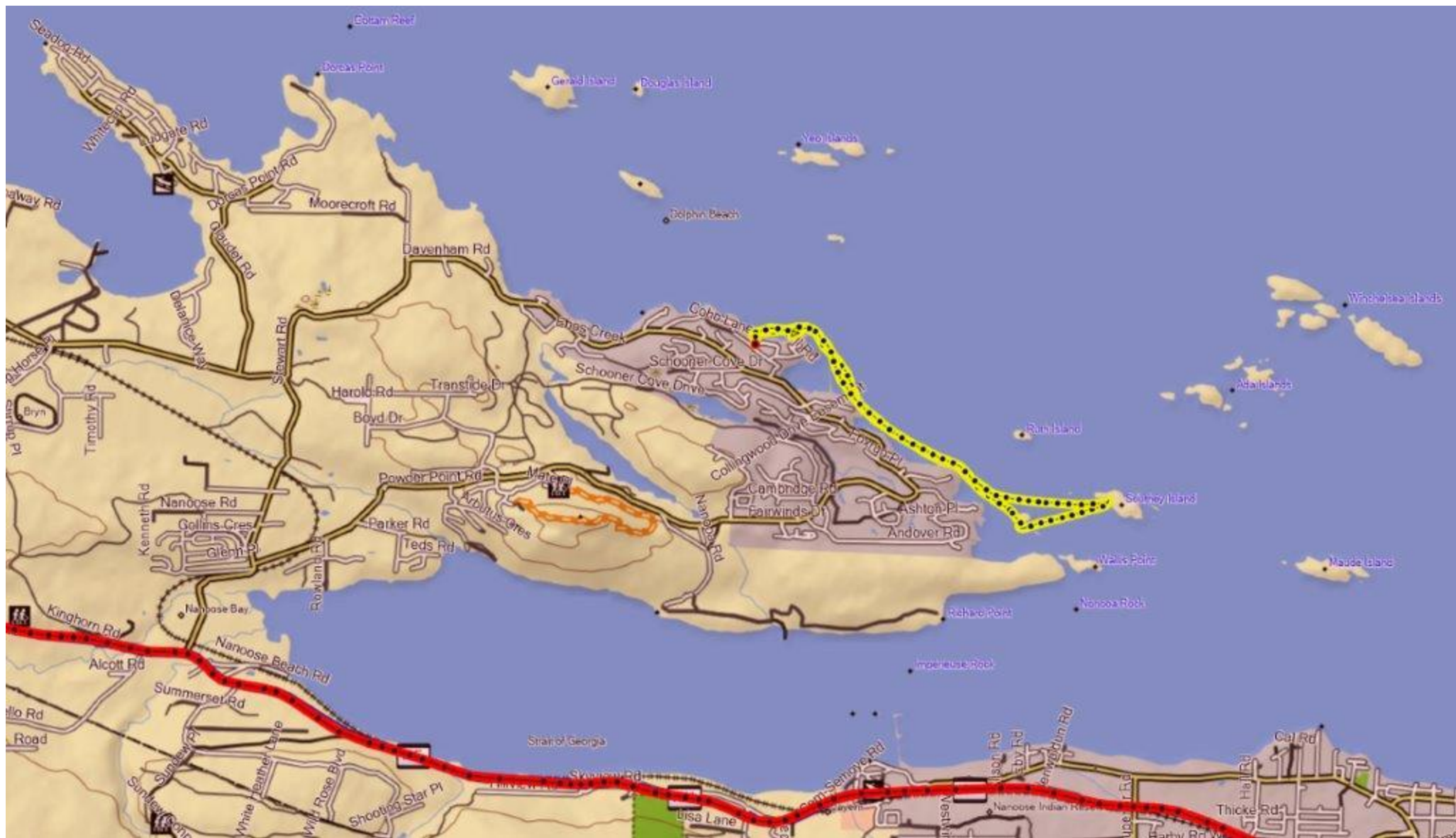


## Nanoose (Blueback Community Park)

- Close to Nanaimo
- Small local park with limited parking
- Lots of little islands to explore





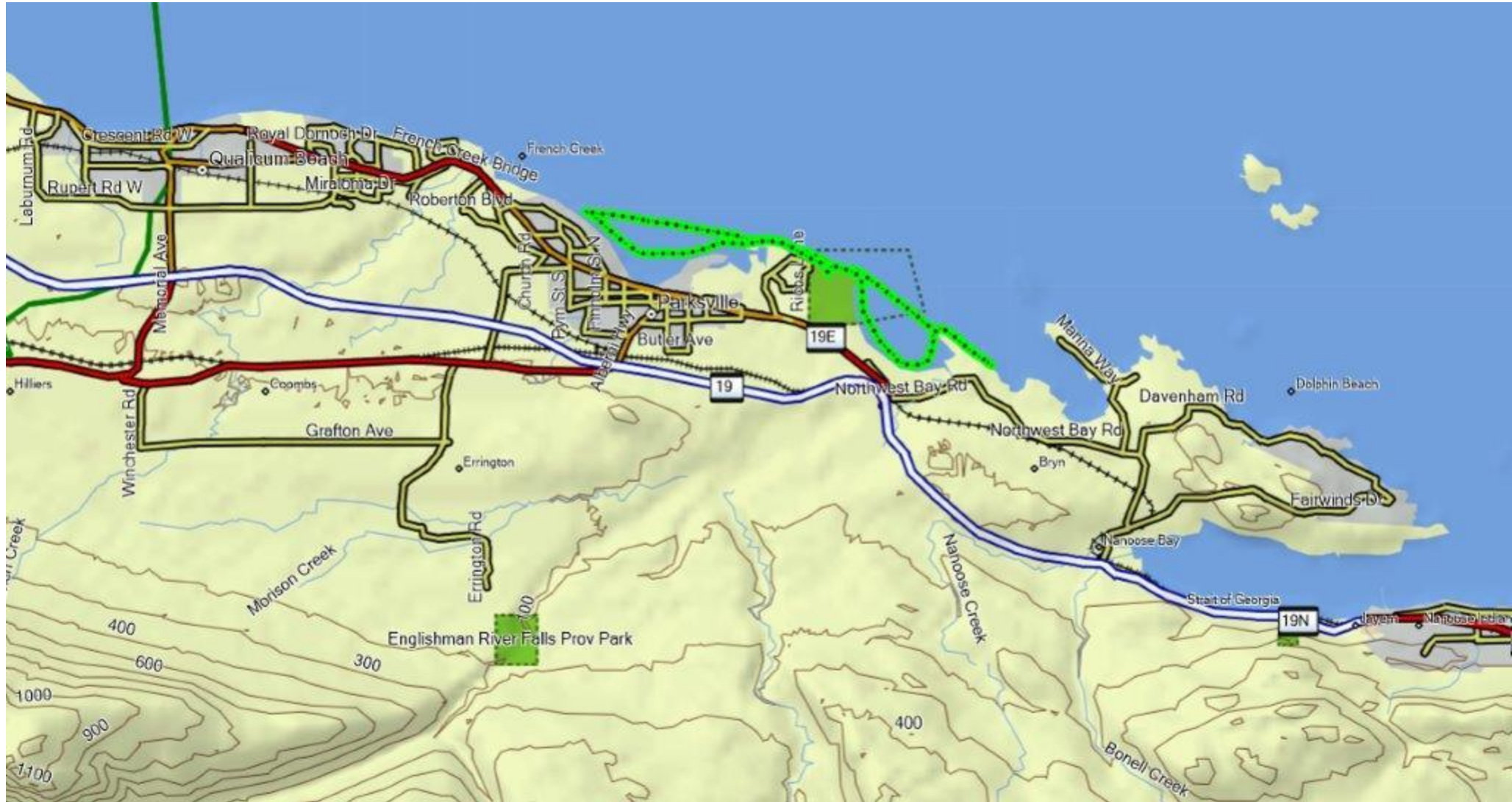


## Parksville (Rathtrevor)

- Can put in at the Rathtrevor Campground
- Huge day parking facilities
- Bit of a walk when the tide is out
- Easy coast line paddle in both directions from Rathtrevor
- Big quiet shallow bay





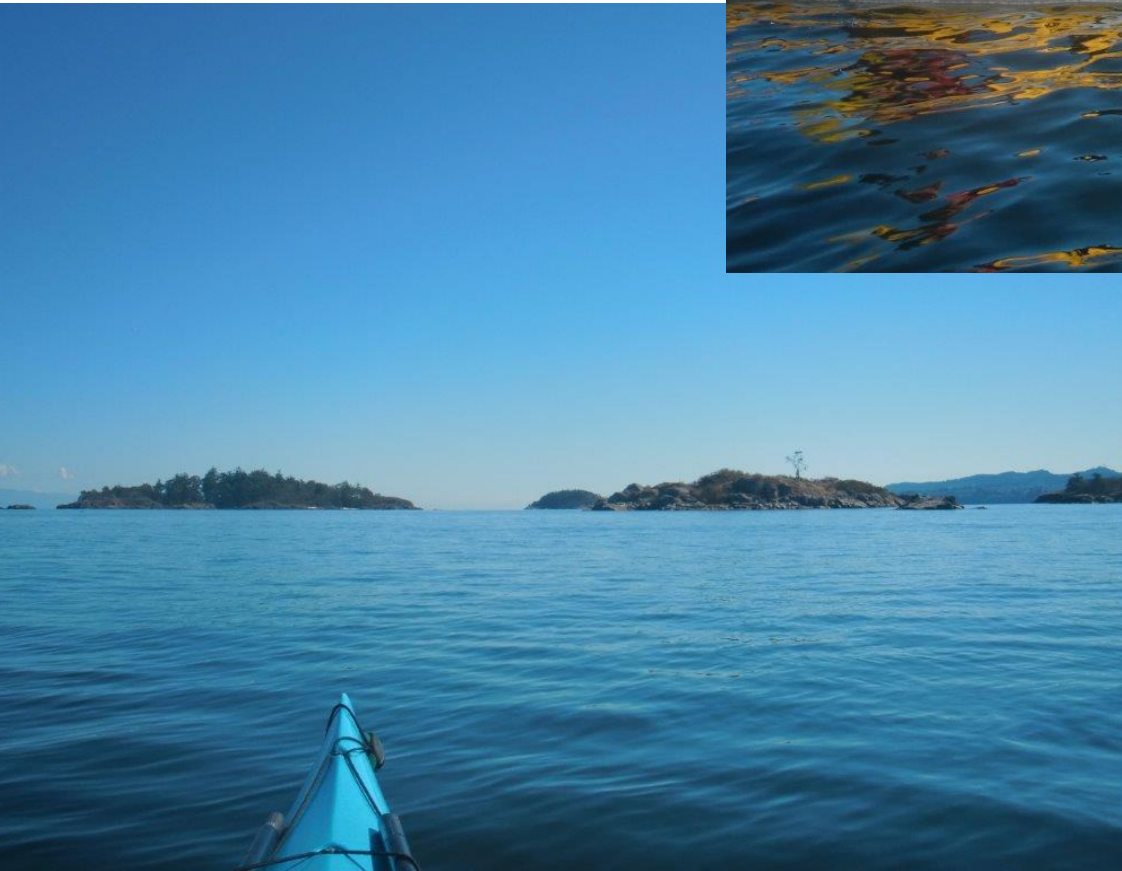


Parksville (Rathtrevor)





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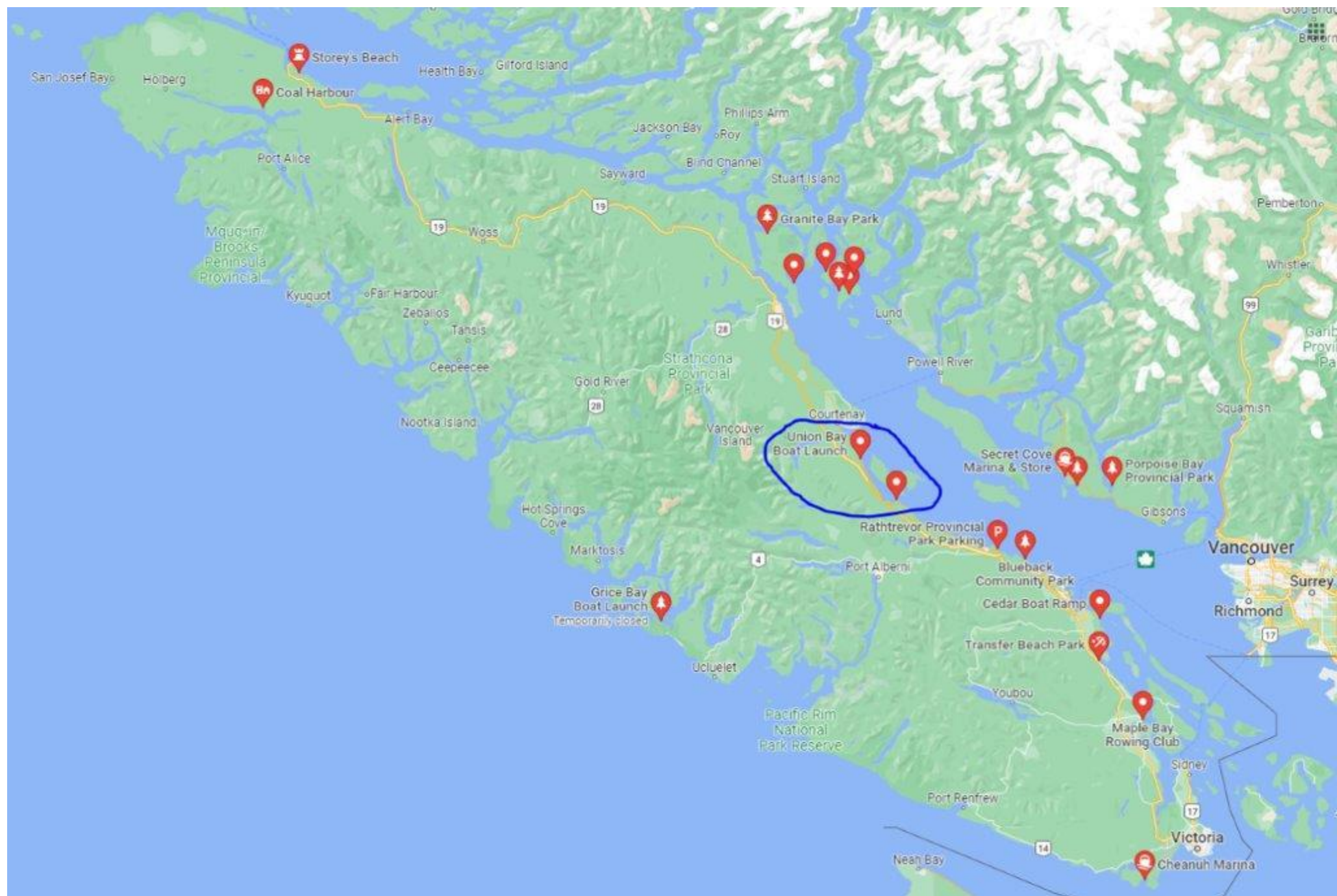


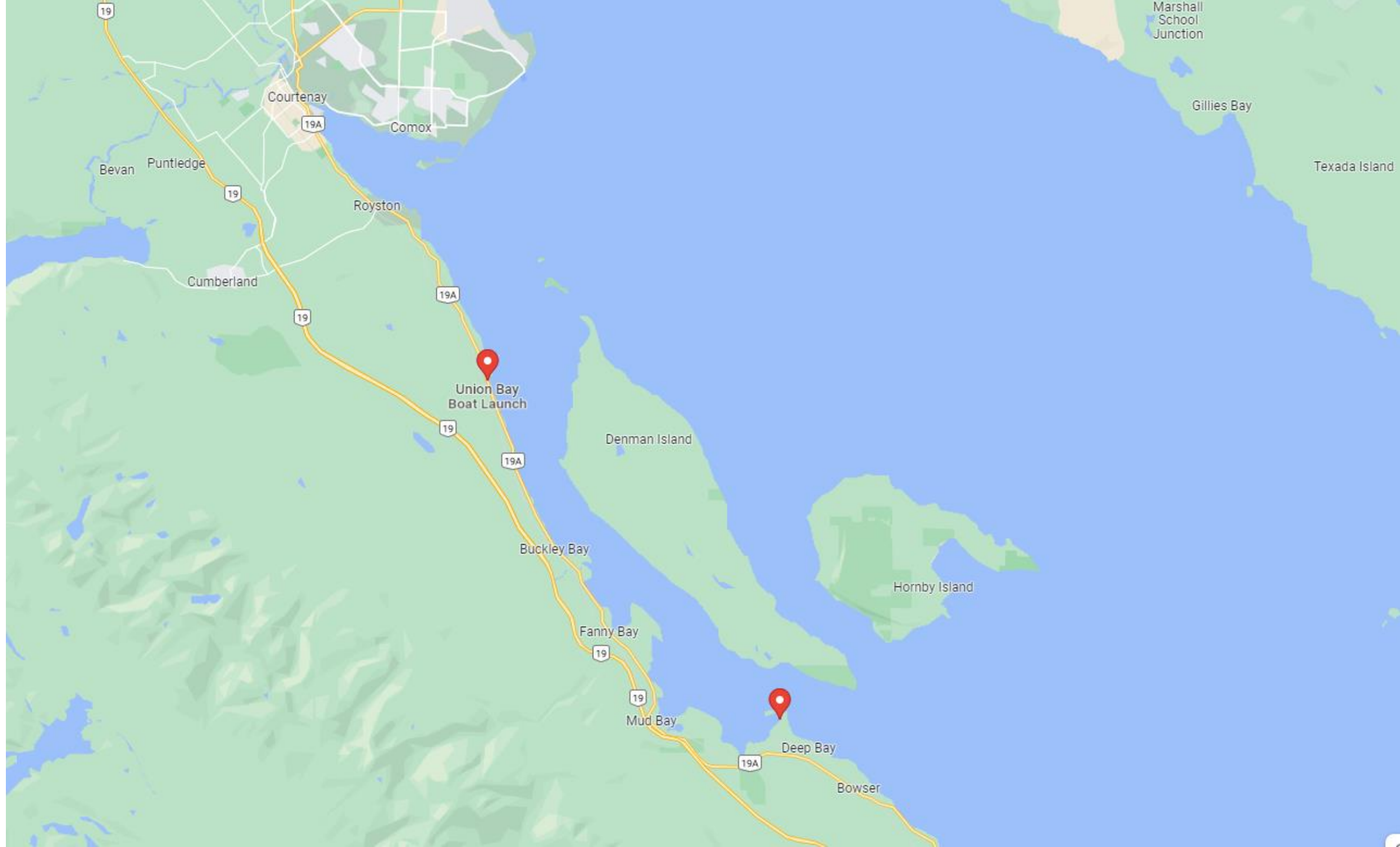


Nanoose











A scenic view of a calm lake or bay with mountains in the background and kayakers in the foreground. The water is still, reflecting the surrounding landscape. In the foreground, the bows of several kayakers are visible, pointing towards the center of the frame. The background features a range of mountains under a hazy sky, with a forested shoreline on the left.

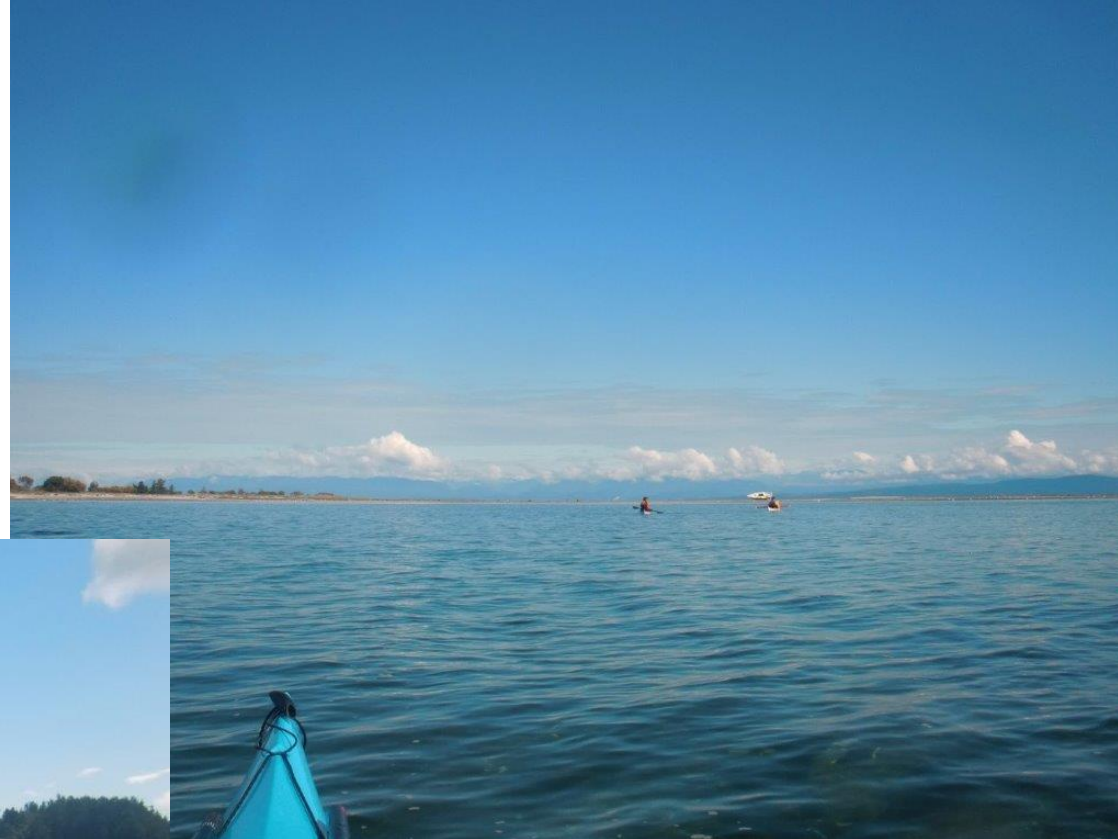
## Deep Bay

- Access to south tip of Denman Island
- Beware of winds

## Union Bay Boat Launch

- Access to north of Denman Island
- Sandy Island

Sandy Islands (north tip of Denman)

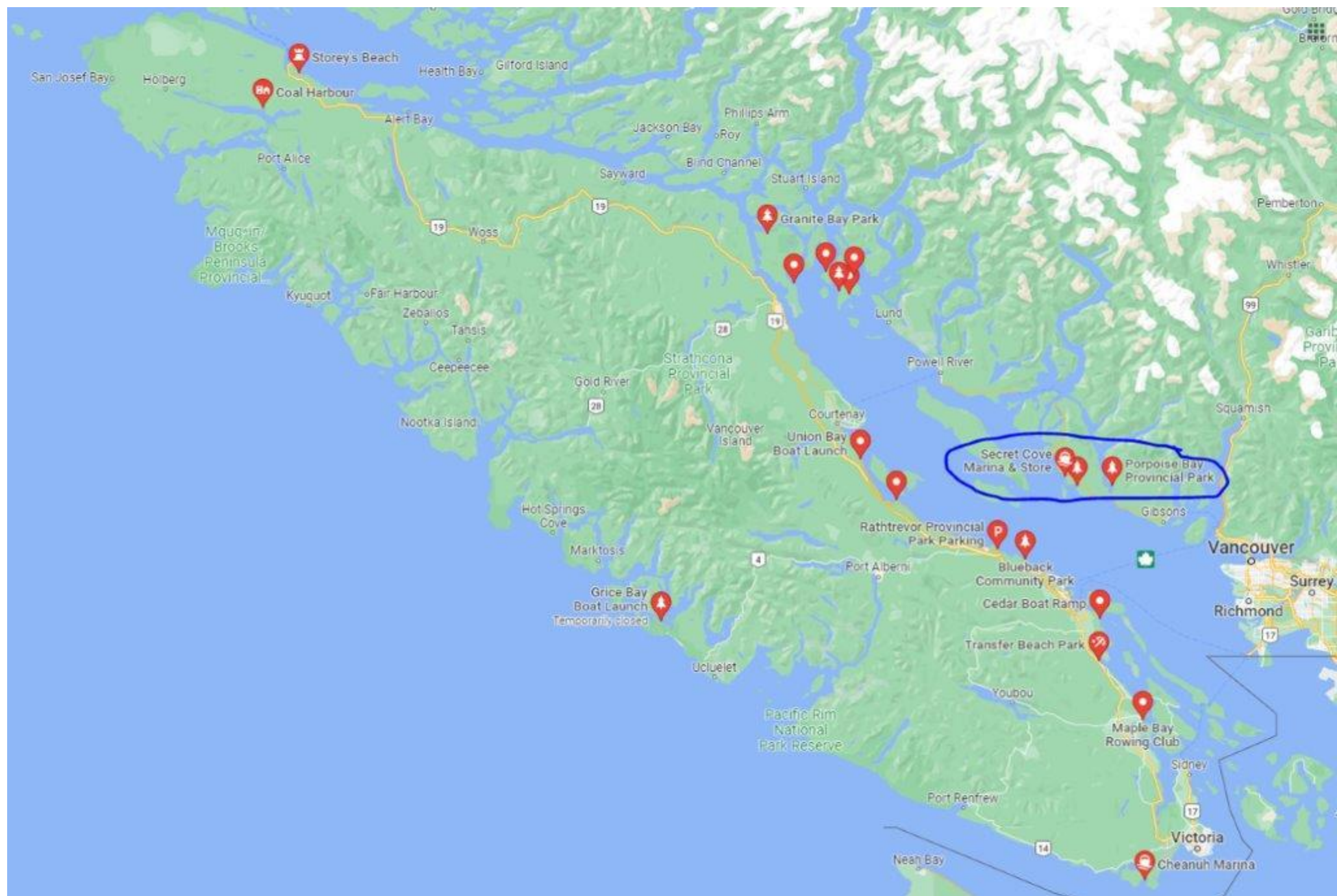




Sandy Islands (north tip of Denman)











## Sechelt Inlet (Porpoise Bay)

- Can put in at the Porpoise Bay Campground
- Good day parking facilities
- Protected inland water
- But can get windy in the inlet





## Halfmoon Bay (Coopers Green)

- Easy access from Sechelt
- Sheltered bay for paddling
- Go when tide is out – good sea life

## Secret Cove

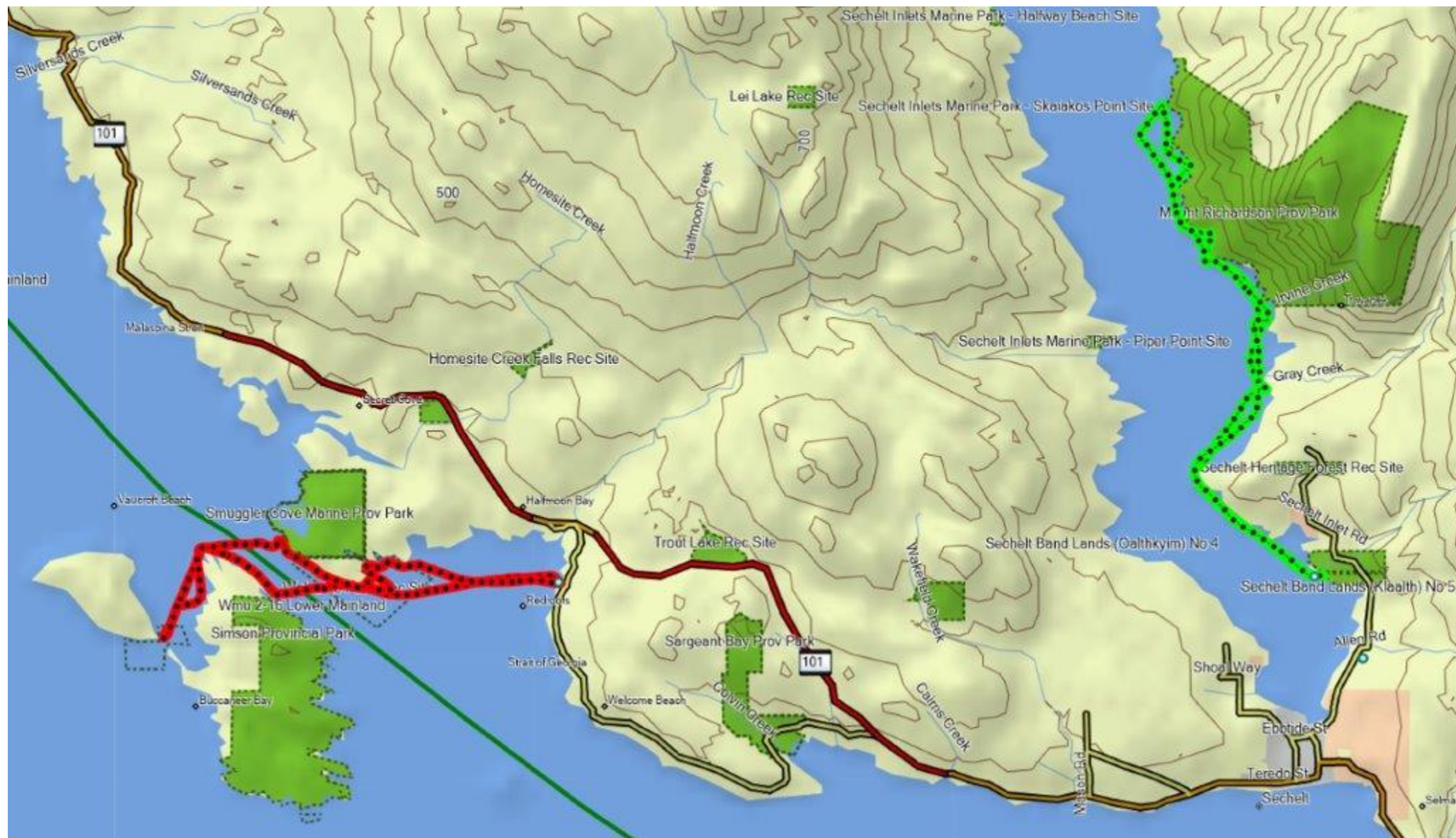
- Multiple shallow inlets
- Access to Smuggler Cove Marine Park
- Very sheltered

Can extend your paddle to the Thormanby Islands from either of these











## Sechelt Inlet

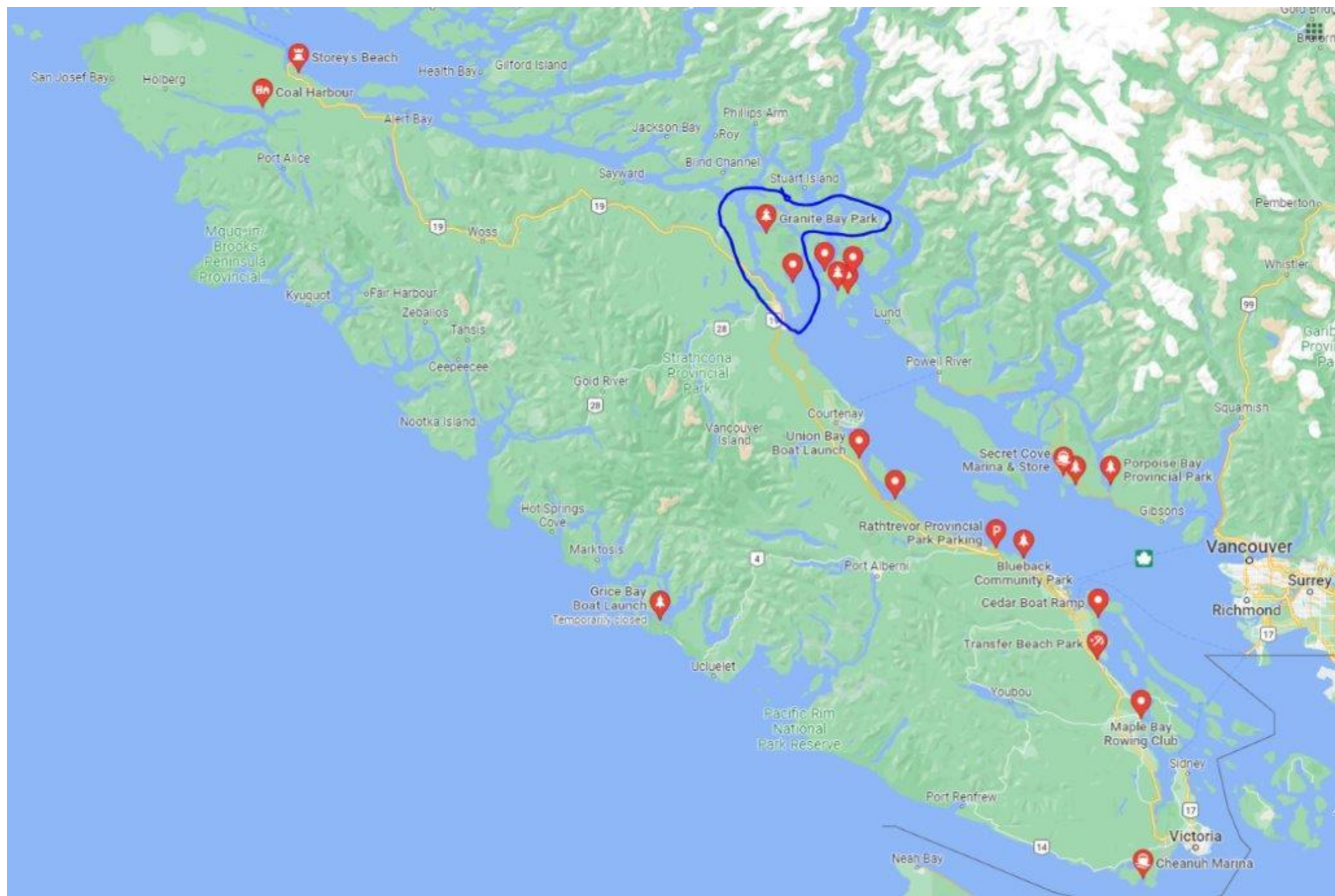




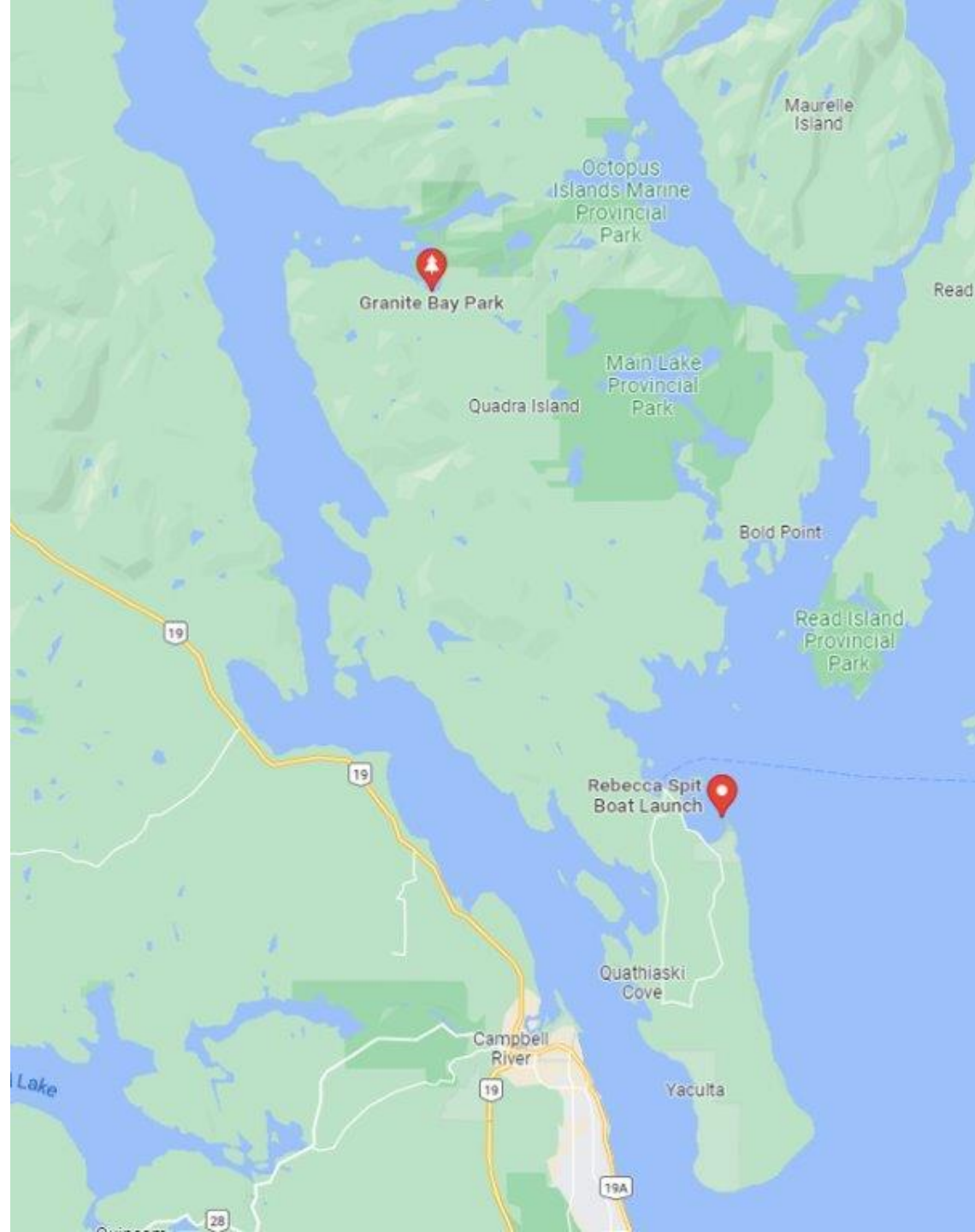
## Halfmoon Bay & Thormanby











## Granite Bay (Quadra)

- Northern side of Quadra
- Sheltered bay for paddling
- A number of options to paddle

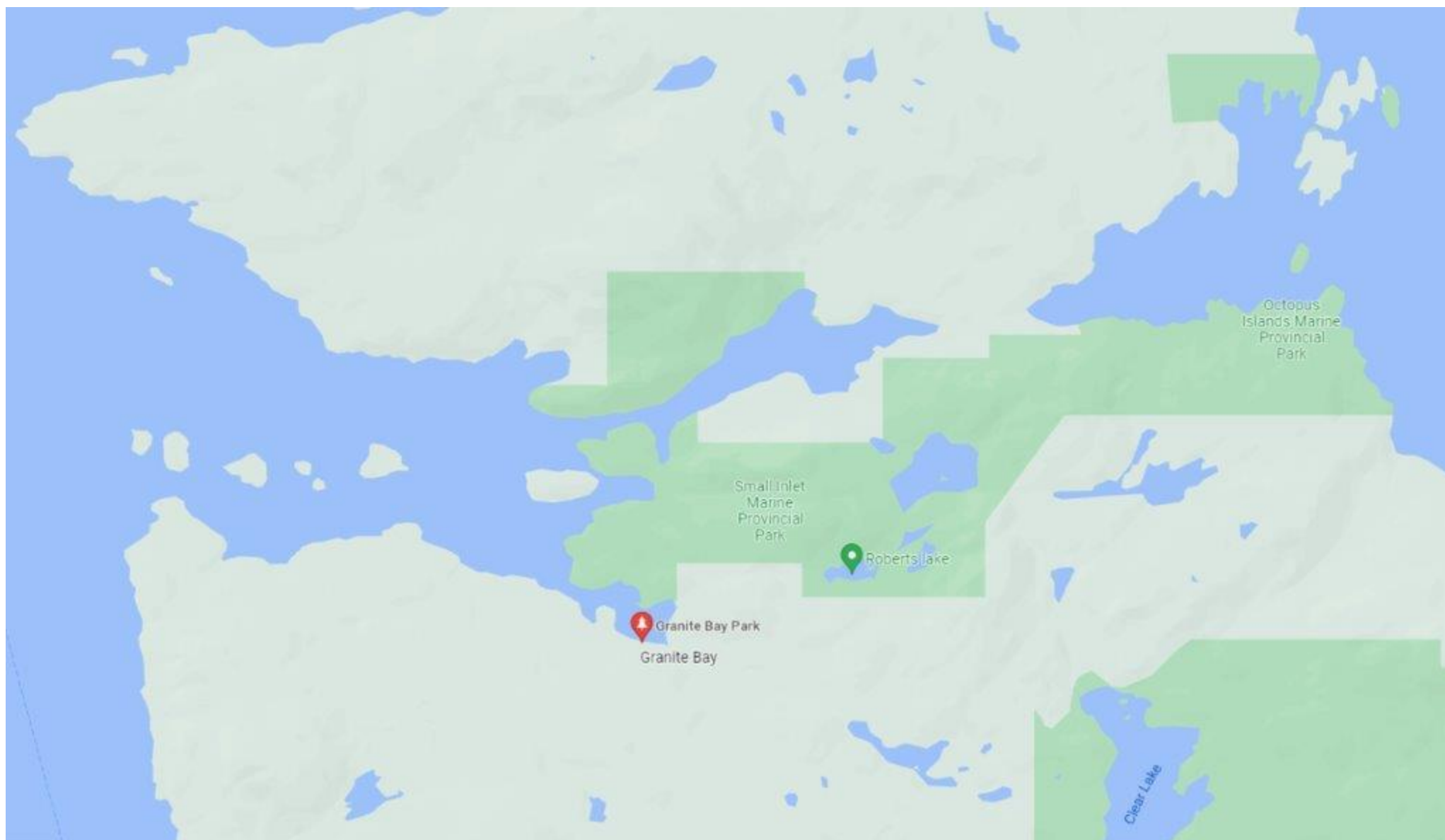
## Rebecca Spit (Quadra)

- Can stay within the Drew Harbour Bay
- Very sheltered
- Beautiful shoreline paddle round from the bay

Be aware of the ferries coming to and from Heriot Bay (in Drew Harbour)











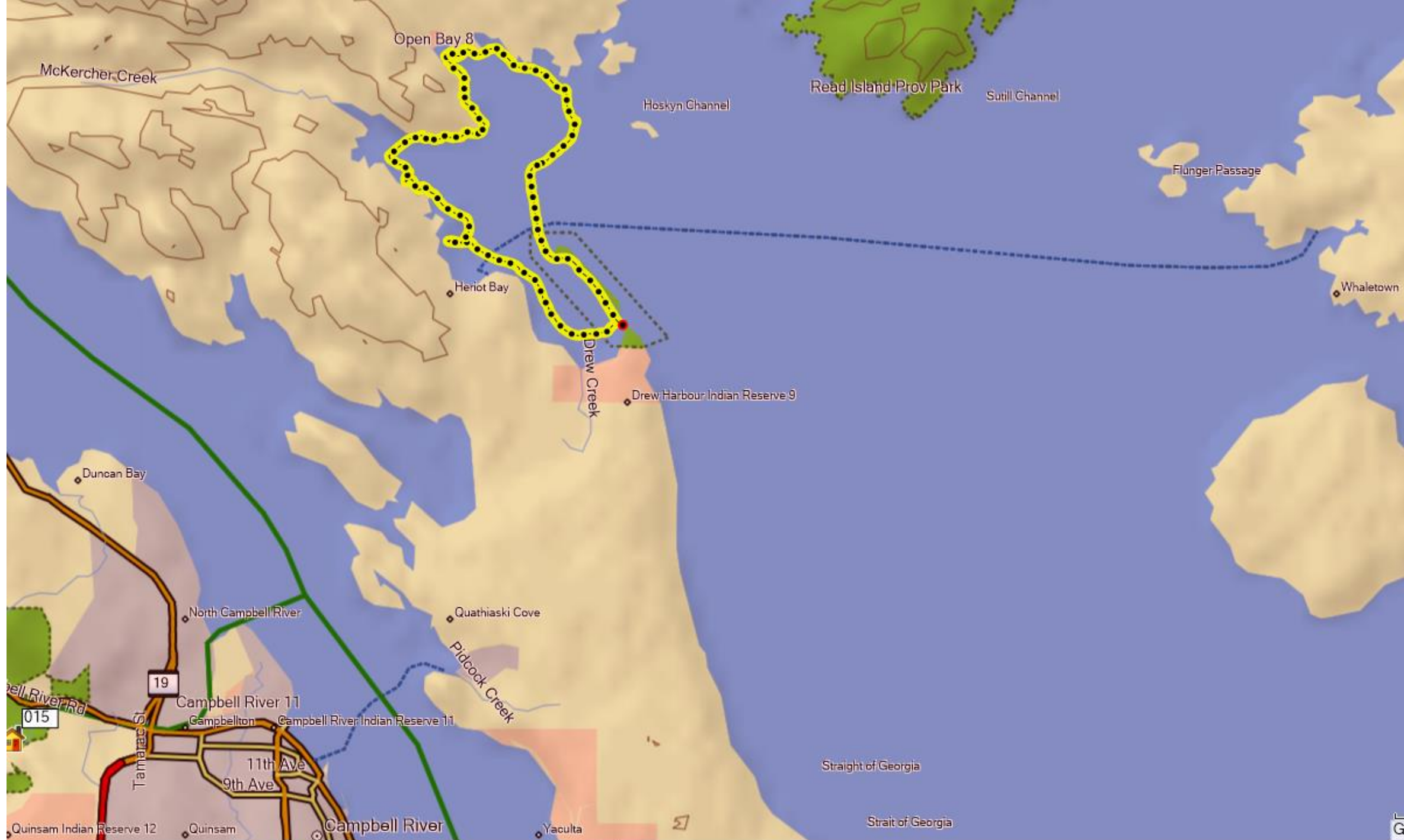
Granite Bay





Granite Bay



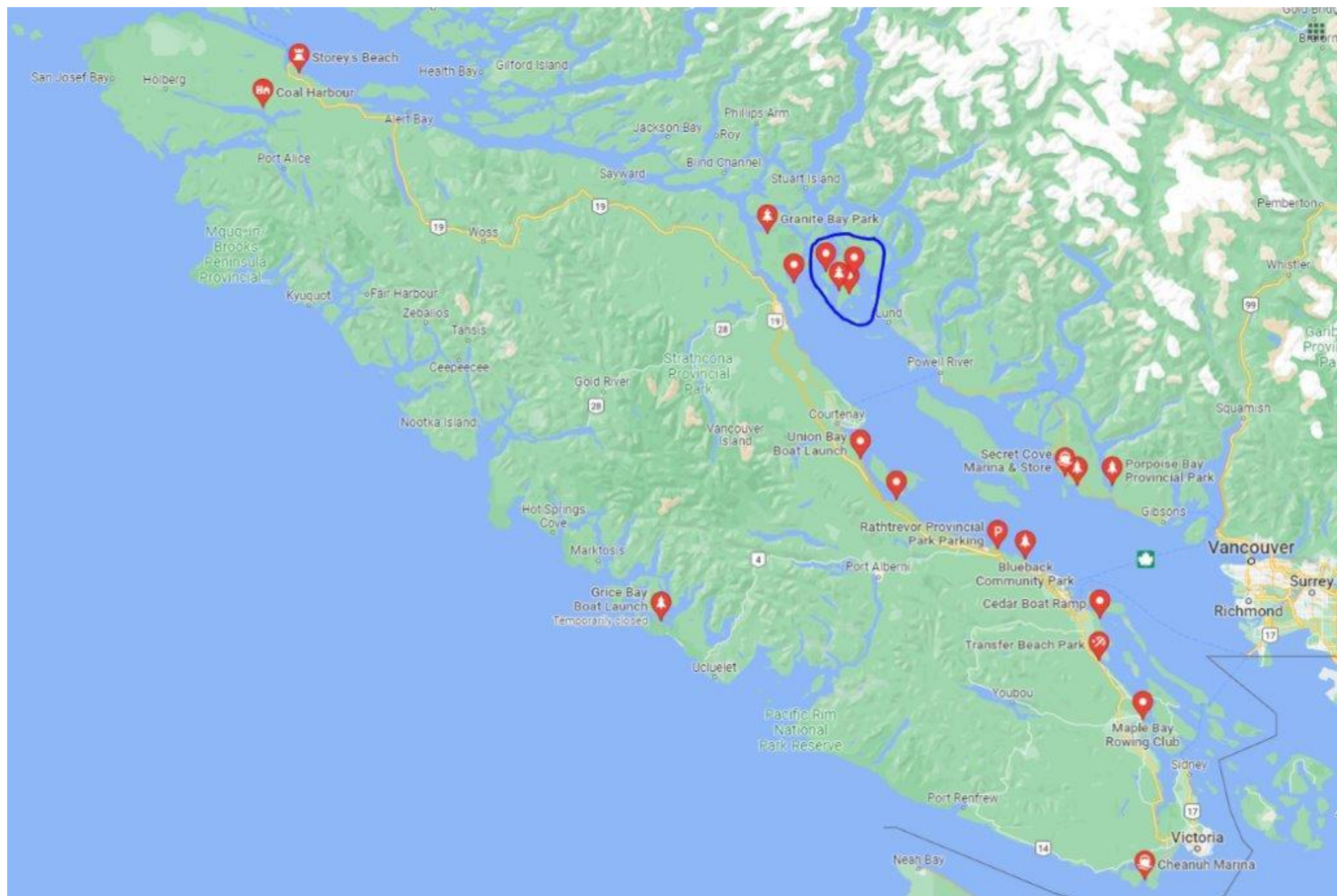


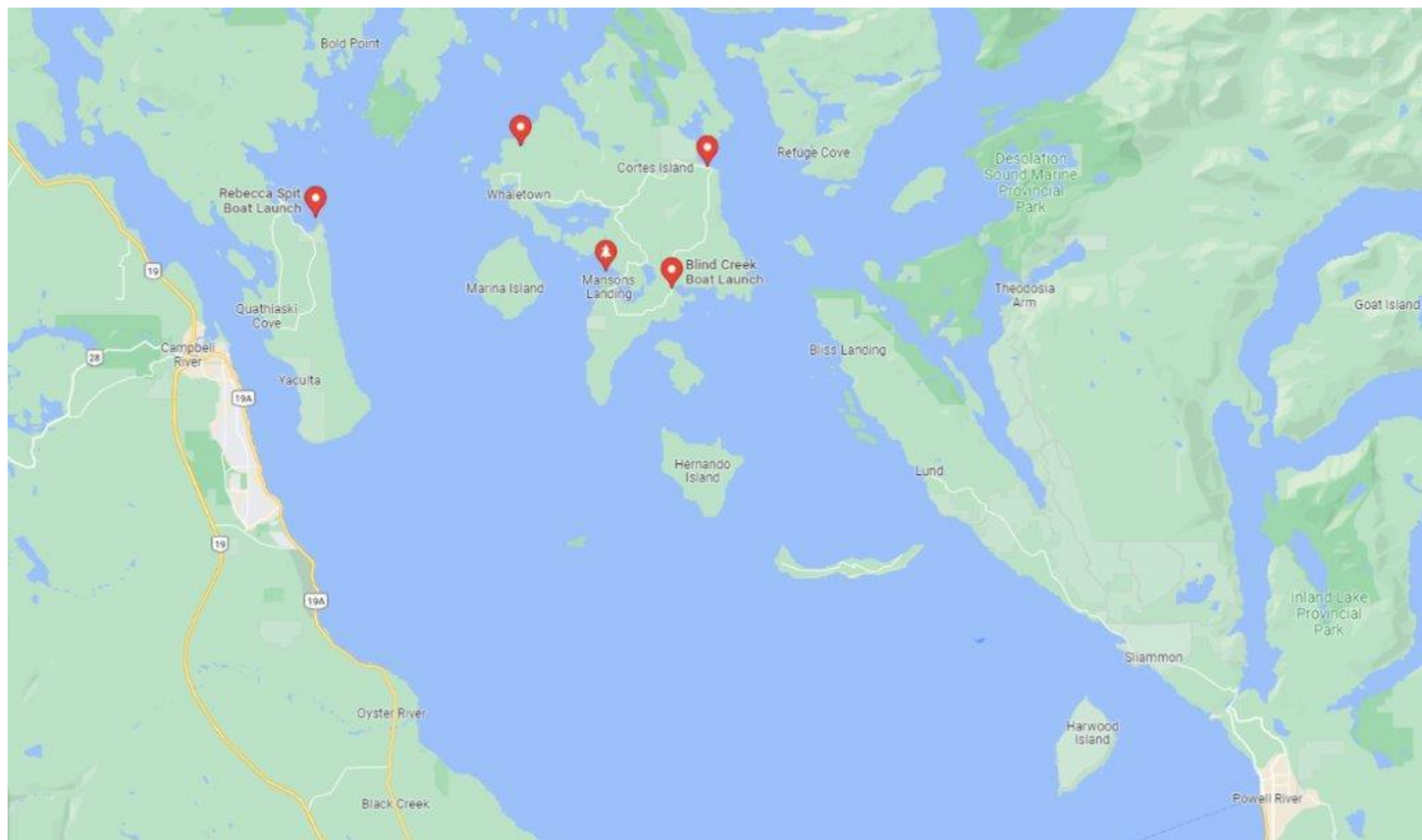


Rebecca Spit





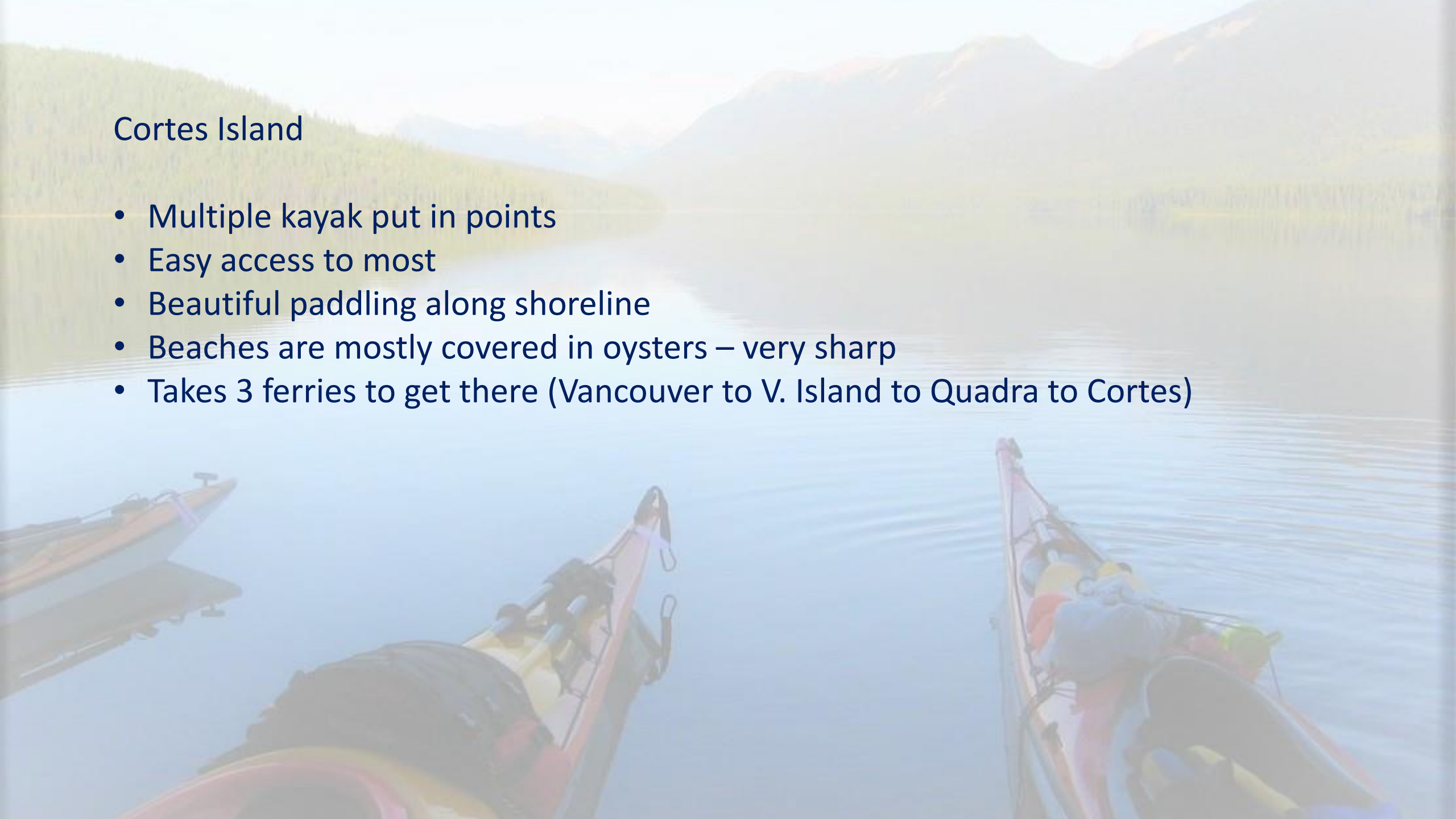






## Cortes Island

- Multiple kayak put in points
- Easy access to most
- Beautiful paddling along shoreline
- Beaches are mostly covered in oysters – very sharp
- Takes 3 ferries to get there (Vancouver to V. Island to Quadra to Cortes)









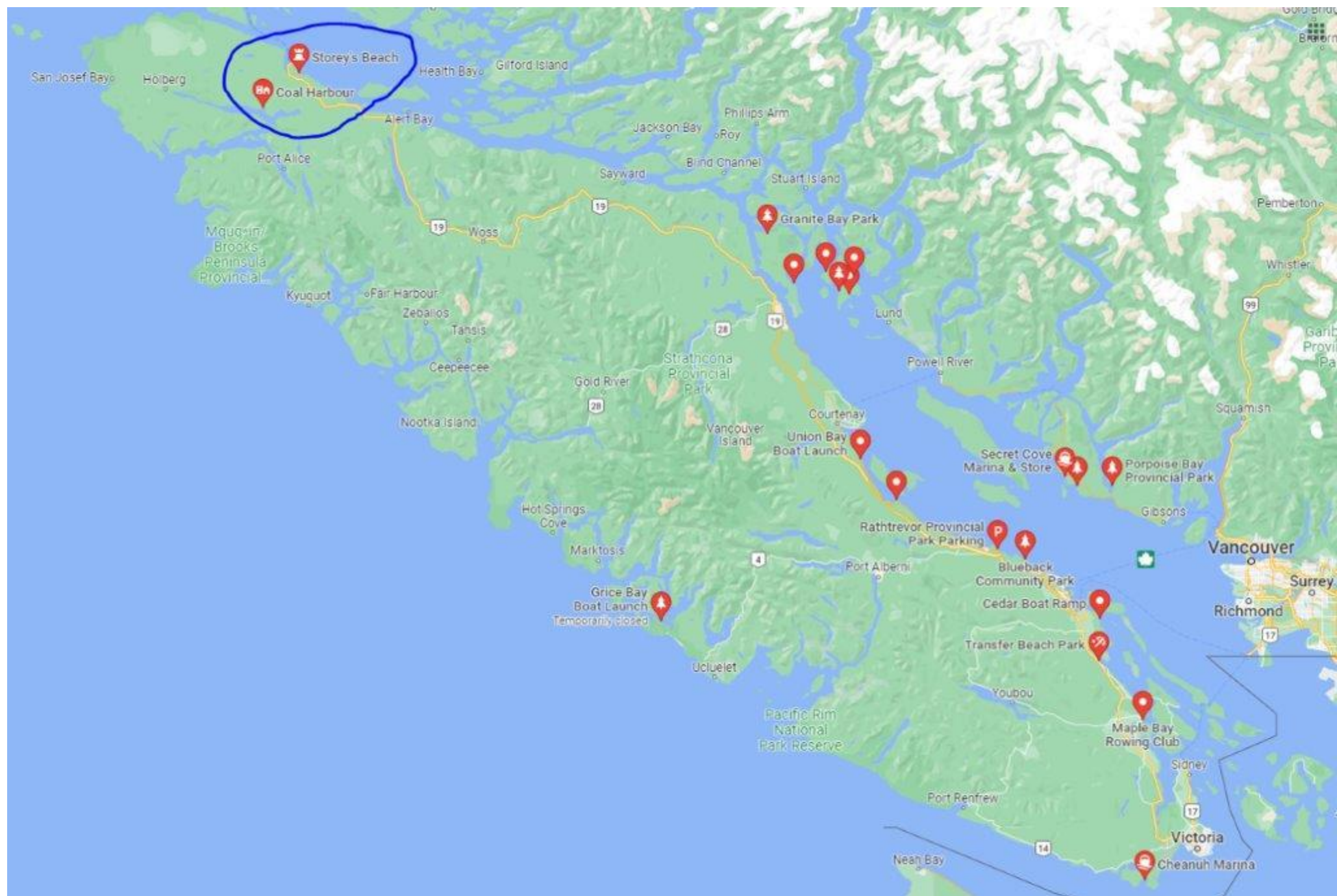
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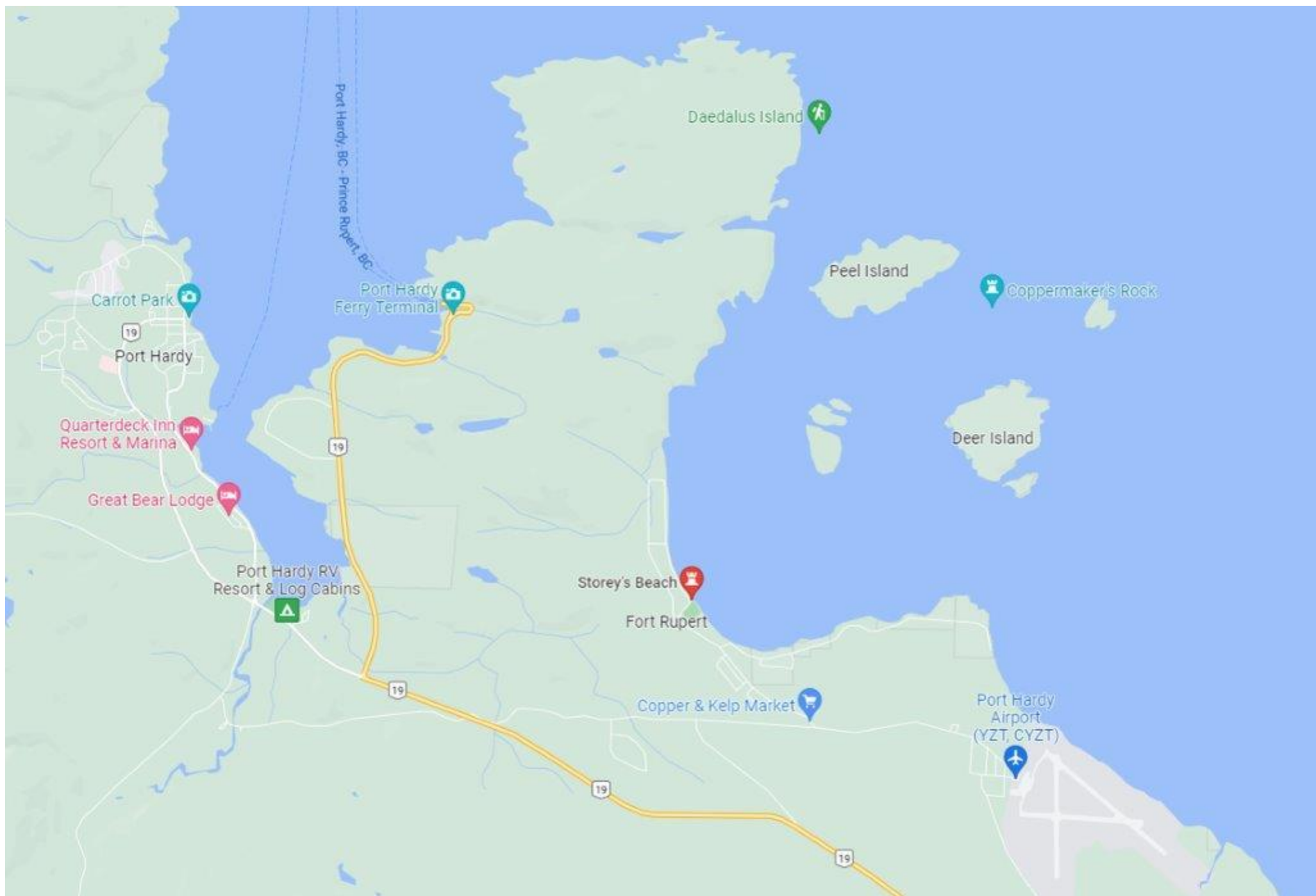


## Cortes Island





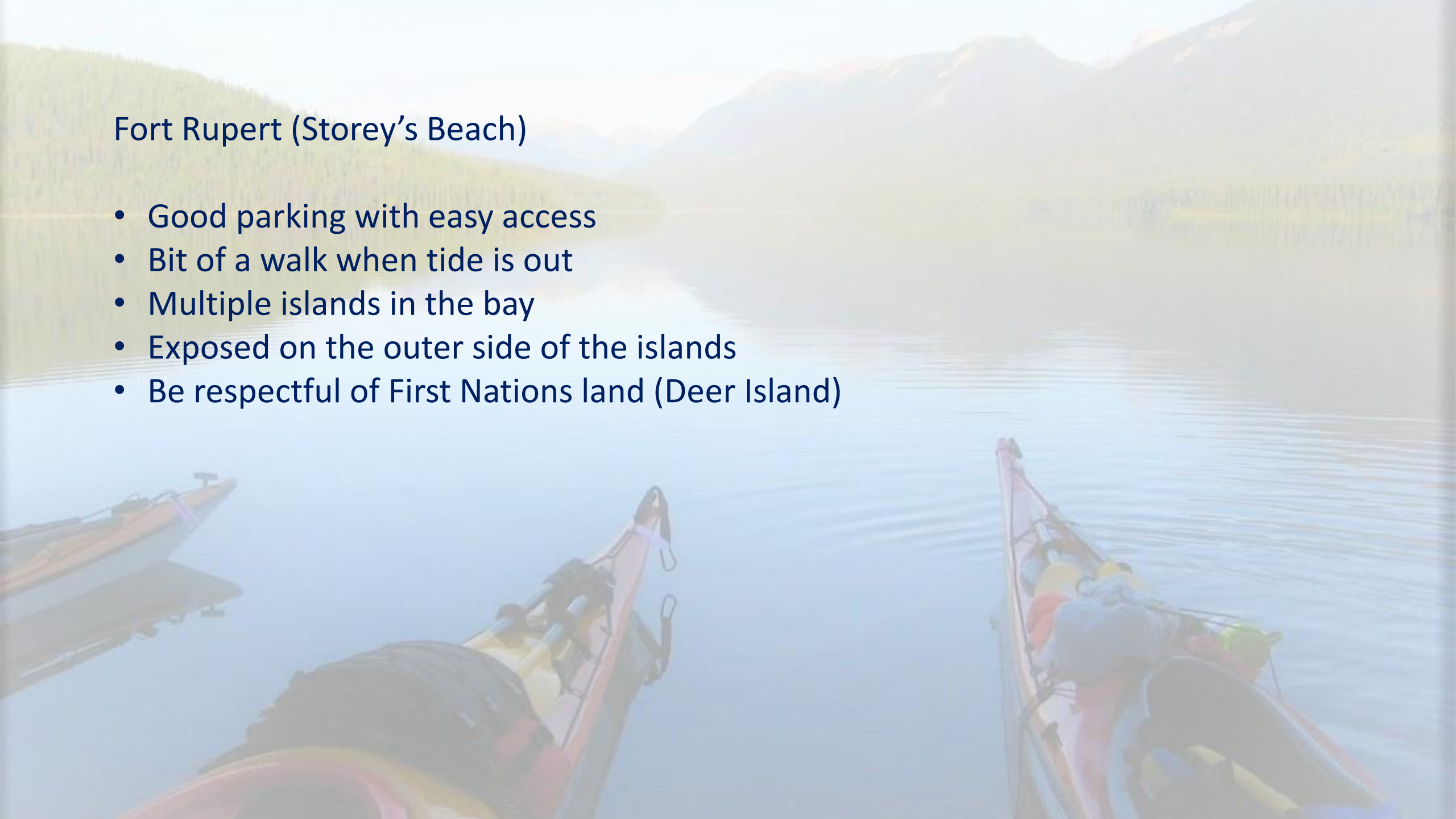






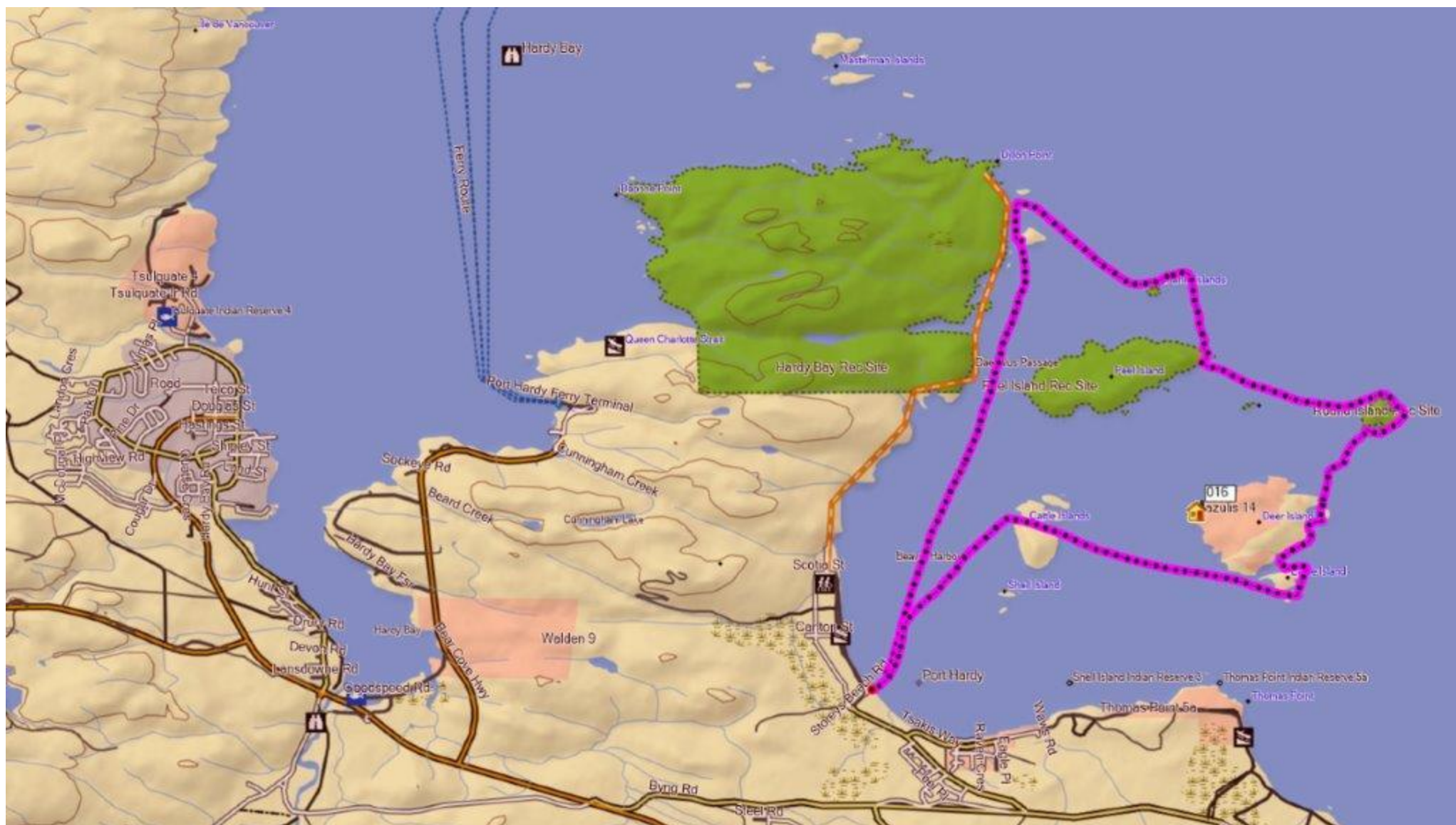
## Fort Rupert (Storey's Beach)

- Good parking with easy access
- Bit of a walk when tide is out
- Multiple islands in the bay
- Exposed on the outer side of the islands
- Be respectful of First Nations land (Deer Island)



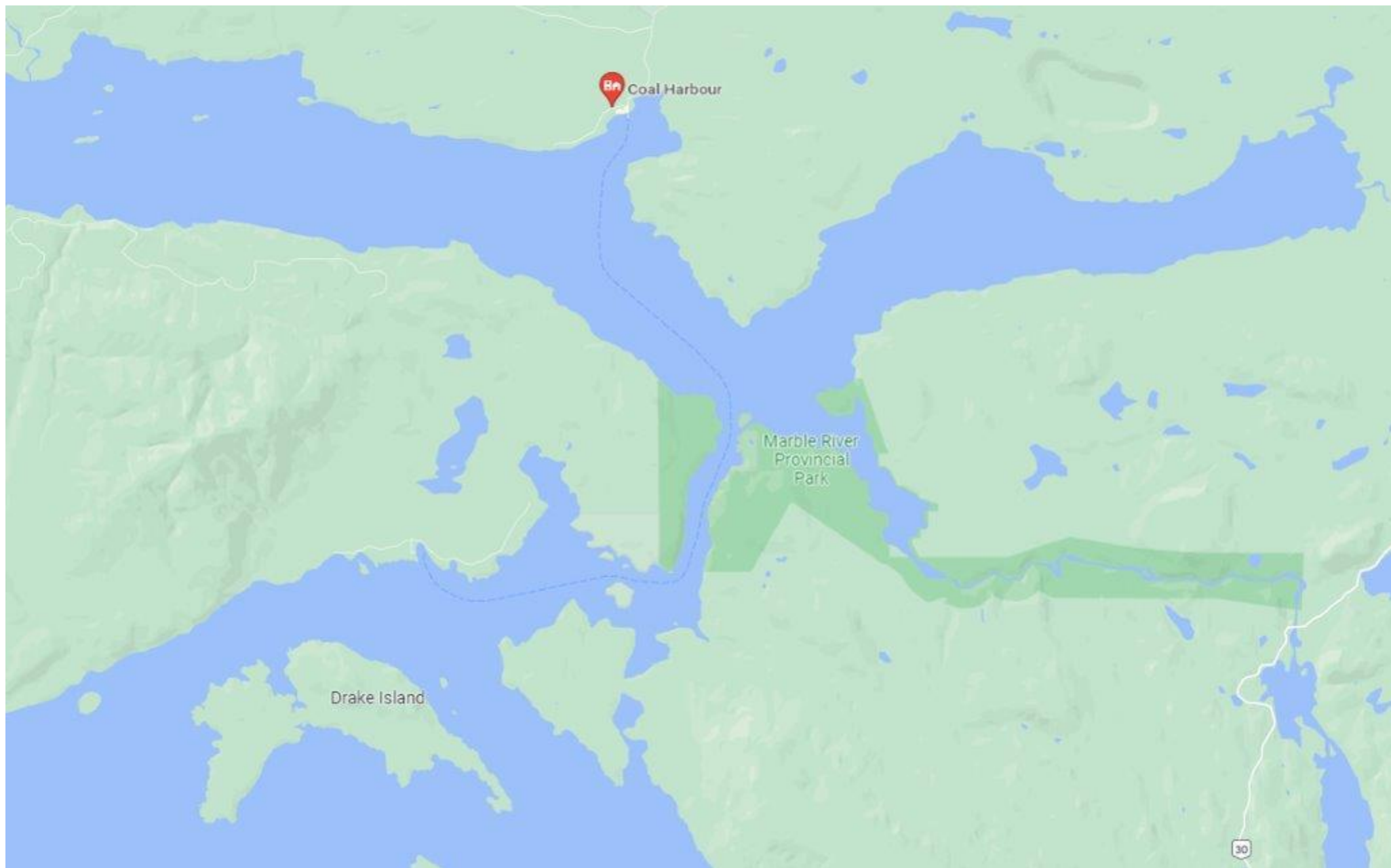










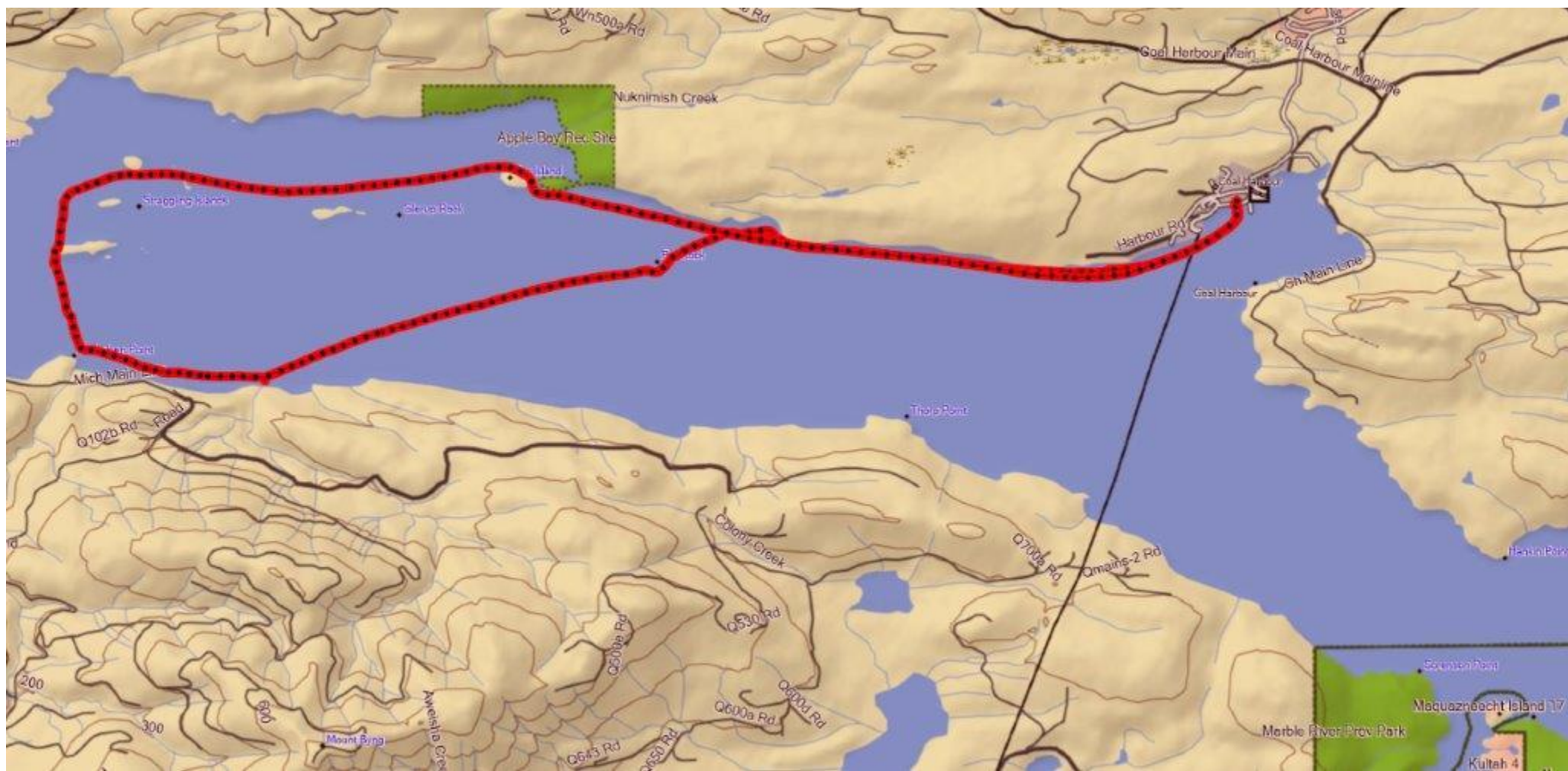


## Coal Harbour

- Just 20 minutes from Port Hardy
- Good road
- A couple of good paddle options
  - Islands along Holberg Inlet
  - Up the river at Marble River Provincial Park (at high tide only)
- Good parking – pay in the harbour office
- Visit the museum in the old air hanger!













Hoburg Inlet

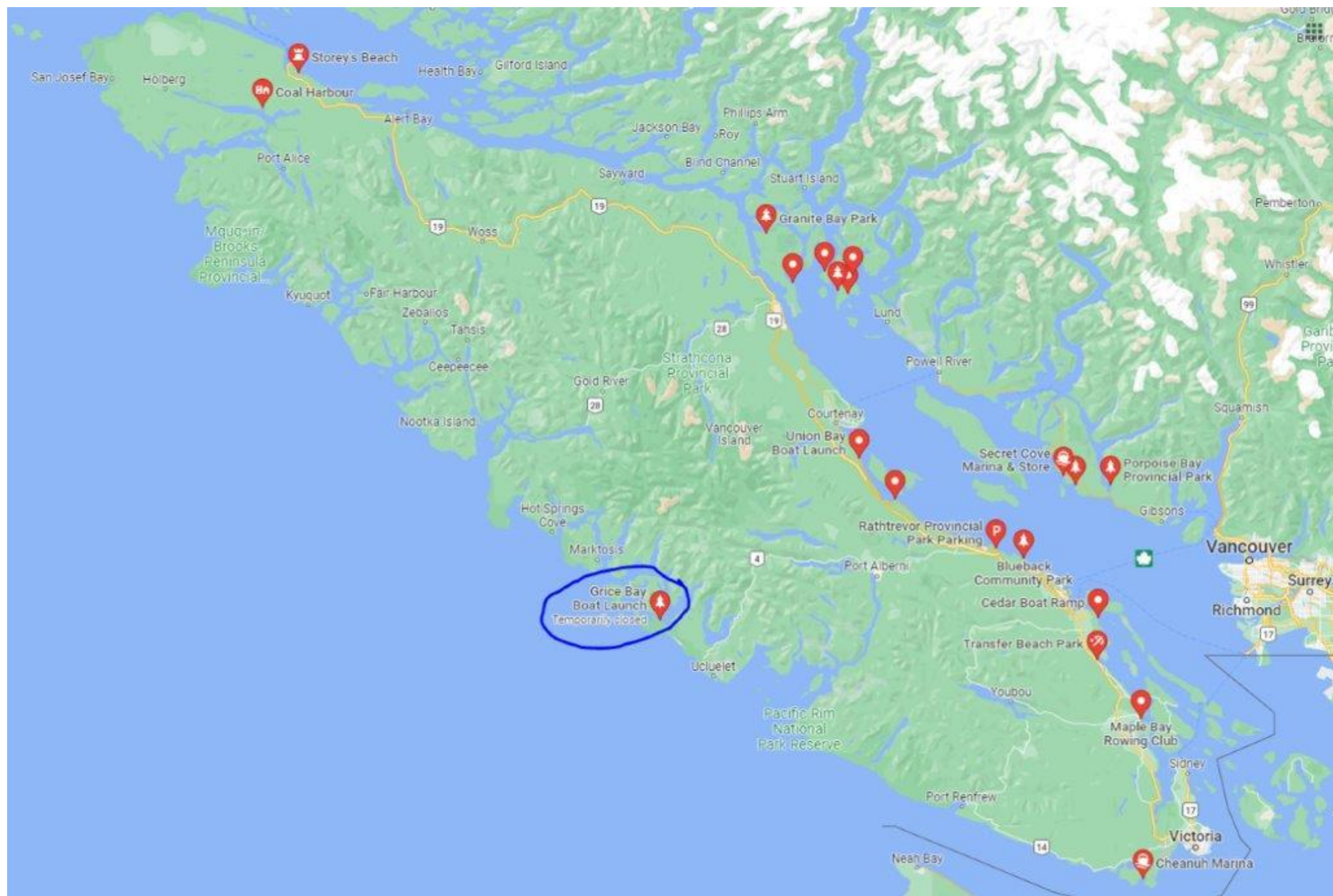


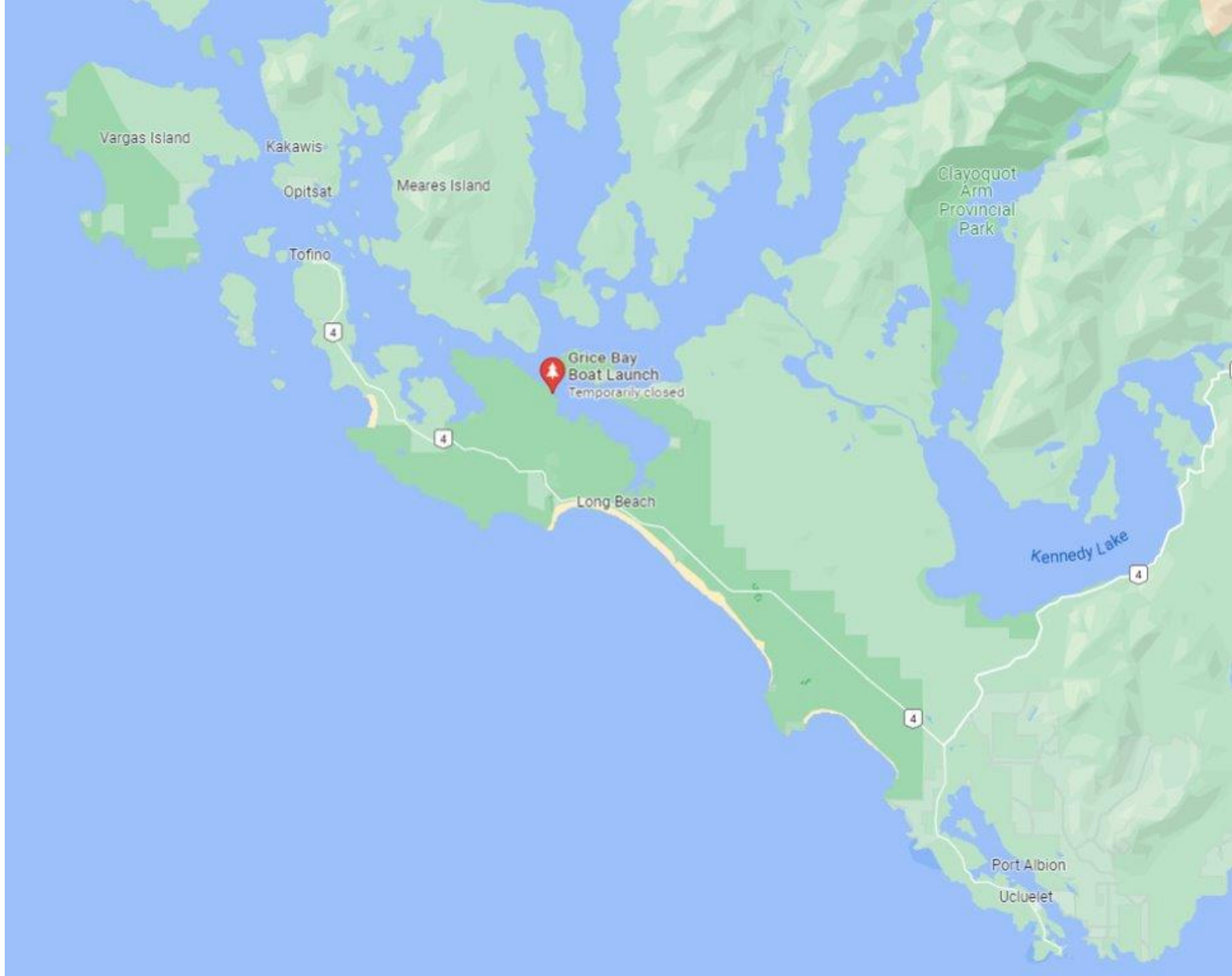


Marble River











## Tofino Inlet (Grice Bay)

- Just outside Tofino
- Parking???
- Sheltered inlet

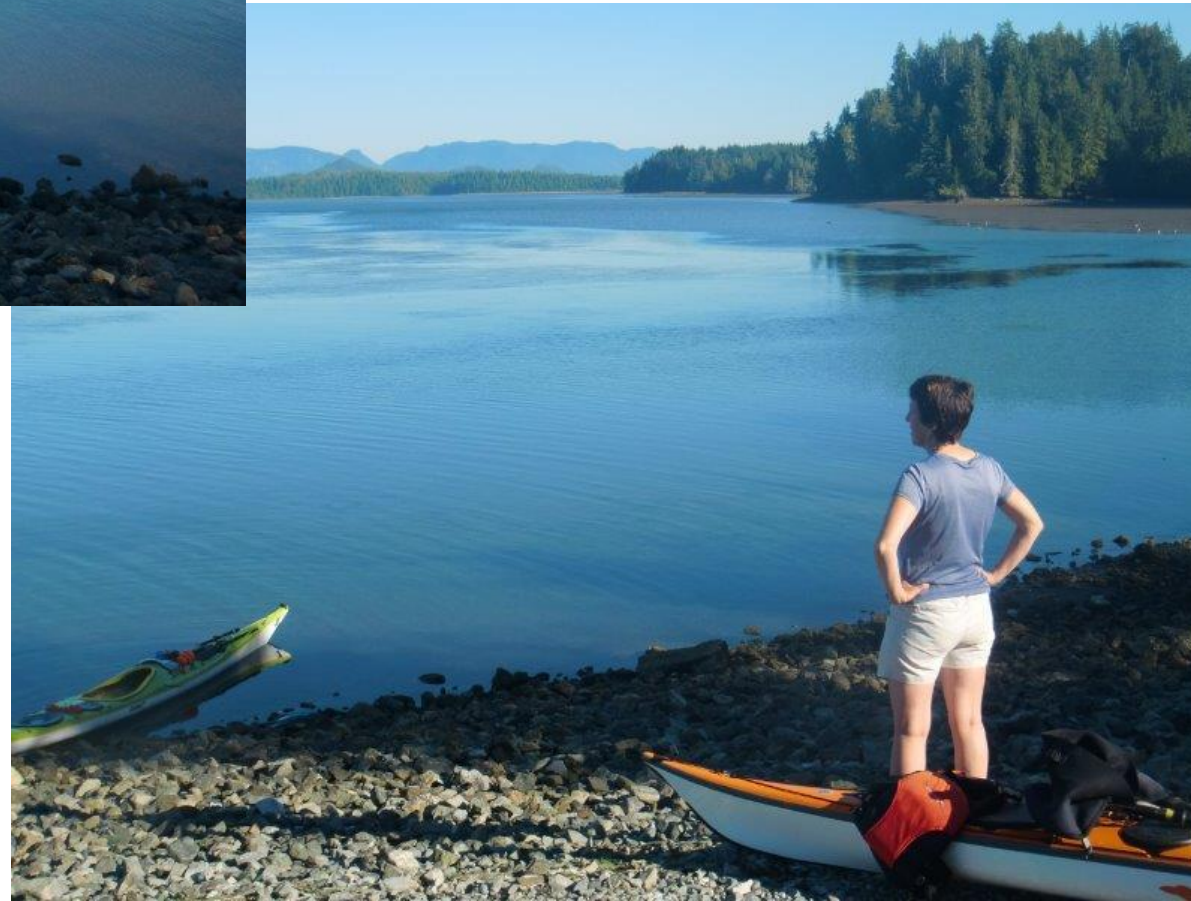








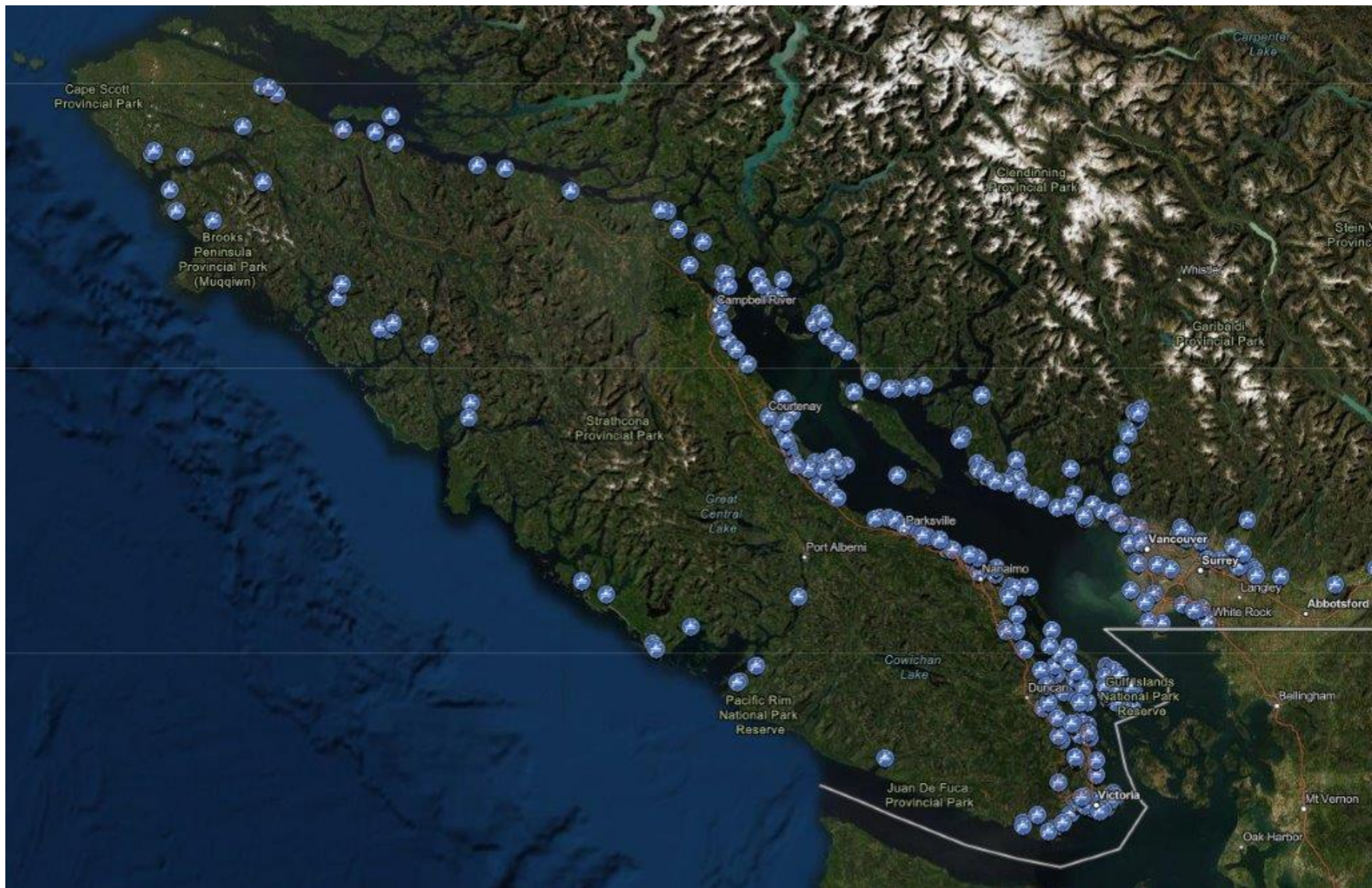
Tofino



## Resources

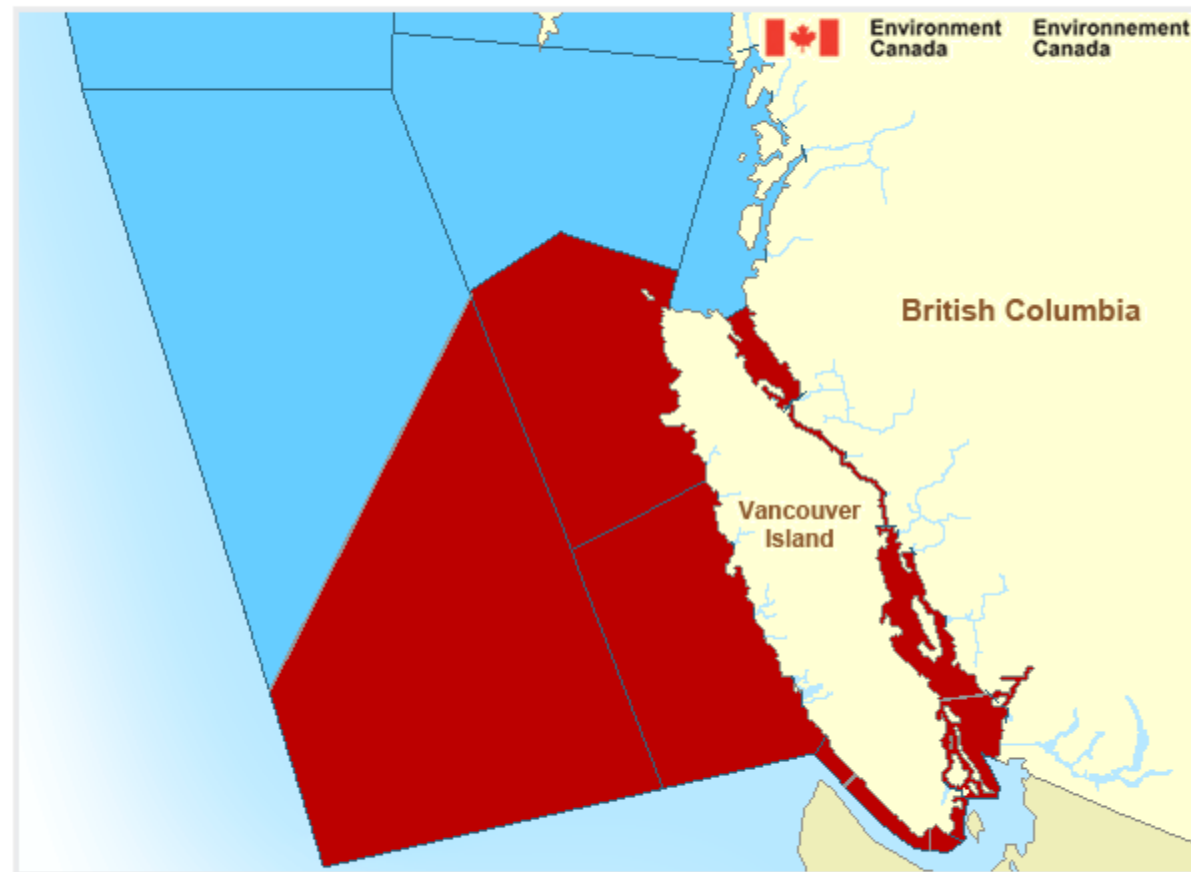
- Weather Forecast
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- Charts & Compass – learn how to use them!
- Mobile Apps
  - Navionics
- KCKC Library
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  - BC Marine Trails <https://www.bcmarinetrails.org/>
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Questions?