



Chemainus

SUMMER 2023
VISITOR GUIDE

WELCOME

Discover the vibrant blend of art, culture, and heritage in Chemainus, a coastal town that surpasses expectations.

Indulge in artisan restaurants, cozy cafes, and unique boutiques. Immerse yourself in live performances at the renowned Chemainus Theatre or admire the 45+ colossal wall murals.

Explore outdoor markets, serene greenspaces, and the coastal setting. Uncover the captivating history at the local museum, where the transformation of Indigenous settlements into a thriving mill town unfolds. Learn about the rise of longshoreman gangs and the revival of Chemainus through cherished wall murals. There's a wealth of history waiting to be explored.

With great honour we reside on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, sharing its natural resources and abundant beauty. Embark on an unforgettable journey through Chemainus and experience the best of the Cowichan Coast.

Did you know?

The Stz'uminus First Nations community named the town Chemainus (Tsa-meeun-is), meaning broken chest in the Hul'qumi'num Language. This name honours a chief who recovered from a life-threatening chest wound, leading his people to prosperity.

This is just one of three stories on how this name came to be. These are passed like legends between the generations.

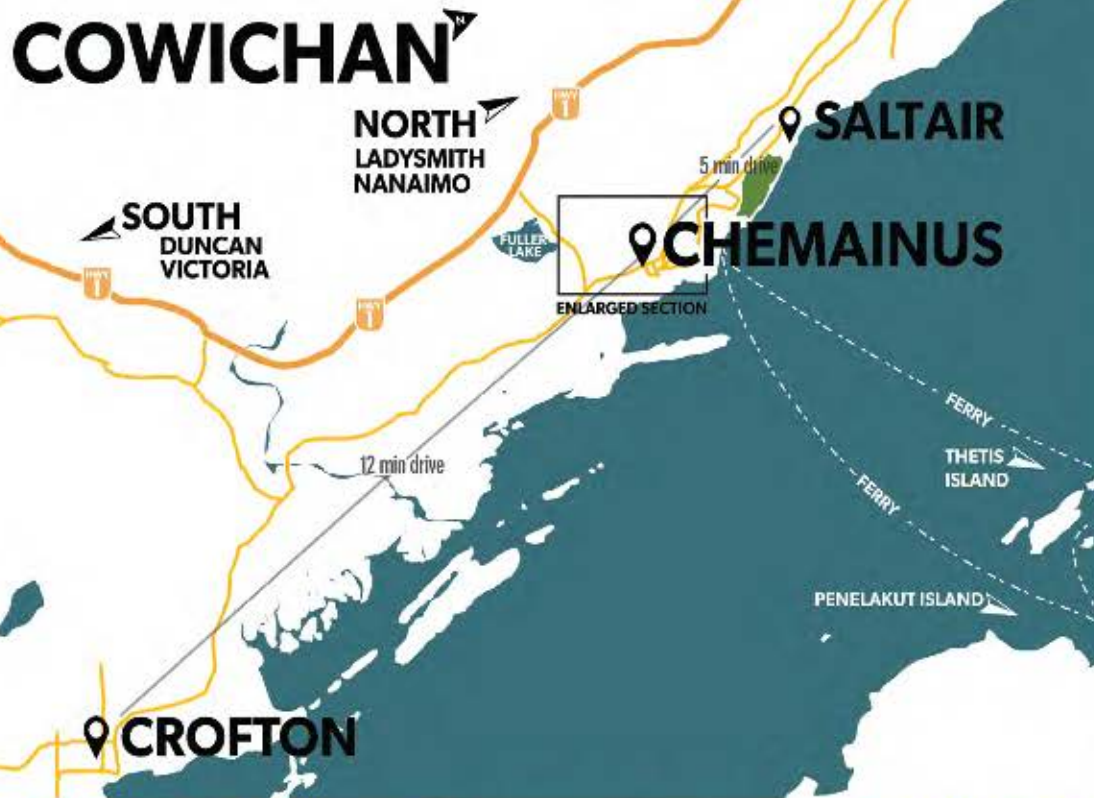
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COWICHAN



- UPTOWN
- DOWNTOWN
- MIDTOWN
- OLD TOWN
- VILLAGE SQUARE



FREE PARKING
INCLUDING RV'S + OVERSIZED



DISTRICTS

UPTOWN

Here you will find the Best Western, Mt. Brenton Golf Club, a silver and jewelry smith, antiques, and more. Plus visit the Bloedel stationary train and small parks beside the round about.

DOWNTOWN

Lined with cafes, shops, boutiques and more, you can also find the Chemainus Public Market, Chemainus Visitor Centre, Waterwheel Park, the labyrinth, banks, post office and many murals.

MIDTOWN

A peaceful pause between uptown and downtown. Here you can find antiques, children's clothing, boutique items, and a variety of services. Follow the steps to catch a mural or two along the way!

OLD TOWN

The original Chemainus shopping area. Located by the ferry, these merchants offer everything from delicious cafes and restaurants to personal services, antiques, collectibles, and books.

VILLAGE SQUARE

Here you can find a brewery with patio, taphouse/restaurant, wellness center, groceries, liquor, dollar store, bank, and other services including a beautiful events space for special occasions.

EXPERIENCE CHEMAINUS

top 5 ways

Where art comes to life through its famous outdoor murals and live theatre. Embrace the coastal charm of the ocean, indulging in outdoor adventures with scenic hikes, lush forests, and parks. Explore the town's rich history with visits to the Chemainus Museum. Explore the harmonious blend of art, coast, outdoors, town, and history for an unforgettable and well-rounded experience.



01. TAKE IN THE ARTS

With a collection of more than 70 colossal wall murals and sculptures, exploring the streets becomes a delightful journey of discovering exquisite artistic creations. For those seeking entertainment, a visit to the renowned Chemainus Theatre is a must, offering captivating live performances. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the town's abundant galleries and shops showcasing unique, custom-made artworks.

02. EXPERIENCE THE COAST

Enjoy beachcombing and splashing in the refreshing waters of Kin Beach. Launch a kayak or paddle board from the picturesque pebbled shore and explore. Discover the captivating allure of the lighthouse on Reef Island during low tide or leisurely wander along the Pacific, discovering the rugged rocky outcroppings. Explore the sunken Boeing 737, and dive into an extraordinary experience.



03. EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

Explore nearby Stocking Creek to discover a mesmerizing waterfall and scenic trails along the river through the coastal rainforest. Take in the many other parks and trails that dot the town. Admire vibrant arbutus trees with a kaleidoscope of coloured peeling bark, thriving only near salt air. Encounter diverse wildlife and majestic birds of prey, immersed in the invigorating coastal breeze.



04. DISCOVER THE TOWN

Embark on a self-guided food tour in Chemainus, where artisan chefs showcase their culinary creations. Explore the charming streets, lined with diverse boutiques, antique stores, jewelry makers, and more. Discover the lively public market, housing boutique stores and an array of enticing restaurants. Explore galleries and artisan displays showcasing local original works of art.

05. DELVE INTO HISTORY

Uncover the profound Indigenous heritage that forms the foundation of Chemainus, and the tie to pioneers of the 1800's. Immerse yourself in the fascinating narrative of trains, mills, longshoreman gangs, and the remarkable revitalization of Chemainus, brought to life through treasured wall murals.

A wealth of captivating history eagerly awaits your exploration.



July & August SUMMER EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY
TUES
AND MOST
WED

MUSIC IN THE PARK

WATERWHEEL PARK | 7PM - 8PM

Every Tuesday & most Wednesdays enjoy acts from around the world, check online for details and dates rain/shine.

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EVERY
WED

WEDNESDAY MARKET

WATERWHEEL PARKING LOT | 10AM - 3PM

From home goods to farm stand fresh, arts, crafts, and more. Enjoy makers, bakers and producers through the summer.

chemainus.bc.ca

CHEMAINUS CAR CLUB: SUMMER MEET

PUBLIC MARKET | 4:30PM - 7PM

Meet, greet, and eat with other car enthusiasts see vintage; customs, muscle cars, hot rods, and rad rides.

chemainuspublicmarket.com

SUM
MER
TO SEPT 16

GHOST THE MUSICAL

CHEMAINUS THEATRE FESTIVAL

Adapted from the hit film, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. The bond of love transcends all challenges as Sam, trapped between two worlds, refuses to leave Molly though she is in grave danger. Book your seats today online or at the theatre.

Make it an evening with dinner in-house at the Playbill Dining Room. The chef boasts an impressive plated menu, while also offering an extensive prime rib buffet on specific days.

box office 250-246-9820 | 1-800-565-7738
chemainustheatrefestival.ca

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

SAT
JULY
15

BLUEGRASS EXTRAVAGANZA

WATERWHEEL PARK | 2PM - 6PM

Come join us for two days and ten great Blues bands! Admission is free. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

chemainusbluegrass.com

SAT
JULY
16

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

WATERWHEEL PARK | 11AM - 2PM

Engage in hands-on activities, enjoy live performances, painting workshops to puppet shows, ages 0-17 are welcome.

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SAT
JULY
22

ROCKABILLY JAMBOREE

WATERWHEEL PARK | 2PM - 5PM

Come join Paul Pigat (Cousin Harley and Hank Angel) Admission is free, bring your own lawn chair.

islandrockabilly.com

FRI
JULY
28

RIOT BREWING: CESAR MEDINA

RIOT BREWING | 5:30PM - 8PM

With a golden guitar and vocals to match. Cesar preforms rock, blues, and Flamenco (classics/originals).

riotbrewing.com

SAT
JULY
29

RIOT BREWING: LAWSON KELLY

RIOT BREWING | 6PM - 9PM

Come get your socks rocked, put the shimmy in your shake.

riotbrewing.com

SAT
JULY
29

CATS MEOW

WATERWHEEL PARK | 2PM - 4:30PM

Swing, Latin jazz, and more. Familiar and eclectic tunes. Sizzling grooves, spiced with saucy improvisation!

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SAT
AUG
5

ROMOLA & THE POZITIVE REBELLION

WATERWHEEL PARK | 2PM - 4:30 PM

Two sets of solid reggae music. Admission by donation.

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SAT
AUG
12

ACCORDION FESTIVAL

WATERWHEEL PARK | 11 AM - 5PM

Jim Hamilton brings together a wonderful group of accordionists to perform at the festival. Free admission.

chemainusbluegrass.com

SAT
AUG
19

SHORELINE STRINGS

WATERWHEEL PARK | 2PM - 4PM

Campbell River's Shoreline Strings performs stunning music. Admission by donation.

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SAT
AUG
26

COUNTRY MUSIC ROUND-UP FESTIVAL

WATERWHEEL PARK | 1:30PM - 6PM

Sweet Harmony Alan Moberg, Ed Peekeekoot Pony Club Wayne Montgomery and Montgomery County, and more.

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PLUS MANY MORE SUMMER EVENTS
WE HAVE MANY YEAR ROUND EVENTS TOO!

Check our online **EVENTS DIRECTORY** for details ▶





COASTAL BEAUTY

experience the Pacific

PACIFIC COAST ACTIVITIES YOU WILL ABSOLUTELY LOVE

Embarking on the tranquil waters of Chemainus opens up a world of aquatic adventures and unforgettable experiences. The Chemainus Coast offers an array of activities to delight visitors of all ages.

KAYAK & CANOE

Grab a paddle and your craft to adventure into the calm coastal waters, exploring the shoreline, and observing the abundant marine life that call these waters home.

PADDLE BOARD

Bring your board and explore hidden bays, and revel in the serenity of the Pacific. Glide atop the calm and gentle waters to enjoy the panoramic views of the coastline.

BOATING & SAILING

Launch from Kin Beach and set sail on the sparkling waters of the Strait of Georgia and enjoy the feeling of the wind in your hair. Perhaps even spot seals, sea lions, and seabirds along the way.

Coming in from the water already?

The Municipal Marina offers rental slips and services. A two minutes walk from the town core, come for the afternoon to explore or stock up on supplies and stop in for a meal.

DIVING

Dive beneath the surface by Kin Beach Park and discover four sunken barges in 60 feet of water (300m) from the beach or head by boat to the Boeing 737 placed to create an artificial reef (marked with a large yellow can buoy). Witness the diverse ecosystem of the Pacific Ocean.

SWIMMING

Splash in the warm summer waters off of Kin Beach Park. Equipped with a pebbled beach front and bathroom facilities, it is the perfect place to center yourself for the day.

BEACHCOMBING

Traverse among the abundance of shells and sea creatures left behind from low tide. Find all sorts of crabs, shelled marine life, and sand dollars in sun heated waters.

WILDLIFE

Venture out into the expansive ocean for an awe-inspiring encounter with majestic marine creatures and wildlife. The Chemainus Coast is known for eagles, raptors, and a variety of birds, plus appearances by seals, sea lions, and orcas.

FISHING

For angling enthusiasts, Chemainus offers excellent fishing opportunities. Cast your line to catch a variety of salt water and fresh water fish or pod fish for crab and selffish.

With its inviting waters and a myriad of activities, the Chemainus Coast promises an unforgettable aquatic experience. Whether you're seeking thrilling adventures or tranquil moments of connection with nature, this coastal paradise is sure to exceed your expectations and leave you with cherished memories to last a lifetime.



📍 ARTIFICIAL REEF BOEING 737 *diving*

Located just outside of the downtown area of Chemainus is a 737 Boeing Jet Plane that was sunk in early 2006 to make an artificial reef. The site is accessible by boat and is best done in fall, winter, or early spring.

Location: Leave from Kin Beach (By boat)



📍 DANIEL STREET PARK *park, picnic, shore*

Daniel Street Park is a sweet small park right on the ocean. Here you can see Askew Creek spill into the sea and enjoy the staircase down to the beachfront. It is best to visit at low-tide to explore more of the shoreline.

Location: End of Elliot St.



📍 BARGES DIVE SITE *diving*

Located near Kin Beach Park are four wooden barges that were sunk in 2012. The swim out to the barges is about 300m and they are located about 60ft below the surface.

WARNING: The barges are not maintained and could be derelict/dangerous.

Location: End of Maple Ln.



📍 KIN BEACH PARK *beach, park, boat launch*

Kin Beach Park is the perfect place to spend the day along the waters edge. Use the boat launch and full facilities (washroom and outdoor shower). Enjoy the playground, greenspaces, beachcombing, and panoramic ocean view. You can even swim here.

Location: Maple St. + Esplanade St.



📍 BOAT CHARTER *scenic tours*

Charter a guided tour with Saltair Ocean Adventures Inc. on the Jenmar, a 30 ft Tollycraft Sedan. Explore the stunning beauty of Vancouver Islands and the Gulf Islands known for their calm, warm and sheltered waters for an enjoyable experience.

Contact: saltairoceanadventures.com



📍 MUNICIPAL WHARF *moorage + facilities*

The Chemainus Municipal Wharf offers not only day but also overnight moorage, reservations, power service, and washrooms with showers. Contact Chemainus Wharf Office for more information.

Location: End of Oak St.



📍 COOK BEACH PARK *beach, park, picnic*

Pay a visit to the tranquil Cook Beach Park. This is the perfect destination to bring the whole family for a picnic and a swim. There are picnic tables and a wooded area at the top of the park for you and your family to enjoy.

Location: End of Island View Cl.

Did you know?

We have a sunken Boeing 737 and four barges which acts as artificial reefs just a quick boat ride from Kin Beach.

COME EXPLORE THE
#Cowichan Coast



COWICHAN
COAST

CROFTON CHEMAINUS SALTAIR LADYSMITH



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
take in the fresh pacific air

UNCOVER THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED

Whether you're an adventure seeker or a nature enthusiast, Chemainus has something for everyone. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty, breathe in the fresh air, and witness the diverse flora and fauna that make this region so captivating.

WALKING

The town is not only easily walkable, but fully accessible for any fitness level. A 15 minute walk can take you from the coast, to the forest, and through town.

HIKING & TRAILS

Lace up your hiking boots and explore the scenic trails that wind through the surrounding forests and parks. From leisurely strolls to challenging hikes, there are trails suitable for all skill levels.

PARKS & GREENSPACES

Enjoy the many panoramic ocean views and lush green spaces, including our downtown Waterwheel Park. Visitors can immerse themselves in the tranquility of these outdoor sanctuaries. Askew Creek has some of the oldest growing trees in the region and is in the middle of town.

CYCLING

Cyclists will rejoice with easy local trails as well as challenging routes. Enthusiasts are in for exhilarating adventures with natural obstacles while also having access to the largest trail system connecting the entire region

MICROMOBILITY

As a friendly town, you can safely use bike lanes, services, and specialty parks for your bikes, e-bikes, scooters, skateboards, in-line skates, and all micromobility options.

OCEAN & LAKES

Explore rocky beaches and coastal activities like tranquil walks along the shoreline moving to the rhythmic sounds of the ocean. Stroll along the lush shores and enjoy a variety of lakes, streams, and rivers in the Chemainus Valley.

WATERFALLS

When the water reserves are full from fall rains, the local falls at many of our greenspaces run. Take in the serene beauty.

WILDLIFE

Nature enthusiasts will be thrilled by the abundance of life in the Chemainus area. Keep an eye out for bald eagles soaring overhead, majestic marine animals, and a large variety of forest dwelling species.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture the beauty of the coastal scenery or stroll through the town and notice the intricate details of the outdoor murals that tell the region's captivating stories.

GOLF, SPORTS, & LEISURE

Engage in a friendly game of soccer, baseball, or tennis at the well-maintained local parks and facilities. Enjoy things like pickleball at Fuller Lake Arena or baseball at Doc Lewis Field. Celebrating their 75th anniversary, Mount Brenton Golf Club hosts an immaculate course offering a blend of natural beauty and challenging fairways. For all skill levels.



📍 AROUND TOWN *urban exploration + greenspaces*

We love to see locals and visitors taking advantage of the town's walkability in the fresh ocean air. With expansive spaces, enjoy hidden green spaces like the Secret Garden, and explore the lush flowerbeds lining the town.

Location: N/A



photo credit: alltrails.com

📍 CHEMAINUS RIVER PARK *greenspace*

A serene and picturesque natural oasis, offering visitors the chance to immerse themselves in the beauty of lush forests, scenic trails, and the soothing sound of the river's flow over 119 hectares.

Location: Swallowfield Rd.



📍 ASKEW CREEK PARK *greenspace*

Askew Creek Park is a 3.4 hectare forested park and wilderness trail here in Chemainus. The park is great for hiking, walking, picnicking, and birdwatching. There are several benches within the park for when you need a break.

Location: Chemainus Rd. + Oak St.



📍 CHEMAINUS/HORSESHOE BAY OVERLOOK *greenspace*

Look at all the beautiful scenic nature Chemainus has to offer from above at the Chemainus Logging Overlook. You'll be mesmerized by the breathtaking panoramic views of lush forests and winding river.

Location: Waterwheel Cres.



photo credit: pureoutside.com

📍 BANON FALLS *greenspace, river, falls*

Offering birding, hiking, and snowshoeing, while still allowing moments of tranquility. Embark on an exhilarating adventure with this 3.2-km/1 hour 15 min out-and-back moderate trail, okay for leashed dogs.

Location: Off SWatts Rd to end of Banon Creek Falls Forest Service Rd.



photo credit: alltrails.com

📍 ESTUARY TRAIL *trails + greenspace*

Discover the Chemainus River Estuary Trail, a serene and popular 2.7km hike, offering scenic views of the river, lush forests, and wetland terrain. Suitable for all skill levels and dog friendly. Great for birding.

Location: Swallowfield Rd.



📍 CHEMAINUS LAKE *greenspace*

Chemainus Lake Park is a beautiful 2.4km hike located just off of River Road. This lightly trafficked loop is perfect for all skill levels and is accessible year-round! There is also a small dock perfect for fishing and scenic views.

Location: Off River Rd.



photo credit: Chemainus Courier

📍 FULLER LAKE *greenspace, lake, trail*

Enjoy the great outdoors surround by tall trees and fresh air. You can swim, boat, and picnic here. It has lots of shaded areas and spots for sun bathing. Embark on the 3.4km loop trail. It is generally regarded as an easy path. Enjoy a serene and uncrowded experience exploration.

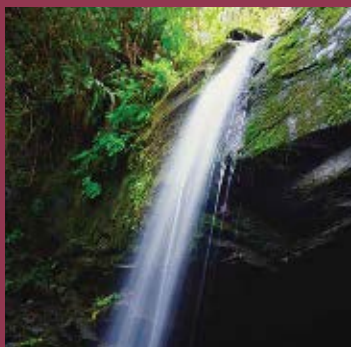
Location: Poplar Rd. + Fuller Lake Rd.



GERRY SMITH PARK *greenspace*

A quaint and beautifully maintained park that features the MacMillan Bloedel Train Car exhibit where an old steam engine stands in the park. It is a perfect place to spend the day relaxing and learning about history.

Location: Bare Point Rd. + Chemainus Rd.



STOCKING CREEK *greenspace + falls*

Stocking Creek has winding trails and a picnic area for fueling up. You can take a nature walk, finding routes along the creek to the falls. The Trans-Canada Trail also runs through this park connecting you to Chemainus and Ladysmith.

Location: End of Thicke Rd.



PRINCESS OF WALES LOOP *greenspace + trail*

Uncover this 1.8km loop trail, known for its easy terrain, taking around 22 minutes to complete. Ideal for leisurely walks, expect a peaceful and uncrowded ambiance.

Location: Olsen Rd.



TRANS CANADA TRAIL *greenspace + micromobility*

The Chemainus section of the Trans Canada Trail is approximately 7km round trip. This well-groomed and level trail makes for easy walking, running, and biking.

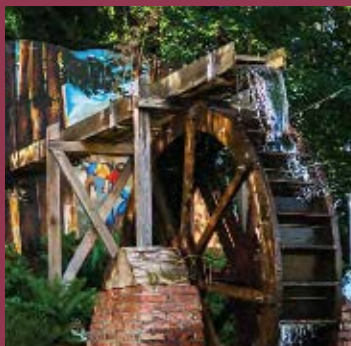
Location: Off the Trans Canada Hwy.



HERMIT TRAIL *greenspace*

The Hermit Trail is a short hike offering laid stone and flower beds alongside Askew Creek. It is perfect for a quick outing when you want to be in nature but don't have all day!

Location: Off Chemainus Rd.



WATERWHEEL PARK *greenspace*

Waterwheel Park is a beautiful park in the center of town complete with an outdoor stage, picnic tables, playground, labyrinth installed by the Chemainus Mural Society, and washrooms. It's also fully accessible!

Location: Croft St. + Alder St.



HOLLAND LAKE *hiking - difficult*

Explore this 25.4-km out and back trail near Saltair. It is a challenging route and takes around 6.5 hours to complete. While it is a well-liked spot for birdwatching, camping, and cross-country skiing in the winter months.

Location: Rolland Rd.



WUL'AAM (ECHO) PARK *greenspace*

Echo (Wul'aam) Park offers two trail heads to enter. Along the trails, find second-growth maples, fir, and cedar trees as well as benches for resting, and so much more. Traditional First Nations medicine harvesting territory.

Location: End of Chennel Blvd. also Creegan Dr.

photo credit: Bonnie Draginda



ARTS & ARTISANS

see the beauty in everything

 **MURAL: HMS FORWARD**
Photo credit Tourism Cowichan

IMMERSED IN A WORLD OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Chemainus is a haven for creativity, inspiring both residents and visitors alike. This vibrant town, adorned with captivating outdoor murals, showcases its rich artistic heritage with pride. From exploring galleries to engaging in hands-on workshops, there are numerous art-related activities to indulge in while in Chemainus.

MURALS

Embark on a captivating journey through the streets of Chemainus, taking in the world-renowned outdoor murals that adorn the town's walls. Each mural tells a unique story, depicting historical events, local legends, and scenes that ignite the imagination. There are unique works of art that include 3D, sound, and other forms of interactive. Enjoy a self-guided tour with one of the mural maps.

muraltown.com

SCULPTURES

Crafted by talented sculptors, these pieces add a touch of enchantment to the town's aesthetic. From intricate bronze sculptures depicting historical figures to contemporary abstract wind driven pieces that spark contemplation, the sculptures of Chemainus invite visitors to explore this beautiful three-dimensional artistry.

muraltown.com

LABYRINTH

Tucked away in a serene corner of Waterwheel Park this gentle activity serves as meditation. In the Breamore design, of the medieval style, this walk embodies tranquility and introspection. As visitors traverse the winding paths, they are enveloped in a sense of calm, each step guiding them with no choices or tricks, just relaxation.

muraltown.com

LIVE THEATRE

From classic plays to contemporary musicals, each performance at the world renowned Chemainus Theatre is a testament to the power of storytelling and the art of live theatre. The talented cast, supported by exceptional production value which transport audiences to new worlds.

chemainustheatrefestival.ca

MUSIC & DANCE

Home to a vibrant arts scene, explore music, concerts, and dance performances throughout the year. Join the many festivals that happen in the summer at the bandshell surrounded by old growth trees. Check the events calendar.

cvcas.ca

ART APPRECIATION

Discover a plethora of artistic talent at the various galleries and shops scattered throughout Chemainus. From contemporary to traditional art, the artists create an eclectic mix of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, and more.

Chemainus truly celebrates the arts in all its forms, inviting visitors to embrace their creative spirit and indulge in the rich cultural experiences it offers. The town provides a vibrant canvas for artistic expression and a source of inspiration for all who venture into its creative realm.

GHOST

THE MUSICAL

JUN 23 - AUG 27

The Fiancée

SEP 22 - OCT 22

It's a Wonderful Life

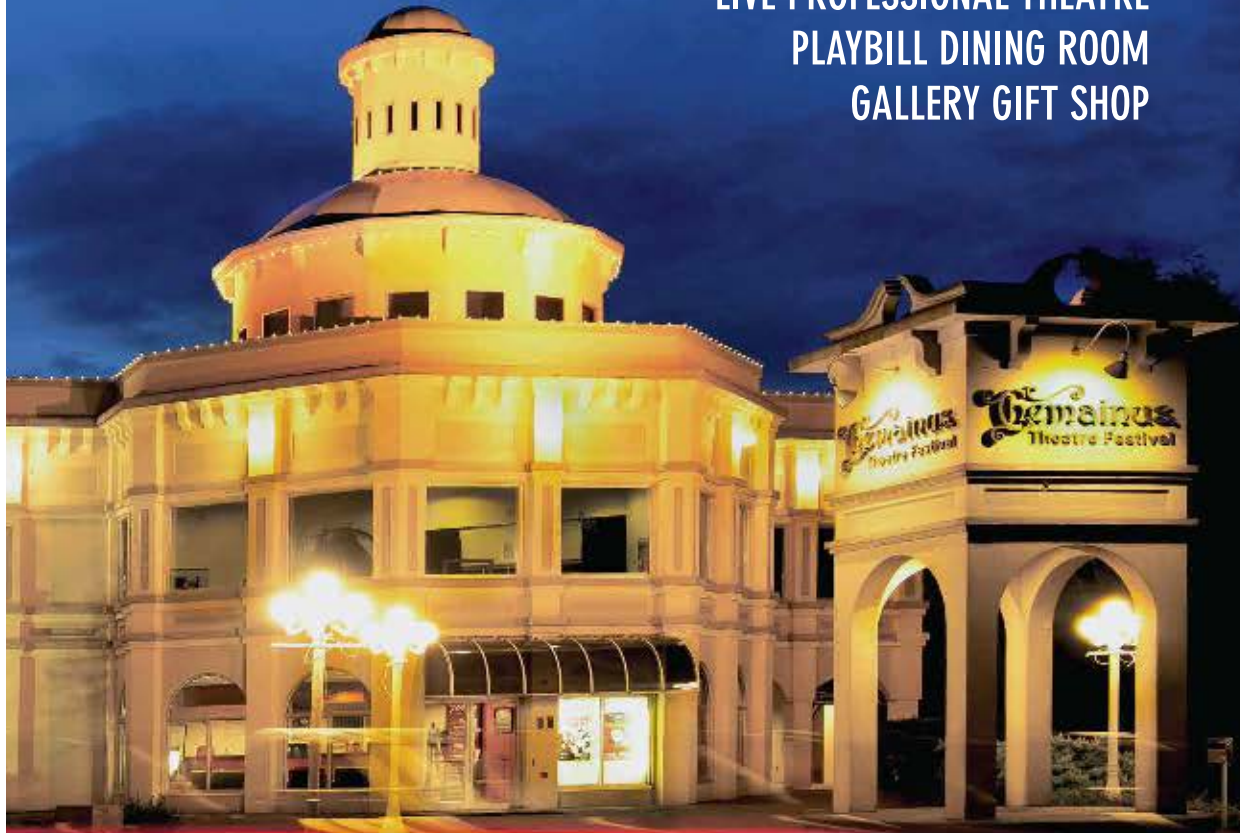
A LIVE RADIO PLAY

NOV 17 - DEC 23

Cheminus

Theatre Festival

LIVE PROFESSIONAL THEATRE
PLAYBILL DINING ROOM
GALLERY GIFT SHOP



250.246.9820

cheminustheatre.ca



CHEMAINUS DOLLARS

Introduced by the Chemainus Monetary Fund in 2010, the Chemainus Dollar was established as a registered form of official Canadian currency. These unique bills offered an alternative to conventional bills, aiming to stimulate local spending and bolster business in the community.

Featuring captivating artwork and security measures issues from the Canadian Mint, the Chemainus Dollars proudly displays the town's artistic legacy and celebrates its cultural heritage.

Though successfully utilized for several years, they were phased out of circulation in 2021. Nevertheless, these cherished dollars have since been preserved as souvenirs, providing both residents and visitors a tangible memento of their time in Chemainus.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

Chemainus Visitor Centre
 250-737-3368 | 9799 Waterwheel Crescent

All proceeds support the Chemainus Mural Society.

CHEMAINUS DOLLARS
 Available at the Visitors Center

A vibrant yellow fairy house with dark purple trim and a dark shingled roof. The house features two small arched windows on the roof and a large arched wooden door. A young girl in a colorful dress stands in front of the door. The house is surrounded by lush greenery, including a large tree and a tall, dense hedge. A dark red banner is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURES

experience more at your own pace

GO BEYOND THE ORDINARY EXPLORE CHEMAINUS' HIDDEN GEMS

Beyond Chemainus' famed cultural offerings, lies a trove of adventures waiting to be explored. Embark on a journey that transcends the ordinary, as we invite you to delve into the lesser-known treasures of this charming coastal destination. Let the spirit of exploration guide you as we unveil the extraordinary activities that await in Chemainus.

MUSEUM

View the stories of the longest working sawmill in Western Canada. Engage with the exhibits showcasing 150 years from farming to the famous street murals. Follow the visual timeline of Chemainus and discover its uniqueness.

chemainusvalleymuseum.ca

HERITAGE HOMES

Discover the beauty of the town's historical heritage homes by visiting the museum before embarking on a charming heritage walk to explore their captivating stories.

Cheminus Valley Historical Society

LOCOMOTIVE EXHIBIT

Step back in time and marvel at the MacMillan Bloedel Logging Steam Locomotive No. 1044. Built during 1924 for forestry operations on Vancouver Island, it was placed as a tribute to Chemainus' industrial heritage.

FOSSILS

Spend a day picking through the riverbanks, hunting for fossils. Head to Bannon Creek Falls where it enters the Chemainus River to discover a wealth of heteromorph ammonites, fossil seeds/cone, inoceramid bivalves, spiny lobster, and crinoids. This area is part of the Upper Cretaceous (Santonian), Haslam formation. Perfect for a day of exploration.

PUBLIC MARKET

Experience a lively gathering of vendors offering a diverse selection of goods, from artisanal crafts to gourmet treats, creating a vibrant marketplace experience.

chemainuspublicmarket.com

OUTDOOR MARKETS

Immerse yourself in vibrant outdoor markets on Wednesdays through the summer, where local artisans and vendors showcase unique crafts, fresh produce, and delectable treats.

chemainus.bc.ca

BREWERY TOURS

Riot Brewing Co is happy to give you a tour and share their passion for brewing depending on their production schedule. Get in touch in advance to arrange a tour.

riotbrewing.com

GEOCACHING

Embark on a thrilling treasure hunt, exploring hidden caches throughout the town in a fun and interactive adventure.

geocaching.com

Embrace the diversity of experiences that await, and let the charm of Chemainus take you on an unforgettable journey of exploration and wonder.



SHOPPING ▶

curated collections

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

As you stroll through the charming streets, you'll be captivated by the unique boutiques and specialty shops that line the town. It is an experience that is a journey of discovery, creativity, and unique artisan items. Free Parking.

ARTISAN PRODUCTS

From handmade jewelry to beautifully crafted pottery and ceramics, the town's shops showcase local talent.

BOUTIQUE & SPECIALTY SHOPS

Explore the shops filled with fashion-forward clothing, unique accessories, and stylish home decor, all carefully selected to offer a distinctive array that reflects individuality. Additionally, you'll find stores specializing in locally sourced food products that showcase the regional culinary expertise.

ANTIQUES

Renowned for its abundance of antique stores, and the highest number of antique shops per capita, it is a treasure trove for vintage enthusiasts and collectors alike.

ESSENTIALS

Plus you will find a whole host of other every day essentials such as groceries, pharmacy, and everything in between.

Cheminus boasts a surprising selection of locally owned businesses with products that embody the region's creative spirit and exceptional craftsmanship.



ACE HARDWARE

building & garden supplies

Ace Hardware has everything you need to fix, maintain, and repair your home. Every Ace is independently owned to "be real. To Ace is like a visit to your neighbour."

9670 Chemainus Road (250) 246-8031

[click for website](#)



BLUE ORCHARD

general gifts

An eclectic store filled with British foods and candies, fashion items, general gifts and so much more!

9190 Willow Street (604) 351-4159

[click for social media](#)



AUTHOR'S CORNER

new & used books

From cover to cover, they've got you covered. An amazing variety of new and used books can be found in this cozy little bookshop.

9190 Willow Street (750) 321-4170

[click for website](#)



BOOKS, HOBBIES & MORE

art, games, books, and more

Filled with miniatures, new and used books, jewelry, art, puzzles, games and more. The focus is on local with books, art, and jewelry artisans from Vancouver Island. Lots to see

9174 Willow Street (778) 911-6036

[click to call](#)



BAD RIVER COLLECTIVE

gifts + art

A boutique gift shop featuring an eclectic collection of local art, gifts, souvenirs, and other beautiful collections. Located beside the beautiful secret garden.

9752 Willow Street (250) 347-5786

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BOUND TO BE DIFFERENT

clothing + accessories + gifts

Bound to Be Different carries a beautifully curated selection of women's fashion, accessories, giftware, local art, jewelry, and so much more. Open 7 days a week.

9750 Willow Street (250) 324-4119

[click for website](#)



BEYOND THE USUAL

outdoor + clothing + shoes

Beyond the Usual has clothing, footwear, and apparel for the whole family. They carry big name brands like, Ten Tree, Volcom, Timberland, and Hydroflask. Open 7 days a week or shop online.

9170 Willow Street (250) 324-1551

[click for website](#)



BRICKITTY DOODA

lego + collectibles + toys

Brickitty dooda offers a quality LEGO experience right in the heart of the Cowichan Valley.

9790 Willow Street (250) 732-6465

[click for social media](#)



BY THE BAY LAVENDER

aromatherapy + westcoast woodworks

The store of ultimate relaxation and anti-aging. With over 100 natural lavender botanicals, indulge your senses and enjoy the work of local artisans. Come and relax.

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9772 Willow Street (250) 213-7230

[click for website](#)



CHEMAINUS VALLEY MUSEUM GIFTSHOP

historical

The museum is located in Chemainus' beautiful Waterwheel Park. Stop by their giftshop and take a little piece of history home with you.

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9799 Waterwheel Creek (250) 246-2446

[click for website](#)



CALYPSO JEWELRY DESIGN

Jewelry + repairs

Calypto Jewelry Design creates unique, custom-designed jewelry in semi-precious stone, pearls, and other materials. They also offer repair and redesign services.

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10680 Chemainus Road (780) 807-1722

[click for website](#)



CHEMAINUS PUBLIC MARKET

multiple artisan shops

The Chemainus Public Market is filled with food establishments, boutique artisan shops, vintage items, and even an arcade!

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9790 Willow Street (250) 624-4710

[click for website](#)



CHEMAINUS HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP

thrift store

Discover hidden treasures and support the local community! Every purchase makes a difference and every visit promises a unique find.

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9667 Maple Street (250) 246-2476

[click for website](#)



CHRISTMAS IN CHEMAINUS

decorations

Christmas in Chemainus is a unique and elegant Christmas scene full of special treasures.

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9709 Willow Street (250) 374-8880

[click for social media](#)



CHEMAINUS HEALTH FOOD STORE

food + clothing + health

The Health Food Store has a selection of organic and eco-friendly clothing, groceries, health items, and so much more!

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9788 Willow Street (250) 246-0888

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CITRUS CYCLES

bike, parts + services

Citrus Cycles offers pedal assist bikes, electric bikes and electric bicycle tours, rentals and sales. If you want to rent an eBike or go on an eBike tour they can assist you!

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9778 Willow St. (250) 246-0402

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CLOVER CLOTHING

clothing + accessories + consignment

Clover Clothing has a carefully curated collection of preloved clothing. Follow them on Instagram @cloverclothing_chemainus.

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9797 Willow Street (250) 333-9511

[click for social media](#)



GALLERY & GIFTSHOP AT CHEMAINUS THEATRE

art + jewelry - creations

The Gallery & Giftshop at Chemainus Theatre carry locally sourced gift items including jewelry, fine art, clothing, culinary delights, and more!

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9717 Chemainus Road (250) 246-9117

[click for website](#)



COUNTRY GROCER

groceries

Country Grocer is a full-service grocery store with all of your favourite products. They also have an extensive deli section offering prepared foods and a floral department.

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3000 Oak Street (250) 216-3551

[click for website](#)



GIFTS N' THINGS

gifts + art + kids

A one of a kind shopping destination with indoor and outdoor treasures, funky socks, cool accessories, toys, stationery, and much more!

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9706 Willow Street (250) 246-4531

[click for social media](#)



DEADWOOD ART

recycled wood art + instruments

Deadwood Art uses recycled wood to create guitars, windchimes, figurines and chessboards. Open limited hours.

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9731 Chemainus Road (250) 416-5100

[click for website](#)



GOVINDAS THRIFT STORE

clothing + accessories

Govindas Thrift Store offers a curated selection of gently used items, vintage treasures, and unique products for you to peruse.

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2357 Oak Street (778) 320-1209

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ETC!

Jewelry + beads

Fuel is your local destination for boxes and beading supplies. They not only offer supplies but have one-of-a-kind finished jewelry, a wide range of classes, and price reductions.

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9752 Willow Street (250) 324-2227

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GREAT CANADIAN DOLLAR STORE

discount store

Find incredible value and endless possibilities at the Great Canadian Dollar Store, where every dollar goes further, and a world of affordable products awaits.

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3800 Oak Street (250) 416-7954

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HANSEL & GRETEL'S CANDY CO.

classic candy + sweets

Hansel and Gretel's is every child's dream come true. They have old candy favorites and new sweet treats waiting to be discovered!

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9778 Willow Street (250) 246-1059

[click for social media](#)



PHARMASAVE

pharmacy + drug store

Experience personalized care and expertise at Pharmasave, offering a wide range of pharmaceutical products and services to meet your needs.

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3055 Oak Street (250) 324-1100

[click for website](#)



KRAZY KRITTER KOOKIES

pet store

The perfect pet store for everything a pet lover needs! They specialize in all natural, hand-crafted, healthy treats, toys, and trinkets.

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9790 Willow Street (250) 510-2537

[click for website](#)



PUPPYCATS PET EMPORIUM

supplies + treats

Puppycats is your local pet supply hub. They have products for dogs, cats, other small animals, and are very knowledgeable!

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9616 Chemin du Lac (250) 334-2220

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LITTLE ANGELS CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE

clothing + footwear

Little Angels Children's Boutique offers new children's clothing and footwear for boys and girls from newborn to size 12.

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103-9847 Craft Street (250) 416-0027

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RAINFOREST ARTS

gallery + shop

Rainforest Arts houses 60 of Vancouver Island's best artists in one location and are dedicated to celebrating Island artists through their retail gallery, website, and promos.

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9781 Willow Street (250) 245-4067

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LOST IN TIME ANTIQUES AND ODDITIES

antiques + collectibles

A crazy array of collectibles like you have never imagined from a taxidermy Bigfoot to many other items straight out of a 1950's circus show.

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9844 Craft Street (250) 416-0391

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REPEAT BOUTIQUE

clothing + home decor + more

Repeat Boutique focuses on repeating items already in existence and finding them a new home.

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9686 Chemin du Lac (250) 668-9275

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REXALL DRUG STORE

food + pharmacy + accessories

Rexall is your modern community drug store and pharmacy carrying a variety of necessities and beauty products. They have everything you could need in one convenient location.

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9762 Willow Street (250) 246-9821

9897 Esplanade Street (250) 246-7131

[click for website](#)



VINTIQUITY

vintage + antiques

Antiques, retro items, vintage, collectibles, and forgotten items of yesteryear, Vintiquity on Maple Street in Old Town has something for everyone to discover.

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5885 Maple Street (250) 824-0040

[click for website](#)



SALISH SEA MARKET

convenience store + more

Convenience meets quality at Salish Sea Market, your one-stop-shop for everyday essentials, delicious snacks, and friendly service making your shopping experience a breeze.

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2880 Oak Street (250) 246-3815

[click for website](#)



WIFFLE GAMES

comics + records

Wiffle Games & CPM Arcade specializes in retro games, silver age comics, vintage toys, rock n roll records, arcade and pinball machines, and much more!

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9756 Willow Street (250) 824-5544

[click for website](#)



SILVERMINE ON CHEMAINUS

Jewelry + silver smith

This chic jewelry gallery has a stunning collection of unique silver jewelry, green amber, moonstones, opals, local First Nations carved jewelry, and more!

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9650 Chemainus Road (250) 246-5008

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WILLOW STREET ANTIQUE MALL

vintage + antiques

Come check out Willow Street Antique Mall, featuring a variety of items from collectibles, furniture, china, and antiques.

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9756 Willow Street (250) 246-4333

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THE OLDE GOLD SHOPPE

Jewelry repair

Serving Chemainus & North Cowichan for 25 years, they offer quality custom made jewelry and guaranteed repairs. Make an appointment today!

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9479 Willow Street (250) 246-1653

[click to call](#)

Did you know?

Chemainus is now home to the original sculptor of the Cabbage Patch Kid dolls, who have maintained an illustrious career in creating notable items such as royal Pez heads and artistic creations globally.



FOOD & DRINK

a taste experience

 SAWMILL TAPHOUSE

EPICUREAN ARTISTRY

Prepare to embark on a delectable culinary journey in the enchanting town of Chemainus, where food takes center stage and tantalizes your taste buds.

CAFES

Enjoy these cozy and inviting cafes, where you can relax with a freshly brewed cup of coffee or tea, indulge in delectable pastries, gourmet lunches, and more.

CASUAL EATS & PUBS

Serving up satisfying dishes that evoke new flavours or nostalgia and warmth, you can find something for everyone.

INTERNATIONAL CUISINES

Immerse yourself in a wide variety of global cuisine; the vibrant spices of Thai, the full flavours of Pho, the freshness of sushi, or the bold and exotic flavors of Indian.

SWEETS

Sample locally made gourmet ice cream, explore nostalgic candy stores, and savor a variety of freshly baked goods and decadent treats throughout the town.

CRAFT BEER, WINE & SPIRITS

Award winning artisanal craft beer can be sampled right here in Chemainus at Riot Brewing. You can also find local vintages, spirits and more at local liquor stores.

Chemainus promises an unforgettable gastronomic adventure that will leave you craving for more.



ARCHIE'S DINER

50's classic diner dishes

Archie's offers gourmet hot dogs, burgers, milkshakes, suncoes, hand cut fries, and so much more. Join them for an authentic 50's dining experience.

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3790 Willow Street (250) 824-4711
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CANTEEN ON THE GREEN

restaurant + lounge

Maple Lane Canteen on the Green serves a selection of tasty appetizers, delectable lunch and dinner items, and decadent desserts.

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2816 Henry Road (250) 824-0577
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BABY BEARS ICE CREAM

ice cream

Located in the secret garden on Willow Street, the sweet smell of ice cream will draw you in. Enjoy an abundant selection of flavours and a great atmosphere at Baby Bears Ice Cream!

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5748 Willow Street (250) 246-1059
click to call



CAPTAIN ANDY'S

fish & chips

Andy's offers crisp, lightly battered fish and fresh, hand cut chips along with delicious Ruben or club sandwiches, crab cakes, popcorn shrimp and many other delectable items.

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3790 Willow Street (250) 824-4688
click for social media



BC LIQUOR

local & foreign drinks

BC Liquor Store provides a wide selection of wines, spirits, beers, coolers, ciders, and has knowledgeable staff to provide you with information, and advice. Enjoy responsibly.

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2792 Logan Street (250) 246-858
click for website



CHEMAINUS BAKERY

fresh baked goods + bakery

Looking for decadent desserts and salvation worthy snacks? Chemainus Bakery is a stop worth making. Fresh, handmade pastries and breads can be found inside.

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2876 Oak Street (250) 246-1121
click to call



BONNIE MARTIN

classic home-cooked meals

Bonnie Martin Restaurant has been serving home-style Canadian cuisine since 1998. They are available for deli, in or take-out options. Their friendly staff will always put a smile on your face.

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2077 Mill Street (250) 246-1060
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COFFEE ROW

baked goods + specialty coffee

From perfect lattes to freshly roasted cups of coffee, this café has it all. They offer delectable breakfast sandwiches, baked goods, muffins, and even freshly made sandwiches.

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3790 Willow Street (250) 824-4711
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GRAPEFULLY YOURS WINEMAKERS

gadgets + artisan creations

Grapefully Yours has a wide selection of kits to make heavenly wines, exquisite ports, and delightful beers. They also have a hot liquid!

9854 Oak Street (250) 246-1300

[click for website](#)



LITTLE TOWN PIZZA

pizza + pasta + wings

Little Town Pizza: little town, big taste! They work hard to produce their pizzas with fresh ingredients from local farmers markets and zero food waste to contribute to landfills.

9734 Chemainus Road (250) 321-2242

[click for website](#)



HORSESHOE BAY INN PUB

pub fare

Horseshoe Bay Pub has daily dinner specials and a variety of beers on tap for you to enjoy. Visit the friendly staff at Horseshoe Bay Pub for a delicious meal and delightful beverage.

9576 Chemainus Road (250) 416-0411

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MID ISLAND LIQUOR

local + foreign drinks

Mid Island Liquor Store offers a large variety of special in-store deals on boutique wines, craft beer, cider, and spirits.

3055 Oak Street (250) 246-2337

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INVITATION INDIAN CUISINE

north + south indian cuisine

A conventional Indian eatery serving extraordinary food from various locales of South and North India.

2976 Mill Street (250) 246-9545

[click for website](#)



NIC'S CAFE

cafe + fresh baked goods

Nic's Café is a coffee and tea house with quality used books. They make fresh in-house classic baked sweet and savoury goods along with handcrafted beverages.

2859 Oak Street (250) 246-9188

[click for website](#)



ISLAND PASTRY HAUS

freshly baked + handcrafted goods

Located in the heart of downtown Chemainus serving both locals and visitors daily. They offer bread, pastries, desserts, sandwiches, and more with a fun European twist!

9780 Willow St (250) 252-8440

[click to call](#)



OWL'S NEST

cafe + bakery + pastries

Owl's Nest serves all-day breakfast, lunch, fine baking, desserts, and handcrafted beverages. They make both classic and new recipes as well as offering gluten and dairy free options.

9702 Willow Street (250) 894-8086

[click for website](#)



PHO TRIPLE 7

soup + vietnamese cuisine

Pho Triple 7 serves flavourful, healthy, and delicious Vietnamese cuisine. Each dish is carefully prepared by the talented staff who go above and beyond for their customers.

9799 Willow Street (250) 324-0777
[click for website](#)



SCOOPS BY THE SEA

seasonal ice cream + snacks

Scoops by the Sea has delicious handcrafted ice cream made on site, gourmet hot dogs, and specialty beverages. They continuously make and invent new and exciting flavours to enjoy!

9779 Willow Street (408) 971-4211
[click for website](#)



PLAYBILL DINING ROOM

fine dining

Their impressive menu includes fresh seasonal salads, delicious starters, three-course plated dinners, and delectable desserts! They also offer a buffet with dinner, lunch, and brunch options available on select days.

9787 Chenamus Road (250) 246-9890
[click for website](#)



SUBWAY

sandwiches + wraps + soups

Subway is your go-to place for any meal. They have a selection of sandwiches, soups, and salads for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and are customizable to suite your preferences.

9759 Clements Road (250) 321-3055
[click for website](#)



RIOT BREWING CO.

local beer + drinks

Stop by for a tour, a sample, a flight, or even a whole glass of local craft beer! Want to take some to go? Grab a growler to take with you and enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

3055 Oak Street (250) 324-7468
[click for website](#)



SUSHI KUNI

Japanese cuisine

Sushi Kuni offers heavenly Japanese cuisine to satisfy your cravings. From rice bowls, to yakisoba, sushi rolls, and more, every bite at Sushi Kuni is fresh and flavourful!

2869 Oak Street (250) 246-2290
[click for social media](#)



SAWMILL TAPHOUSE & GRILL

taphouse + pizzas + grill

The Sawmill Tap House offers Pacific Northwest craft beers, farm-to-table pizzas, authentic farm-to-table tapas, and coozers in an incredible atmosphere!

3056 Oak Street (250) 194-0222
[click for website](#)



THAI PINTO

thai cuisine

Thai Pinto offers a diverse menu of delectable Thai cuisine. From Pad Thai, to Red Curry, Thai Chicken, and more, indulge your taste buds at Thai Pinto!

9875 Maple Street (250) 324-8424
[click to call](#)



WILLOW STREET CAFE

cafe + breakfast + lunch + baking

Everything at Willow Street Café is made fresh every time you place an order. Baked goods come fresh out of the oven every morning.

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9779 Willow Street (250) 226-2737
[click for website](#)



WINGS CAFE

chinese cuisine

If you enjoy Canadian and Chinese cuisines, then Wings Café is for you! Wings has a selection of dishes from perfectly cooked fried chicken, chow mein, fried poutines, and more!

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9765 Chemainus Road (250) 216-3372
[click to call](#)

Did you know?

Chemainus has an award winning craft brewery. Riot Brewing Co., boasts an impressive collection of BC award-winning craft beers that have earned them a well-deserved reputation across Canada.





CHEMAINUS SUMMER OCEAN BREEZE REFRESHER

This non-alcoholic elixir evokes the essence of a seaside escape. Its vibrant pink hue mirrors a summer sunset over the ocean. Bring thoughts of Chemainus home with you and enjoy this refresher.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup of pineapple juice

1/4 cup of cranberry juice

1/3 cup seltzer or ginger ale

Filtered or sparkling water

1 tablespoon of lime juice (freshly squeezed)

1 tablespoon of simple syrup, honey, or sweetener of your choice

Ice cubes

Ribbon of rhubarb tied (for garnish)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a pitcher, combine the pineapple juice, seltzer, cranberry juice, lime juice, and sweetener of choice. Stir well to ensure the flavors are mixed well and sweetener has dissolved.
2. Pour in seltzer or ginger ale to add a refreshing fizz.
3. Fill serving glasses with ice cubes.
4. Pour the juice mixture into the glasses, filling them about three-quarters full.
5. Top each glass with filtered or sparkling water. You can adjust the amount based on your preference for sweetness.
6. Stir gently to combine the flavors.
7. Garnish each glass with a ribbon of rhubarb tied.
8. Serve the Chemainus Summer Ocean Breeze and enjoy its vibrant flavors.

It's perfect for enjoying on a sunny summer day and captures the essence of Chemainus' ocean breeze. Cheers!



STAY ▶
and relax

GET COMFY, STAY A WHILE

From cozy bed and breakfasts to a well appointed hotel, the town provides a range of accommodations that cater to various preferences and budgets. Staying in Chemainus ensures you are at the heart of the Cowichan coast and valley.

HOTEL

Settle into a comfortable and well-appointed room at the Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn, complete with modern amenities, pool, and breakfast.

B&B, AIR B&B, HOSTEL

Traditional bed and breakfasts such as the Cottage and Castle, exude a cozy charm, offering personalized hospitality and ambiance. Airbnbs and hostels provide flexible accommodation options without the hosts present.

CAMPING & RV

Set up camp in scenic campgrounds where you can unwind under the stars. RV enthusiasts can enjoy the convenience of local RV parks equipped with essential amenities.

LONG TERM STAYS

A Comfortable and convenient home base for your extended visit, consider options such as vacation rentals, furnished apartments, or a long-term stay in our hotel.

Wake up to breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes, whether it's the tranquil coastline or lush forests, and start your day refreshed and rejuvenated.



A COTTAGE & A CASTLE

bed & breakfast + salon

A Cottage and A Castle accommodation is cozy and luxurious. The home is actually from the early 1900s and offers an abundance of character. Plus there's a salon in the back!

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9909 Maple Street (250) 246-2141
[click for booking](#)



COUNTRY MAPLES

RV/resort

Country Maples RV Resort is nestled along the Chemainus River and is bordered by an old-growth forest. They have a variety of camping areas with full and partial hookups.

9010 Trans Canada Hwy (250) 246-2078
[click for website](#)



BEST WESTERN PLUS CHEMAINUS INN

classic hotel

A great and true classic you can count on. Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn never disappoints and is always there to welcome you!

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9578 Chemainus Road (250) 246-4181
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THE CRANKY BIT*H BIKE HOSTEL

hostel

Offers a unique blend of hostel-style bunk beds and private rooms, as well as a glamping option for couples. Located near cycling routes and cycling hospital within.

3150 Douglas Street (250)709-9254
[click for booking](#)



BY THE BAY LAVENDER VILLA

bed & breakfast

They offer breathtaking ocean views, private, well appointed suites, a homemade stone breakfast, and four contemporary suites to choose from.

3458 Peninsula Circle (250) 233-2730
[click for booking](#)



EAGLE ROCK B&B

peaceful access + amenities

Eagle Rock Bed and Breakfast is the perfect place to spend a serene weekend on the coast. With beautifully cooked meals and beautiful views, you will be spoiled.

10150 Island View Circle (811) 333-0766
[click for booking](#)



CHEMAINUS RIVER CAMPGROUND

camping + RV

Join them on their beautiful 28 acres situated on the Chemainus River and see the abundant wildlife.

8682 Trans Canada Hwy (250) 246-9357
[click for website](#)



EDGEWATER ACCOMMODATIONS

apartos

Enjoy the serene tranquility of this hidden gem along with the breathtaking, colourful sunsets and sunrises that you will rarely experience anywhere else.

9991 Beach Drive (250) 533-9547
[click for booking](#)



FULLER LAKE MOTEL

multi-bed accommodation

Their property is located on 2.5 acres of beautifully wooded, landscaped grounds overlooking the stunning BC coastal mountain range. Another plus, breakfast is included with your stay!

9800 Smiley Road (250) 246-8282
[click for booking](#)



TINY FARM ON THE HILL

airbnb

A family friendly two bedroom suite surrounded by nature and animals. You can order fresh, organic eggs, home made sourdough bread, and teal right at home!

3440 Hillside Road (778) 954-8996
[click for booking](#)



HORSESHOE BAY INN

inn + pub + liquor store

Horseshoe Bay Inn offers cozy local accommodations with an attached pub and liquor store. Contact them today to book your stay!

9576 Chemainus Road (250) 416-0411
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WAYWARD INN

airbnb

A luxurious, relaxing and modern one bedroom suite with its own private entrance. A deep soaker tub in the bedroom, full kitchen, and beautiful outdoor covered patio surrounded by gardens.

9925 Willow Street [airbnb link](#)
[click for booking](#)



MUNICIPAL MARINA

overnight moorage

Discover charming "Old Town" Chemainus at this well situated wharf, located near several shops. They also offer services, equipment, and fuel.

706 of Oak Street (250) 246-4655
[click for website](#)



PACIFIC SHORES INN

boutique hotel

Experience coastal comfort and tranquility at Pacific Shores Inn in charming Chemainus, BC, where cozy accommodation and warm hospitality await.

9847 Willow Street (250) 324-0777
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Did you know?

In the 1980's, Chemainus faced an economic decline due to the closure of its primary sawmill. To revive the town, locals and artists collaborated to create the outdoor murals and transform the area into a unique tourist destination. When this happened the town exploded and saw its first taste of tourists staying over to experience the town.



9573 Chemainus Rd | (250) 246-4181





SERVICES

for everyday life

WE HAVE IT HERE

Chemainus offers a wide array of services that cater to both residents and visitors, making it a well-rounded and vibrant community on Vancouver Island. From essential amenities like grocery stores, pharmacies, and healthcare facilities, to a variety of specialty services, visitors can find everything they need at their fingertips.

FITNESS, BEAUTY & AESTHETICS

Fitness enthusiasts can revel in well-equipped gyms and wellness centers, while those seeking rejuvenation and beauty can find solace in local spas, aesthetic clinics, hair stylists, and barbers.

FINANCIAL

Banks, credit unions, and financial advisors offer services related to banking, investments, loans, and financial planning.

REAL ESTATE

Aspiring homeowners can rely on expert real estate agents, guiding them through the property market with utmost professionalism.

PETS

Furry companions are cared for, with top-notch veterinary and rehabilitation services ensuring their well-being.

Chemainus' diverse service offerings harmoniously unite to create an all-encompassing haven, where visitors can thrive.



ANYTIME FITNESS

gym

Get fit on your schedule with Anytime Fitness, the 24/7 gym that empowers you to reach your goals.

8055 Oak Street (250) 874-4710
[click for website](#)



CIBC

banking services

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) wants to help you do more with your money. Visit them today to find out more about their newest offers and services.

9760 Willow Street (250) 246-3257
[click for website](#)



CANADA POST

postage services

Canada Post is committed to providing you with friendly and timely postage services. They have flat rate parcels and other packaging in store for your convenience.

9769 Willow Street (250) 246-9160
[click for website](#)



COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

financial services

They're here for you. At Coastal Community you and Island Communities come first.

9781 Willow Street 1-888-741-1010
[click for website](#)



CANCO GAS

fuel + snacks

CanCo Gas helps you reach all of your destinations. Follow your dreams but don't forget to fuel up first. They're here for you, wherever you're going.

9798 Chemainus Road (250) 246-8762
[click for website](#)



COLOUR WHEEL SALON

hair salon

Get your hair cut, coloured, and styled with glamour! Colour Wheel Salon specializes in ladies, men's, and children's cuts.

9790 Willow Street (250) 503-9309
[click for social media](#)



CHEMAINUS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

pet medical services

They offer a wide range of medical services and surgeries while providing only the highest caliber of care for your beloved furry friends!

9830 Gulf Street (250) 246-1222
[click for website](#)



CURATED STUDIO

tattoo shop + beauty treatments

Curated Studio offers several services including fine line tattoos, lash extensions, brow laminations, and more!

9786 Chemainus Road [instagram link](#)
[click for social media](#)



DIGITS

mobile medical foot care

Digits is staffed by certified foot care nurses. They are extensively trained and educated to provide you with only the highest level of foot and nail care.

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9739 Willow Street (250) 709-1306
[click for website](#)



ISLAND SAVINGS

credit union

When it comes to managing your money, let their experts help you learn how to use credit to get ahead, pay off your debts faster, and tackle unexpected financial setbacks.

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5005 Oak Street (888) 397-1069
[click for website](#)



DOC THE BARBER

barber shop

An authentic barbershop, specializing in traditional men's haircutting, beard/facial hair sculpting, and straight razor shaving. Call today to book an appointment.

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24975 Willow Street (250) 324-0362
[click for social media](#)



LOST BOYS INK

tattoo shop

They ensure that every client leaves happy and with a lasting experience and memory. Their studio is a safe place for all people to come in, hangout, and create some beautiful artwork.

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9877 Maple Street [instagram link](#)
[click for website](#)



EXP REALTY

realtor services

Whether you are needing to sell or are wanting to buy Exp Realty is the right choice. They will make sure all of your real estate needs are met and will help guide you every step of the way.

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9745 Willow Street (250) 246-0706
[click for website](#)



MCBRIDE'S SERVICE STATION

mechanic

McBride's Service Station offers top-of-the-line car repair, maintenance, and towing available 24/7. They have exceptional care and quality service.

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9616 Chomans Road (250) 246-3341
[click for website](#)



IMPULSE ELECTRONICS

consumer electronics - sales & service

Impulse Electronics does electronic repairs and sales and is government certified. They have a varied selection of home and portable electronic supplies to serve all your needs.

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2851 Oak Street (250) 276-5057
[click for social media](#)



NHU'S BEAUTY NAILS

nail salon

Nhu's Beauty Nails Salon is the place to go for gorgeous nails. The skilled nail technicians are committed to providing you with precise, detailed nails that you will love.

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9779 Willow Street (250) 324-4443
[click for social media](#)



REMAX GENERATION

realtor services

All of the agents at Remax believe that the Chemainus/Ladysmith areas are the best places to live in all of Canada. They want to help you make informed decisions about housing.

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9/45 Willow Street (250) 246-3700
click for website



STUDIO 77 SALON

hair services

Whether you need a trim or are looking for a brand new style, they can do it all at Studio 77.

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8910 Craft Street (250) 246-2141
click for social media



SAGE POSTURAL ALIGNMENT & MASSAGE THERAPY

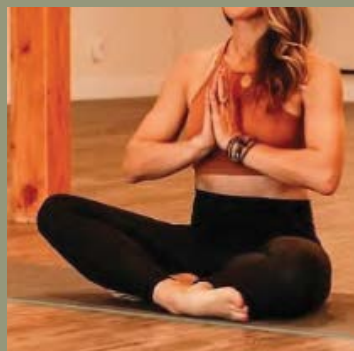
postural alignment - massage therapy

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Address the root cause of your pain! Helping clients experience breakthroughs in pain relief and increased mobility.

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2-9730 Vicars Street (778) 230-7524
click for website



THE HIVE COLLECTIVE

holistic health + wellness

A collective of health and wellness professionals in Chemainus. Offering fitness classes, yoga, meditation, personal training, breathe work, workshops and much more!

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2863 Oak Street (250) 246-1974
click for social media



SANDPIPER GLASS

glass repair

Sandpiper Glass is your auto glass specialist. Their installations and repairs are fast, prompt and professional. They also offer home repairs and installations of mirrors, screens, out glass, and thermal glass.

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2891 Lumsden (250) 246-2421
click for website



THE SHINING TREE STUDIO

fitness venue

The Shining Tree Studio offers personal training, healthy eating & weight loss coaching, and a selection of small & large group yoga & fitness classes.

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1-9765 Chemainus Road (250) 588-9259
click for website



SIREN'S INK

tattoo shop

Siren's Ink specializes in fine line work, custom pieces, west coast nature/floral, animal realism, and full colour tattoos.

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9/48 Willow Street Instagram link
click for social media



TREE OF LIFE

massage therapy

Tree of Life Massage Therapy has healthcare professionals that are highly trained and committed to providing you with exceptional care. The entrance is on Victoria Street.

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9788 Willow Street (250) 210-1827
click for website



URBAN LEGENDS

salon + medspa + laser clinic

A one-stop shop for beauty, specializing in cosmetic injections, laser hair removal, laser skin rejuvenation, HydraFacials, and a complete line of esthetic and hair services.

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9722 Chemainus Road (250) 416-0413
[click for website](#)



VIOLET WILD CANNABIS CO.

cannabis

They believe that the most satisfying cannabis experiences begin with connection. Their goal in each interaction is to understand your unique needs and align you with the quality cannabis products that best support your lifestyle.

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9750 Chemainus Road (250) 334-0481
[click for website](#)



WILDWOOD COLLECTIVE

hair salon

A full-service hair salon offering custom cutting, colour services, extensions, braiding, perming, and up styles. Facial wax and ear piercing is also offered.

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9748 Willow Street (250) 824-4440
[click for website](#)

PLUS MANY OTHERS

Many services are not listed as they are not visitor focused. Check out our website for a full listing.

We have professionals of every industry here in Chemainus.

Did you know?

From a global tech company that produce radar electronics to a longshoreman union representing BC.

GIANT MURALS
Photo credit Cowichan Tourism





KEY SERVICE CONTACTS

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE

Dial 9-1-1

URGENT CARE/HEALTH CENTRE

9909 Esplanade St (250-737-2040)

BC FERRIES TERMINAL

1-888-BC FERRY (223-3779)

BC TRANSIT

250-385-2551

CANADA POST

9769 Willow St

CANCO GAS

9793 Chemainus Rd

MCBRIDES SERVICE STATION

9616 Chemainus Rd

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

9756 Willow St



HISTORY

delve into the past

UNVEILING HISTORY

Explore the legacy of the First Nations people who inhabited the area long before European settlement and witness powerful images of the First Nations' past.

Uncover the captivating story of a town that owes its rise to the towering trees that attracted European and Asian lumbermen shaping the Chemainus Valley. Delve into the history of the longest working sawmill in Western Canada and the "bull gangs" involved in moving massive lumber planks which later contributed to the construction of the Trans-Canada Railroad in the late 1800's.

Witness the evolution of Chemainus through the rise and fall of its mills, the enduring spirit that defined the town, and the legacy they left behind when they closed. Discover to a complete reinvention of the town in the 1980's after almost being deserted turning it into the mural community.

The Chemainus story is one of resilience, evolution, and rich cultural heritage.

CHEMAINUS MUSEUM

Operated by the Chemainus Valley Historical Society, their mission is to promote research, preserve records, and be the guardians of the rich cultural heritage of Chemainus.

chemainusvalleymuseum.ca

Photo credits Chemainus Museum

INDIGENOUS GROUPS

Originally chosen by the local Indigenous tribes for its clear waters and plethora of natural resources, Chemainus became a bustling village because of the deep foundational roots set forth by the originating tribes. The town's English name was conceived directly from the traditional Hul'qumi'num language land name. These Coast Salish Nations are well known for their art, storytelling, dance traditional foods, and medicine. Tour through Wu'laam (Echo) Park to see the traditional medicine harvesting territory.

The following are the First Nations tribes in the area:

STZ'UMINUS FIRST NATION

PRONOUNCED: Stu-zu-minus

stzuminus.com

PENELAKUT TRIBE

PRONOUNCED: Pen-e-la-kut

penelakut.ca

HALALT FIRST NATION

PRONOUNCED: Ha-lalt

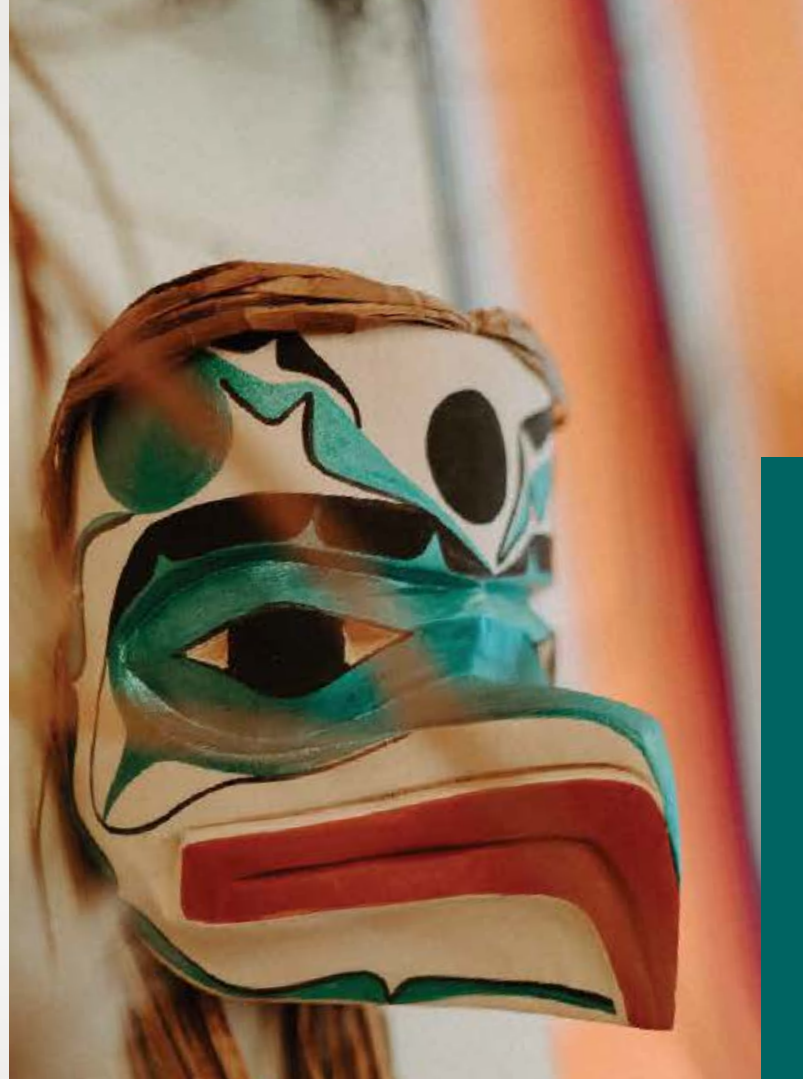
halalt.org

LYACKSON FIRST NATION

PRONOUNCED: Lack-sun

lyackson.bc.ca

With great honour we reside and operate our businesses on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, sharing its natural resources and beauty. We invite you to learn more about their culture and history at the Chemainus Museum.



◀ **FIRST NATIONS**
Coast Salish people



SUMMER ITINERARIES

curated experiences

MAKE MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

In Chemainus, adventure awaits as you have the flexibility to explore the town's wonders through curated itineraries or by creating your own, ensuring an unforgettable and personalized experience tailored to your interests.

SHORT STOPS - 2 HOURS

Shop for unique treasures, indulge in a quick bite at local eateries, and take a peek at the captivating outdoor murals. Create a perfect short stop to add to your trip.

DAY TRIPPING - 1 DAY

Immerse yourself in the town's artistic allure, explore the captivating outdoor murals, and savour the local cuisine at charming cafes, all while experiencing the warm and welcoming ambiance that makes Chemainus perfect.

WEEKEND GETAWAY - 2 DAYS

Filled with artistic wonders, scenic hikes, and live theatre performances that promise an enchanting escape. Immerse yourself in the town's rich cultural heritage, while indulging in delightful treats and exploring charming boutiques.

ACCESSIBILITY

Chemainus is an inclusive and accessible destination, offering wheelchair-friendly pathways, accessible facilities, and accommodations to ensure that visitors of all abilities can fully enjoy the town and vibrant culture.

PET FRIENDLY

Where four-legged companions are warmly invited to join in on the family's adventures. From welcoming them into businesses, to bowls of fresh water and treats in shops, take them off leash at Kin Beach Park and let them run free in the surf.

HIGHWAY REST STOP

Take in a quick stop from long highway drives to relax with a delicious coffee and stretch your legs amidst the town's charming ambiance and welcoming cafes.

CYCLE TOURS

For cyclists seeking an easy and enjoyable trip, Chemainus offers convenient access from the Trans Canada Trail and connects to major routes, making it a welcoming town known for its cyclist-friendly atmosphere.

ANTIQUES ROUTE

The ultimate antiques route, with more antique shops to business ratio than any other town on the island, offering a treasure trove of vintage treasures waiting to be discovered.

FAMILIES

From exploring the murals and charming wood carved creatures to beachcombing, playing in the park, finding the secret garden or even spending time in the arcade, Chemainus is tailored for children. Don't forget about the 50's diners, artisan creameries, and candy shops.

MUSIC & LIVE PERFORMANCES

Boasting a vibrant live theatre and music scene, come for the captivating performances and talented artists that take the stage. Plus, the festivals and events all through the summer bring world renowned stage acts into the town bandshell.



2 HRS

STOP OVER

01. DISCOVER

Take a short self-guided walking tour to admire these captivating artworks, learning about the stories they depict.

02. SHOP

Traverse the charming boutique shops in the town. Visit Bound To Be Different, Gifts N Things, and other local shops to discover unique items, souvenirs and gifts.

03. EAT/DRINK

Needing to refuel, stop in at Willow Street Cafe or Owl's Nest for artisan crafted beverages and freshly baked confections.

04. PLAY

Stop into the Chemainus market and discover the many small businesses and artisans before stopping at the vintage arcade for a game or ten.

05. RELAX

Before you leave, take a short stroll along the picturesque Kin Beach Park. Relax with the expansive ocean views and the beauty of nature that surrounds you.

Depart from Chemainus with happy memories of a wonderful two-hour visit, filled with art, shopping, sweet treats, and the town's warm charm.



 **WILLOW ST**
Photo credit Chris Istace

DAY TRIPPING



A Whirlwind One-Day Itinerary - Savour, Explore, Shop, and Embrace the Allure of This Charming Town

01. BREAKFAST

Head to Nic's Café for your favourite warm drink and pair it with a decadent baked scone from Willow Street Café.

02. COAST

Start your day with a scenic visit to Kin Beach Park. Enjoy expansive ocean access and beachcombing to take in the stunning views of the water and the sky. Bring a blanket to stargaze in the lush seaside grass for a special experience.

03. NATURE

Venture to Chemainus Lake and take a leisurely walk along the shores. Follow the two-kilometer trail that leads you right to the water's edge, enjoying the tranquil surroundings and the beauty of nature.

04. LUNCH

Enjoy a delightful lunch at one of our local restaurants. Choose from Little Town Pizza, Archie's Diner, or Owl's Nest Bakery and Bistro for a delightful meal.

05. INDULGE

Treat yourselves to gourmet artisan ice cream at Scoops by the Sea while you start exploring the town.

06. FIND

Explore the unique antique shops in town for the perfect treasure. Visit Vintiquity, Willow Street Antiques, and Repeat Boutique to find special treasures.

07. BROWSE

Traverse the artisan boutiques such as Bound To Be Different, Gifts N' Things, The Chemainus Theatre Gallery and Gifts, Rainforest Arts, and other charming shops.

08. REST

Needing to refuel, stop in at the Secret Garden and take in some quiet sunshine in this hidden oasis.

09. KNOWLEDGE

Learn through intriguing exhibits and artifacts, about the town's transformation into the artistic hub it is today. Filled with fascinating historical stories, its a must do.

10. DINE

End your day with a delicious dinner at one of Chemainus' restaurants. Choose from Invitations Indian Cuisine, Thai Pinto, Pho Triple Seven, Wing's Café, or Sushi Kuni, each offering delectable tastes from around the globe.

WEEKEND GETAWAY

 **SCULPTURE: SPOOL DONKEY**
Photo credit: Tourism Cowichan



SATURDAY

// OVERNIGHT //

04. BREAKFAST

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at Owl's Nest Bakery and Bistro. Indulge in their mouthwatering selection of hot breakfast options and artisanal pastries.



05. EXPLORE

Explore the unique boutique shops in town, such as Beyond The Usual, Lost In Time Antiques and Oddities, and Gifts N' Things. Find special souvenirs to bring home.



06. LUNCH

Grab a take-away dish from Willow Street Cafe and head to Kin Beach Park, spread out a blanket and sit at the water's edge to enjoy a leisurely lunch taking in some sun.



SUNDAY

10. OUTDOORS

Take breakfast to go and start your morning with a visit to Echo Heights. Take the self-guided forest trails, surrounded by lush Douglas Fir trees and beautiful vistas.



11. LUNCH

Enjoy an epic lunch in the ambiance at Owl's Nest or sit outside on the large deck at Canteen on the Green and enjoy the lush golf greens and spurting water fountain.



12. LUNCH

Venture to Chemainus Lake and take a leisurely walk along the shores. Follow the two-kilometer trail that leads you right to the water's edge and beauty of nature.





2 DAY

Nestled along the scenic west coast of British Columbia, Chemainus beckons travelers to embark on an unforgettable multi-day escape. Discover a town brimming with artistic wonders, historic allure, and coastal beauty as you immerse yourself in its vibrant culture and warm hospitality.

FRIDAY

01. CHECK-IN

Arrive in Chemainus and check into your chosen accommodation, whether it's a cozy bed and breakfast, or a charming hotel.

02. WALK

Begin your weekend with a leisurely walk through the town's charming streets, admiring the coastal ambiance on your walk to dinner.

03. CASUAL EATS

Enjoy a delicious dinner at the Sawmill Taphouse followed by a pint at Riot Brewing's patio before heading back to relax.

07. ART

Traverse to Waterwheel Park, following the murals on your way. Travel the relaxing labyrinth and pursue the many sculptures and art installations. Immerse yourself in art.

08. BROWSE

Treat yourself at Hansel's and Gretel's Candy Co., a haven of unique sweets. Make your way to Willow Street Antiques then into Old Town to Vintiquity to browse vintage treasures.

09. DINNER & SHOW

Enhance your theatre experience with a delectable dinner buffet at Playbill dining Room before heading up to experience the captivating magic of live theatre.

// OVERNIGHT //

13. LEARN

Head to the Chemainus Museum for a captivating journey through time. Experience the town's history and cultural heritage through exhibits and artifacts.

14. INDULGE

Grab a gourmet artisan ice cream at Scoops by the Sea and take in one last walk looking at Horseshoe Bay/Logging Overlook.

15. DEPART

Depart from Chemainus with cherished memories of a wonderful weekend getaway, filled with art, nature, delicious food, and the warm charm of this lovely town.

GETTING HERE ▶

enjoy the journey

DRIVE

CAR, BUS,
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Easily accessible by car or public transportation, including the local Greyhound bus service, the town is conveniently located on Vancouver Island's eastern coast. Located just off the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1), the route offers convenient road access for drivers. FREE PARKING throughout the town.

CYCLE

BICYCLE, E-BIKE, TRIKE

Biking to Chemainus is a delightful choice, with easy accessibility from many major routes, close proximity to the Trans Canada Trail system, and convenient access just off the highway, ensuring a scenic and enjoyable journey for cyclists.

BOAT

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS,
FLOAT PLANE, PERSONAL PLANE

Picturesque access for marine travelers. Whether arriving by private boat, taking a scenic ferry ride, or exploring other water routes, visitors can enjoy the stunning coastal vistas. Contact the Municipal Wharf for information (250) 246-4655.

FLY

COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS,
FLOAT PLANE, PERSONAL PLANE

Traveling to Chemainus is a breeze with commercial airlines landing in Victoria YYJ (1 hour) or Nanaimo YCD (1 hour), as well as the convenience of float planes landing in Saltair (10 min) or Maple Bay (20 min). For those with personal aircraft, the local airfield (CYCD) is in Cedar (20 minutes).





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