# Welcome to in the Haḥuułi of the Tla-o-qui-aht ḥaẃiiḥ Photo by: Jeremy Koreski

# How to experience Tofino like a Tofitian

### Dogs on Leash

Dogs are visitors who live in the moment - and they're required to be on-leash or tethered when in the District of Tofino and in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, including on beaches.

### Wildlife

From sea stars to black bears, observe wildlife without disturbing it.

### **Water Conservation**

Pure, fresh water is one of Tofino's greatest and surprisingly limited natural resources, so we use it mindfully. Visit **tofino.ca/water** for current conservation stages & tips.

### **Driftwood**

Driftwood protects the shoreline from erosion. It is a natural and valued element of the landscape and is best left untouched.

### Garbage & Waste

Give Mother Earth a hand by opting for reusable water bottles and containers, and by disposing of garbage and pet waste in bins at beach entrances and around town. Join a beach clean-up or do your own.

### Celebrations

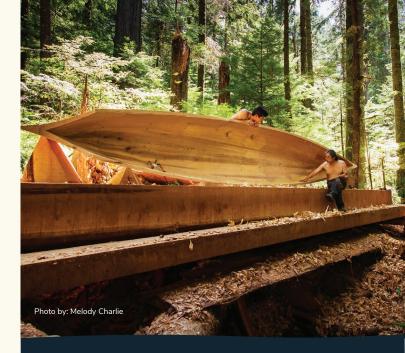
Tofino is for memory-making. Do it like a local, with your neighbours in mind. Fireworks are prohibited most nights, and beach fires are permitted on designated beaches, and must be in a clean-burning or reduced-smoke appliance. Get more info at tourismtofino.com.

## **Beach & Ocean Safety**

Powerful rip currents, large waves, and tidal changes are common here. Stay safe by knowing your limits and being aware of your surroundings when in or by the ocean. Learn more at **coastsmart.ca**.

### **Tsunami Awareness**

Ask your accommodation provider for information on evacuation plans in the event of a tsunami alert.



When you visit Tofino and the surrounding areas, you become a part of the greater connection. We hope you enjoy your time here.

Thank you to Tofino residents and the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation for their collaboration on this brochure.

To learn more about coming to Tofino, visit **tourismtofino.com** 



"Let me be careful in what I say and do while I'm in somebody else's territory."

– Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation prayer

The ?iisaak pledge introduces four Tla-o-qui-aht teachings and laws that have helped protect and shape this beautiful place, the hahuuli of the λaʔuukwiʔatḥ ḥaẃiiḥ, and its people over many generations.

λayaaḥu?ał – meaning "Welcome / Glad to see you" in the Tla-o-qui-aht language is accompanied with an understanding that those who are welcomed must respect Indigenous ways of being by practicing:

?iisaak – to observe, appreciate and act accordingly / to practice respect while travelling within the Hahuuli (Territory) of the \(\lambda a \) ruukwiath ha\(\wideti\) ih (Hereditary Chiefs).



### λa?uukwi?ath/Tla-o-qui-aht Nation have hosted visitors over thousands of years.

There are protocols for being a guest in Indigenous territories and in the home of the Tla-o-qui-aht Nation, as there are for visiting other countries in the world.

As guests, visitors to Tofino, within Tla-o-qui-aht Tribal Parks, are asked to take the ?iisaak Pledge and put it into practice so that this place may remain in good condition for future generations.

### The ?iisaak Pledge (iisaak)

### ?iisaaksinhi?in (ii-saak-sin-hi-in)

Let us be respectful of Natural Law. Let us observe, appreciate and act accordingly.

### Taaquuqhli?in (Taa-quuqh-thli-in)

Let us speak truthfully and act honorably. Let us learn the history of this place and its People, correcting colonial narratives like the myth that this is a wilderness.

### **Łaayaksiinhi?in** (Thlaa-yak-siin-hi-in)

Let us be generous and helpful: There is no end to the work of building community.

### Qwaasiinhapin (Qwaa-siin-hap-in)

Let us leave healthy habitats undisturbed, keeping them as they are for future generations of life.

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