

# Trail Information

Please take the time to read the following before beginning your hike.

## Be prepared:

- This is a back country trail and is not without hazards.
- Weather conditions may change without warning.
- The surface is rough and there are some steep hills.
- Wildlife sightings and interactions are likely. Expect the unexpected at all times when encountering animals; provide distance and do not feed.

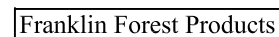
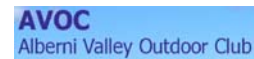


## Be Safe:

- It is recommended that trail users wear sturdy footwear and carry sufficient water and food for the length of the trip planned.
- Cellular phone coverage between China Creek and Franklin River is spotty.
- Evacuation sites are marked with GPS coordinates.
- Watch for heavy equipment; do not approach without the operator's signal.
- Use extreme caution when crossing or nearing logging roads. Logging equipment and vehicular traffic have the right-of-way.
- Be aware that the trail, or sections of it, is subject to closure from time to time for safety reasons, such as during fire season or forestry operations.

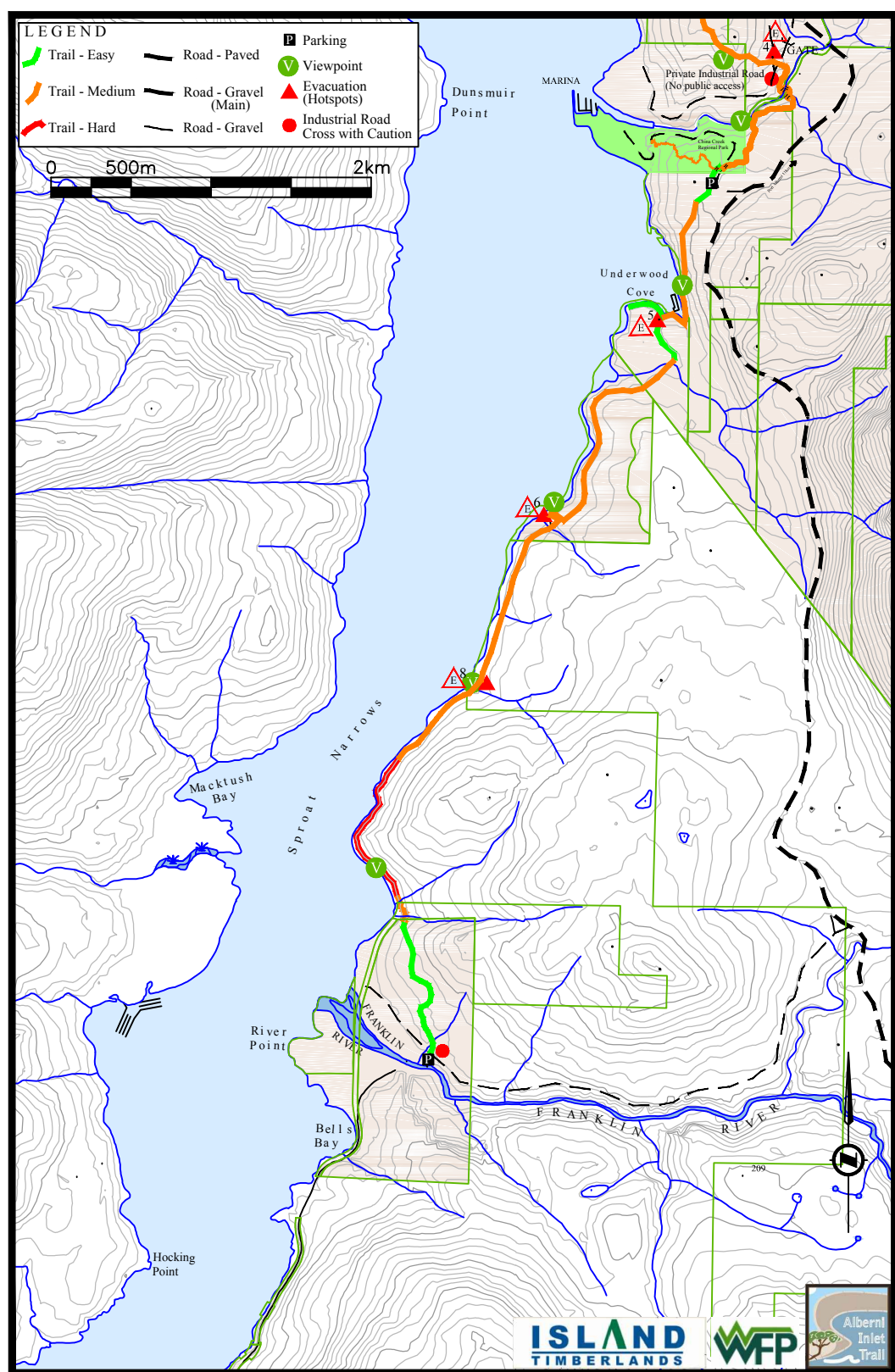
## Be Respectful:

- This trail passes through a working forest which is private forest and provincially managed.
- Please stay on the developed trail; pack out what you pack in and set no fires.
- Obey all posted signs.
- This is a back-country trail for non-motorized use only.



# Alberni Inlet Trail Stage 2 China Creek to Franklin River





## ALBERNI INLET TRAIL - STAGE 2: CHINA CREEK TO FRANKLIN RIVER

### TRAIL DESCRIPTION

**Vehicle Access:** 2WD

**Driving Time:** 30 min

**Trail length:** 9.8 km.

**User Profile:** Non-motorized recreation

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Elevation Gain:** 100 metres

**Time:** Approx. 3.5 hours one way

### Access to Trailhead on Franklin River Road

From the Visitors Information Centre take Highway 4A (Port Alberni Hwy) 3.8 km to 10th Avenue. Turn left onto Argyle (follow signs to Bamfield) and then right onto Anderson Street. Follow Anderson to where it meets Ship Creek Rd and turn left onto Franklin River Road. Continue south on Franklin River Road for 9.6 km. to the turn off for China Creek Marina. Turn right and then left at the large parking lot with an information kiosk.

The trailhead is an old spur road heading west (towards the Inlet). Take left fork at the intersection, then look for the signposted trail going off on the right.

The access point for the south end of the trail is reached by driving 5.1 km. farther down Franklin River Road (Bamfield Rd) to the Camp "A" road entrance. Turn right here and drive 3 km down to the parking lot on the right hand side.

**Note:** The road to the south parking lot is narrow in places and is used by large chip trucks during the week. Approach corners with caution.

### Trail Features:

From its northern access on the China Creek Marina road, the trail passes through a recent cutblock and the descends steeply through mature timber and evergreen huckleberry to Underwood Cove. On the way it passes some rocky clearings which give views of the inlet below. After passing Underwood Cove, the trail comes to a T-junction with the right branch going to Underwood Point, and the left leading to a recently logged area. Follow the road through this clearcut for about half a kilometer to the next section of the trail leading off through the trees on the right side of the road. It leads down a small creek valley and over a cast-in-place concrete culvert (note the date on the downstream end) and up to the north end of the CNPR grade. The trail continues south along the grade, passing through rock cuts and built up sections, with frequent views out over the Inlet. There are two side trails down to small beaches beside streams. In places where the grade was never completed, the trail can be narrow and steep--please use caution. The grade is interrupted at the south end by the Franklin Forest Products sawmill, but the trail goes up to the left, crosses a stream, and climbs up to reach the logging spur road which leads to the parking lot.

