



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Alternate route – Be prepared and travel with care

PORT ALBERNI – Highway 4 remains closed, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has established a safe alternate route. The route takes traffic from Port Alberni through to Lake Cowichan via Bamfield using forest-service and privately owned industrial roads. It is intended for essential travel only, which includes food, fuel, and the movement of other consumer goods.

The road will be maintained by the Ministry, but there is no cell service, gas stations, or washroom facilities on the detour route. People travelling this route are advised to be prepared.

We recommend the following travel tips before travelling an unfamiliar gravel road.

- Allow for extra travel time – the route could take up to four hours due to slow-moving traffic, no passing, and single-lane bridges
- Travel during daylight hours when possible
- Always drive with your headlights on
- Leave some space between you and the vehicle ahead of you – dust may limit your visibility in some sections
- Slow down – travelling on gravel roads requires more time, especially on turns, drive with care and at a lower speed
- Fill your gas tank before leaving for your destination
- Bring supplies with you to last 48-hours, including food, water, and an emergency kit
- Make sure your cellular devices are fully charged – sections of the route do not have cell coverage
- Share your travel plans and timeline, and check in with someone before leaving and when you reach your destination
- Obey all signage and traffic-control personnel as situations regularly change
- Be fire safe – the fire hazard is very high on Vancouver Island, making it crucial that drivers be extremely careful on this and any route they travel

For more details and up-to-date information on the detour, refer to the Transportation and Infrastructure [travel advisories](#)

More information is also available at: www.acrd.bc.ca or www.facebook.com/AVEmergencyprogram or www.drivebc.ca , <https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/> or www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo



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