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Wed May 29 to Fri May 31, 2013

Leader: **Chris Carter**

Co-Leader:

We ended up with 34 members joining the group that enjoyed 2-3 days of West Coast Beach Walking. Apart from the second morning when we had some rain the weather was remarkably kind. Chris enjoyed showing the First Beach coves where visits in the 70's with his wife Mary collecting driftwood and beach combing motivated a life changing enterprise. I hope the naturalists (Krista and Frank) will post the details of their many discoveries and sightings.

The more enthusiastic hikers made it to Florencia Bay and back. The less adventurous discovered the viewing lounge in the Interpretive Centre. Although not on the original itinerary many enjoyed the Wild Pacific Trail in Ucluelet. Reports are that this trail is being extended. Those of us that stayed in Wya Point Yurts were happy to find the facilities in great shape and the Staff helpful. The First Nations Band are adding to this resort with some luxury cottages on the adjacent bay. We wish them good luck with this enterprise and recommend the Yurts to other Club Members who have not visited yet. There are also camping and RV Sites available. On Friday we drove along Long Beach to Incinerator Rock and walked along the beaches, past Schooner Cove. Did anyone reach the Surge Channel. At LOW TIDES this is a great walk and conspicuously absent from any Park publications ! The Beaches after Schooner Cove are almost deserted.

Any ideas for 2014 West Coast destinations ? I will check out Pt. Renfrew area.

I have added some nature photos as requested (More on my blog <http://naturestudent.wordpress.com/2013/06/03/schooner-cove/> Krista )



*Wild Pacific Trail  
explorer.  
[Chris Carter photo]*



*Linda and Tim with a  
Current (Message in  
Bottle) marker  
launched by Pt. Angles  
High School Students  
[Chris Carter photo]*



*It can't get much better than this  
for Beach Walking !  
[Chris Carter photo]*



*Bull Kelp in Schooner Cove  
[Chris Carter photo]*



*Wya Bay Whimbrel  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Linda's Black Oystercatchers  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Thrift or Sea Pink (*Armeria  
maritima*)  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Yellow Sand-verbena (*Abronia  
latifolia*) (blue-listed)  
[Krista Kaptein photo]*



*Gumboot Chiton (the smaller)*



*The artist at work  
[Tim Penney photo]*

*orange critter)*  
[Krista Kaptein photo]



*Giant tree dwarfs Chris and  
Bruce at Kennedy River  
viewpoint*  
[Tim Penney photo]



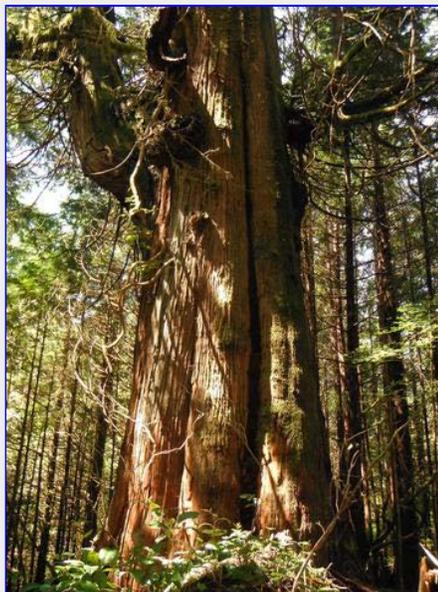
*Big suckers at the Ucluelet  
Aquarium*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Further development at the  
Ucluth Eco Resort*  
[Tim Penney photo]



*Happiness is a Day at  
the Beach*  
[Christine Jenner photo]



*Schooner Cove Big Daddy*  
[William Wright photo]

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