

Bamfield Fungus Festival 2024
Current Schedule of Events & Participant Information - *Sept 16, 2024*

Schedule

Friday, Sept 27

8:30-11:30am Guided Forest Walk, BMSC Rainforest Trail

Meet experts at 8:30 am sharp at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre parking lot, where we will split into groups and walk to the Rainforest Trail. Bring your fungus collection equipment and rain gear. Entrance by donation.

3:00-6:00pm Community Craft Fair @ Bamfield Community School

Stop by the school for a craft fair featuring local creators and Bamfield Fungus Festival merch!

5:30-6:30pm Workshop: Grow Your Own Mushrooms Made Simple @ Bamfield Community School

Learn how to easily grow oyster mushrooms at home in this hands-on workshop with Candice Cullum. Each participant will leave with their own grow kit made from recycled materials. Cost: \$30/person. Kids participate for free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

\$33.28 is due at registration to reserve your spot

NO REFUNDS

7:00-8:00pm Seminar: Andy Mackinnon - Big Trees and Old-growth Forests (and Fungal Conservation), BMSC Rix Classrooms A & B

Meet at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Rix Classrooms A & B at the end of the hall, for an evening seminar by renowned mycologist Andy Mackinnon. Entrance by donation.

Saturday, Sept 28

8:30-11:30am Guided Forest Walk @ Boomer Trail, Tower Rd. trailhead

Meet experts at the Boomer Trail lower trailhead on Tower Rd where we will split into groups and explore the fungi of the Bamfield-Huu-ay-aht Community Forest. Bring your fungus collection equipment and rain gear. Entrance by donation.

2:00-5:00pm Mushroom ID Workshop, BMSC Rix Classrooms A & B

Meet at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Rix Classrooms A & B for sorting of mushroom collections, spore prints, & a microscope ID session. Entrance by donation.

8:00pm-1:00am Downtown Mischief @ The Firehall, 19+

Close the festival dancing to Downtown Mischief in your mushroom costume. The best party of the year. Tickets: \$30.00. 19+ event.

See next page for participant information...

Participant information

Thank you for deciding to join us for the Bamfield Fungus Festival! Please take a look at the following information to help prepare you for your trip to Bamfield, your stay while you're here, and to give you an idea of what to expect during the festival.

Huu-ay-aht Culture

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation is a self-governing modern treaty Nation whose lands cover the Barclay Sound on Vancouver Island's west coast, in the Anacla region between Bamfield and Port Alberni. The Nation is a member of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council with close to 750 residents living in and around the area of Bamfield, BC. The traditional language is Nuu-chah-nulth.

While you are visiting Huu-ay-aht Chiefly Territories (Ha-houlthee) and participating in Bamfield Fungus Festival events, particularly mushroom foraging, please be respectful. Gather mindfully, with gratitude to these lands, waters, and resources that continue to be cared for and tended by Huu-ay-aht First Nation Council, Hereditary Chiefs (Ha'wiih) and citizens.

Registration & Tickets?

We often get questions from visitors about how to buy tickets or register in advance. We strive to offer educational events that are accessible to all, and most events are entry by donation and do not require tickets or pre-registration - show up on time at the indicated location and enjoy!

Two exceptions this year are the workshop and the final party at the Firehall:

Workshop Registration - 25 people max.

Register through eventbrite:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

\$33.28 is due at registration to reserve your spot

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Space in this workshop is limited to 25 people, so kindly do not register unless you are sure you can make it. Children may accompany an adult and share their materials, for free.

Party with Downtown Mischief

Tickets \$30, available for purchase from organizers at any Bamfield Fungus Festival event, or available at the door. Doors open at 8pm, show 9pm. 19+ event.

Getting Here

From Victoria: There are two options for getting to Bamfield from Victoria:

-Via Duncan: Travel north on the #1 Island Highway to Duncan. Just north of Duncan turn left on Hwy. 18, traveling west to Lake Cowichan. Passing through Lake Cowichan, you will enter a network of gravel logging roads. Follow the signs for Bamfield. The logging route is approximately 120kms. Total travel time is ~ 4 hours.

-Via Port Alberni: Travel north on the #1 Island Highway to Nanaimo. Continue north through

Nanaimo, turning right at the Hwy. 4 exit for Port Alberni/Bamfield. Once you arrive in Port Alberni, follow the signs for Bamfield and the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. You will enter a chip-sealed road that is approximately 76 kms. Follow the signs to Bamfield. Total travel time without delay is ~ 4.5 hours.

From Nanaimo: From Departure Bay, turn right on the #1 Island Highway traveling north. Follow the directions as above to Port Alberni. Total travel time is ~ 3 hours.

From Port Alberni by ferry: <http://www.ladyrosemarine.com/>

Via West Coast Trail Express: <https://trailbus.com/west-coast-trail-schedule/>

For more information, please consult:

<https://www.bamfieldchamber.com/about-bamfield/bamfield-transit>

Accommodation

Bamfield has a motel, many fishing lodges, B&Bs and a campground all within walking distance. The Bamfield Inlet bisects the town; we have an east side and a west side. When you drive into Bamfield you arrive on the east side. The west side is boat-access only.

Accommodations are available on the west and east side. You may decide to stay on the east side for ease of (road) access. If you decide to stay on the west side, it is highly recommended you bring some sort of water transportation such as a kayak, or ensure your accommodations have a way for you to get across. Water taxi service is available via Bamfield Water Taxi (250-728-1295) and Inlet Express (250-918-5541).

For campers, there are two camping options, the Bamfield Centennial Park (<http://bamfieldparks.com/>) and Pachena Bay Campground (<https://pachenabaycampground.ca/about-pachena-bay-and-bamfield/>).

What to Bring

Food: Not all accommodation will come with cooking facilities and 'eating out' in Bamfield is not always available. We do have a few restaurants in town: Malsit Public House, The Market & Café, The Bamfield Wreckage, and Flora's. Opening times and days are variable. Groceries can be purchased at Bamfield Mercantile and Marine (which also serves a variety of food including pizzas, paninis, etc.) on the west side and at The Market & Cafe on the east side. The stores are usually closed by 6 or 6:30pm. The festival will have you busy, and we highly recommend you bring some food with you during activities.

Outdoor gear: It rains in Bamfield a lot, all year round, even in the summer. This is great; it means more fungus earlier in the season! For your comfort please bring warm clothes, a rain coat, rain pants and boots. We will be doing two forest walks which include walking on uneven and often very muddy and slippery ground.

Mushroom collecting equipment: Please bring a basket, several sheets of wax paper for wrapping mushrooms in, a knife and a fungus Identification guide (the latter is optional).

Cash: Bamfield has an ATM at The Market. But for ease of not stopping, bring cash with you to purchase gifts at galleries and of course a Bamfield Fungus Festival T-shirt!

Things to do Before and After the festival

Visit Brady's Gallery: Just a two-minute walk from the boardwalk (and en route to Brady's beach) is a very cute gift shop (take a left after going up the metal steps). All crafts are locally hand crafted here in Bamfield.

Tour the west side of Bamfield: They call the west side the best side, and for a good reason. The west side is home to Brady's beach, the scenic boardwalk and Brady's gallery. A walk along the board walk takes about 10-15 minutes from end to end, you'll pass community art works, 'penny lane', 'button alley', and 'key west-Bamfield', multiple flower boxes and end up at the store. Brady's beach is about a 15-10 minute walk along a gravel road from any point along the boardwalk. It is well worth the effort, the beach is littered with sea stacks, drift wood, shells and beach glass, and it has an amazing view and some incredible tide pools.

Fishing charters: Visit www.bamfieldchamber.com to see a list of companies offering fishing charters.

Hiking: Bamfield is conveniently close to many trail heads within the Pacific Rim National Park. The trailhead to Keeha, Tapaltos and Cape Beale is located at the end of South Bamfield Road (take your first right after the Dump/Recycling Depot heading out of Bamfield). You can do day hikes into the West Coast Trail; the trailhead is located at Pachena Bay (take the right into the park where the paved road meets the logging road).

Where to Find ...

Visitor Info & Business Directory: <https://visitbamfield.ca/>,
<https://www.bamfieldchamber.com/>

Food & Groceries: Restaurants in town: Malsit Public House, The Market & Café, The Bamfield Wreckage, and Flora's. Opening times and days are variable. Groceries can be purchased at Bamfield Mercantile and Marine and at The Market & Cafe on the east side.

Gas: There is a gas bar next to The Awis Guesthouse & Marina (previously Ostrom's Lodge) on the east side. From Bamfield Rd, turn onto Hull Rd and then left on Seaboard Rd. Open Mon – Fri 9 am to 5pm. It is a good idea to fill up in Port Alberni to avoid being out of gas outside of the gas bar hours.

Car Repair Help: Breaker's Marine will be able to help you in the case of car troubles. They are located beside The Market on Frigate Road. Breaker's or Bamfield Builders (behind Breaker's) are great places to go for propane, or any mechanic/building supply related needs.

Camping Supplies: Breaker's Marine located beside The Market on the east side.

Boat Fuel: Marine fuel is available from The Awis Guesthouse & Marina & McKay Bay Lodge (on the west side).

Post Office: The post office is located next to the General Store on the west side - you can pick up your postcards and send them off in the same trip! Post services available Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat.

Health Care: The Bamfield Health Centre is located at 353 Bamfield Road (keep going north past the pub). Regular hours are Mon to Fri 9am to 4pm. Phone: 250-728-3312. It is recommended to call ahead to make sure the nurse is in the office. If you have an emergency, call 911.

