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While navigating through Sansum Narrows, Sansum Point has long been looked upon by mariners for its skyline features and waterfront seascapes. Along its shores, divers also explore marine life such as rock scallops, trumpet sponges, coral, colourful anemones, and sea lilies.

Further into the forest, amid the Douglas fir, Bigleaf maple and Western red cedar trees, numerous wetlands support a community of wildlife. Bordering on the Stoney Hill block of the Municipal Forest Reserve in the Cowichan Valley, this 128-acre property near Duncan is currently up for sale. Once protected, Sansum Point will further the ecological connectivity of the area, as well as create new possibilities for outdoor recreation.

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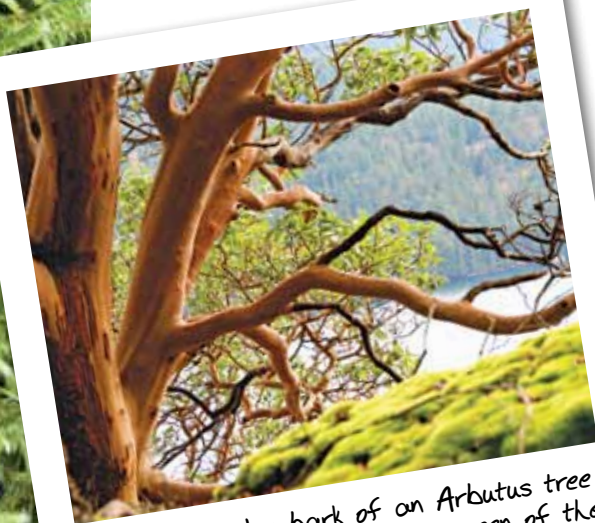
With your commitment, we can ensure the stunning waterfront seascapes, rich ecological diversity, and future recreational opportunities become a community treasure, forever.

Be the change you want to see in the world and contribute to the protection of Sansum Point today! Donate at 1-877-485-2422 or conservancy.bc.ca.



Views of Bold Bluff and Mt. Maxwell on Salt Spring Island can be seen across the strait.

Photo Dennis Kangasniemi



The shiny peeling bark of an Arbutus tree stands out against the bright green of the moss and the open view of the water below.

Photo Jade Vovors

Sansum Point

Location and Important Values

Sansum Point is located within the Municipality of North Cowichan near the town of Duncan on Vancouver Island. It is 128 acres of beautiful shoreline, coastal bluffs, and forest.

While navigating through Sansum Narrows, Sansum Point has long been looked upon for its incredible skyline features and waterfront seascapes.

Above the prominent cliff faces, an amazing array of vibrant green mosses and lichens carpet the rocky bluffs, making way for wildflowers in spring. Arbutus and Garry oak trees frame breathtaking views of Salt Spring Island, Sansum Narrows, and south to Satellite Channel.

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The Vision and Fundraising Goal

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"We are pleased to be serving our TLC Members in the Cowichan Valley with this new project," says TLC Executive Director, Bill Turner. "Sansum Point is an incredible opportunity for local citizens including TLC Members, as well as community organizations, private donors, and businesses to shape their community, make a difference, and leave this beautiful part of B.C. an even better place for future generations."

Since 1997, TLC has been saving special places throughout our province. We have protected over 300 properties representing fast disappearing natural areas, agricultural lands, and cultural landmarks. Places like Keating Farm Estate, TLC's Cowichan River Cabin property, and the Sooke Potholes would all have been lost if it hadn't been for TLC's ability to act quickly with the support of our members and donors.



Several small wetlands are scattered throughout the forested portions of the property.

Photo Dennis Kangasniemi



This aerial view shows Sansum Point in the foreground with its band of cliffs behind.

Photo Bill Turner

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Sansum Point Facts:

Sansum Point falls within the moist maritime Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone, of which only 4% is protected by park in B.C. and 80% on Vancouver Island is privately owned.

Sansum Point contains a variety of sensitive ecosystems, including coastal bluffs, older second growth forest, woodlands, and wetlands. It provides important habitat for wildlife and connectivity to adjacent forested lands.

This special place is frequented by several wildlife species including black-tailed deer, pileated woodpecker, and waterfowl like the Harlequin duck.

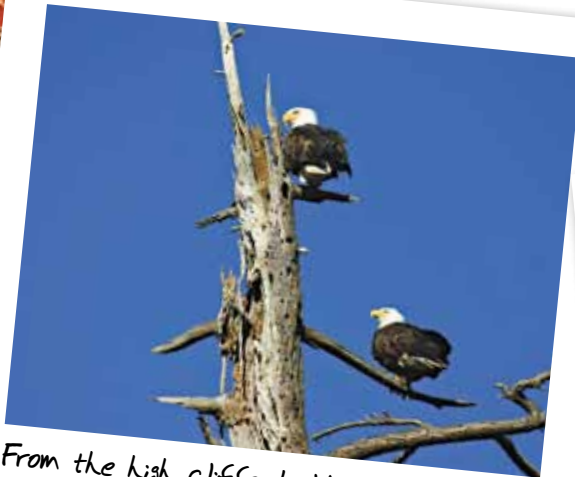
According to the locals, Jean-Paul Consteau did a 3 week boat excursion through the islands two summers ago. He filmed the entire thing and did some drift diving through Sansum Narrows.

Sansum Point is identified as a key site within the CVRD's adopted Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan.



From the water the steep stone cliffs above Sansum Point are a dramatic sight to see.

Photo Nicole Haddad



From the high cliffs, bald eagles can be spotted in the tree snags or flying above the shoreline, looking for their next meal.

Photo Chris Borssard



Broad-leaved Stonecrop nestles into the moss of a stone outcropping beneath Douglas fir and Arbutus trees.

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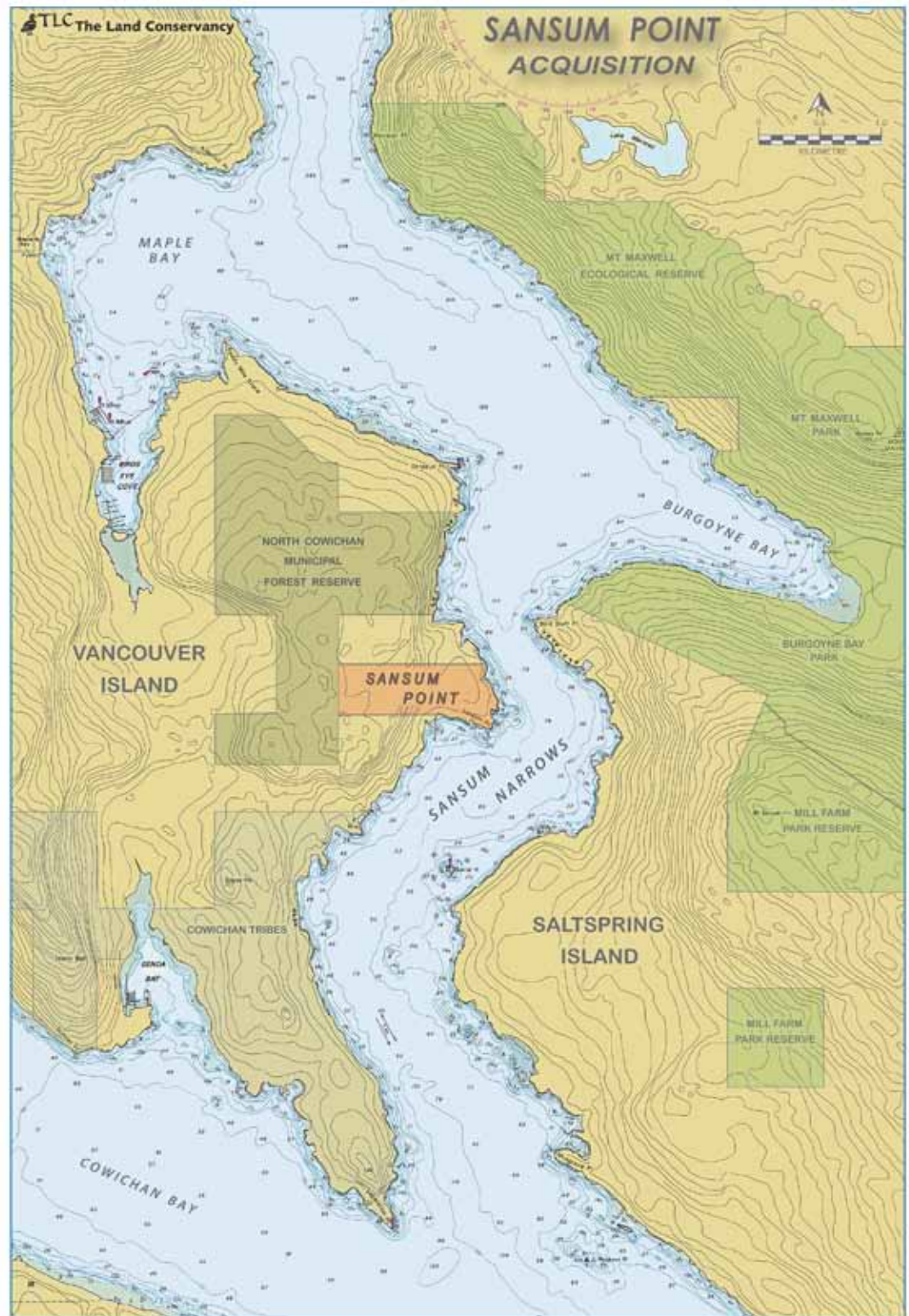


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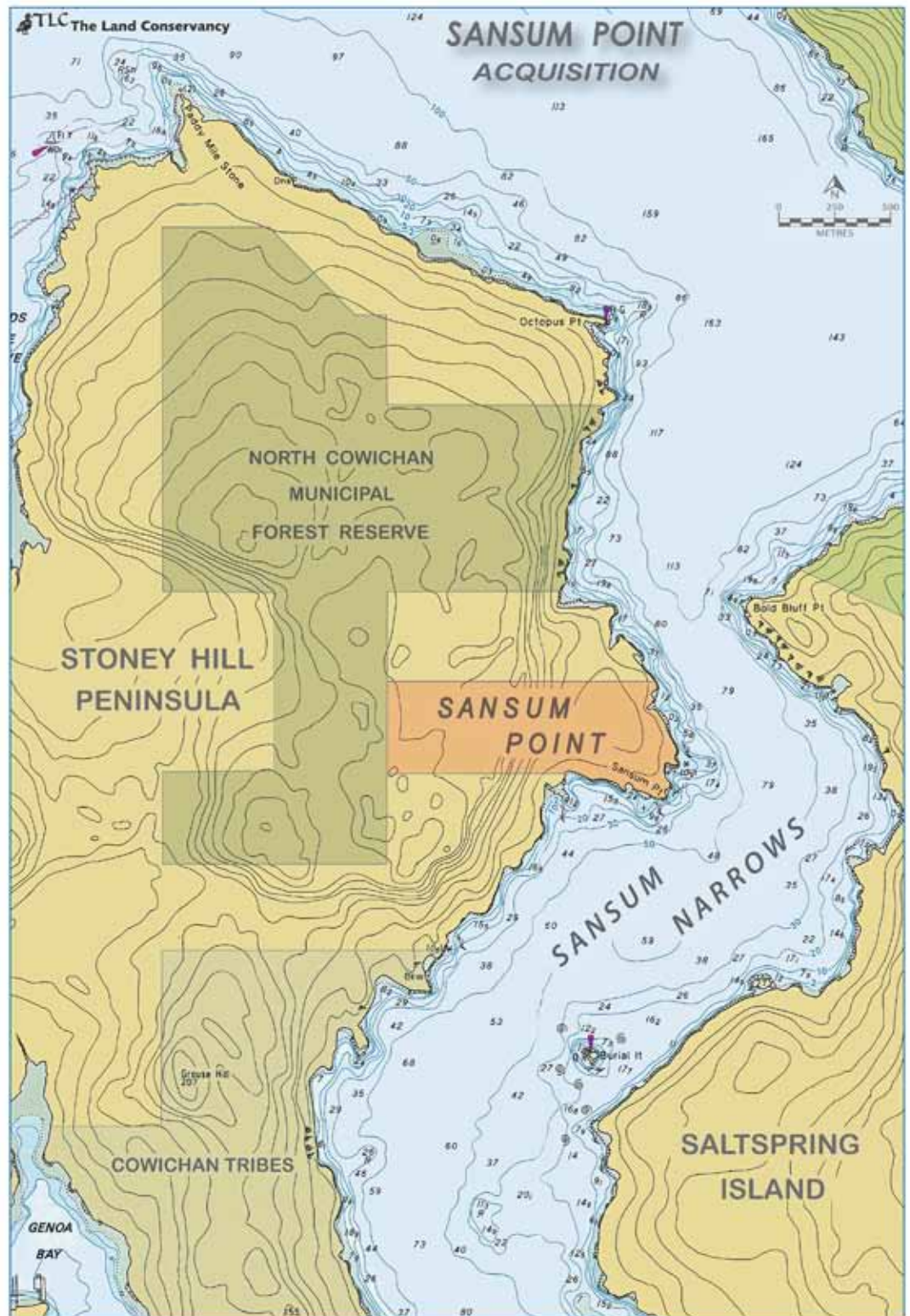


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The Land Conservancy of British Columbia

Founded in 1997, The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) is a charitable land trust working on your behalf and on behalf of future generations to protect areas of natural splendour, wildlife habitat, historical sites, agricultural lands, recreational, and community importance.

How TLC Works

TLC takes a leadership role in the acquisition and protection of natural lands and heritage sites, the creation of conservation covenants, and local stewardship programs.

TLC forms strong partnerships and alliances with a wide range of organizations, governments, companies, community groups, and individuals to achieve conservation results across B.C. Our mandate is to protect 'Special Places. Forever, for Everyone'.

How TLC Finances Projects

TLC is independent of government and controlled by an elected Board of Directors and over 8,700 members. Funding comes primarily from individual donors, conservation partners, foundations, and businesses.

What TLC Has Achieved

In just over 14 years, TLC has protected over 125,000 acres of sensitive wildlife habitat, threatened heritage sites, and vital agricultural lands involving more than 300 projects. TLC has directly raised over \$45 million and leveraged another \$120 million to finance acquisitions and conservation programs throughout B.C.

Conservation Projects

Fort Shepherd Conservancy Area - TLC purchased this 2,200-acre property from Teck Cominco on the Columbia River south of Trail to ensure this unique bioclimatic and important winter range for wildlife would be protected forever.

Codd Island Wetlands - The 250-acre wetlands on the Alouette River in the Fraser Valley contains over 200 species of animals and is critical tidal spawning and rearing grounds for wild coho, steelhead, and cutthroat trout.

Horsefly River Riparian Conservation Area - This 1,000-acre property in northern B.C. contains some of the most valuable sockeye salmon spawning habitat in North America with returns exceeding 2 million fish in peak years.

Heritage, Agriculture, and Recreation

TLC cares for numerous sites of heritage, agricultural, and recreational importance, including: B.C. Binning Craigflower National Historical Sites, Ross Bay Villa, Abkhazi Gardens, and Historic Joy Kogawa House. Keating Farm and Talking Mountain ranch are productive, locally run agricultural sites. Skaha Bluffs and Sooke Potholes are nationally renowned recreational sites.

Please see conservancy.bc.ca for more information about TLC's projects and properties.

How You Can Support TLC

TLC depends on the generous support of individuals and businesses that believe what we do is important for the quality of life in B.C. now and for future generations. Please consider becoming a TLC Member and making a tax deductible donation so you and your family can contribute to making beautiful B.C. the best it can be.



TLC Properties

Keating Farm Estate

Keating Farm Estate is a 27-acre farm with organic vegetable gardens, hay fields, a heritage orchard, and beehives. The agricultural values are complimented by a wetland, forested area, and a stream that is being restored. The farm also has a number of heritage structures, the most significant of which is the main farmhouse. This 1880s-era house contains a unique Great Hall designed and built by architect John Tiarks in 1894. In June 2005, TLC purchased Keating Farm Estate for its heritage, agricultural, and ecological values.



The evening light hits the barns and walnut trees at Keating Farm Estate.

Photo joshmcculloch.com

Cowichan River

The Cowichan River is a nationally and internationally recognized river flowing along the East Coast of Vancouver Island, near Duncan. In the fall of 2000, TLC purchased close to five acres along the north bank of the river and placed a conservation covenant on the land to maintain the natural state of the property and the amenities for ecological, educational, and environmental purposes. Presently TLC is partnering with the Provincial Government and local residents to acquire the remaining privately-owned lands in the Cowichan River corridor as they become available and/or are working to see them protected through conservation covenants. The property contains a rustic log cabin available for rent.

Wildwood

Wildwood is the oldest eco-forest on the West Coast of North America. Since 1938, Merve Wilkinson has selectively harvested trees throughout Wildwood while keeping a continuous forest cover. Merve's philosophy is based on harvesting only as much as wood as the forest grows each year. These practices have maintained Wildwood's ecological and economic values for future generations. TLC purchased Wildwood in 2000 to ensure that the property would remain a demonstration eco-forest and learning site forever.

Sooke Potholes

Acquired by TLC in 2005, the Sooke Potholes are one of the most recognizable and beloved features of the Southern Vancouver Island landscape. Stretching for 5 km along the Sooke River, the site contains deep, polished rock pools known as the potholes and are a popular swimming destination for locals and tourists.

South Winchelsea Island

South Winchelsea Island is one of 19 islands that make up the Ballenas-Winchelsea Archipelago and was TLC's first land acquisition. Its 25 acres are largely of a relatively undisturbed Garry oak- Arbutus ecosystem. The Island is being managed as an ecological reserve. It is a nesting and resting place for many species of birds, and California and Steller sea lions frequently use the shores around the north end as a haul out area. A three-bedroom cottage is available to rent on the island, with the income going to help pay for the ongoing property maintenance.

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☒ **YES!** I want to help save Sansum Point!

To protect this community treasure forever, here is my gift of:

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