

Alert Bay



Ecological Park



Alert Bay is located on Cormorant Island. The Island is 4.9 KM (3 miles) long and .8 KM (1/2 mile) wide. The Village of Alert Bay was a major coastal fishing centre. It was settled on the permanent basis by two explorers and entrepreneurs, Spencer and Huson in the year 1870.



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Stairway to Alert Bay Ecological Park

A walk to the top of the Island provides an opportunity to enjoy the peace and quiet of our forest.



A leisurely stroll through thick, quiet woods takes you to the wooden boardwalk at the heart of the park as you can see the view from the boardwalk is absolutely breath taking.





Alert Bay Ecological Park, formerly known as Gator Gardens, is the perfect spot for a picnic or just spending a couple of hours to relax and enjoy the fresh air.

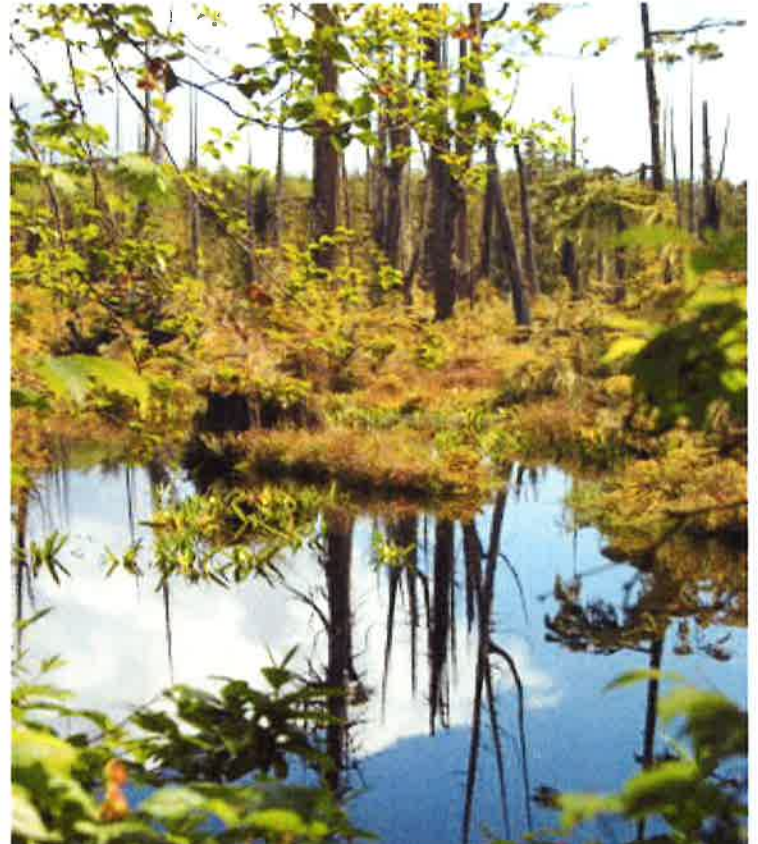


The tall cedar that grow in the Park, although they were damaged in a great fire, they are a favorite home for all kinds of birds.





The marsh itself is fed by a fresh water underground springs. The marsh was created by a dam that was built part way down the hill to store fresh water for the cannery owned by Spencer and Huson.



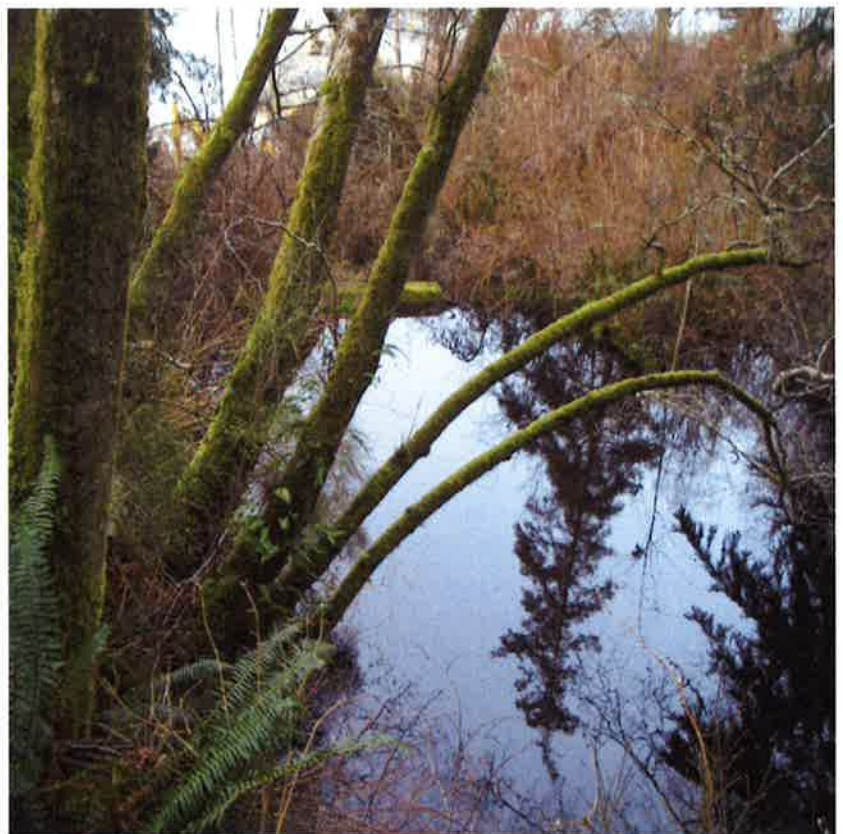


The wooden boardwalk takes you straight through the heart of the marsh, giving you the opportunity to experience the full beauty of the park.





Alert Bay Ecological Park is home to many types of plants. Whether you are an expert botanist or simply someone who appreciates natural beauty, you are sure to be amazed.





The salal berries, shown above are a favorite of cultures old and new. The native women of the ancient villages collected these berries as a major food source. They are enjoyed now by young and old alike. The fire weed shown here is another example of the vast plant life that thrive here.



This picture shows a 'nurse log,' or an old dead fallen tree supporting new growth.

