

# The Kilcoo West Coast Sky to Sea Trip

**WHERE:** Vancouver Island, BC

**WHAT:** A trip that includes an introduction to mountaineering, hiking, and Canada's rugged west coast. Lessons absorbed include hard skills such as orientation, navigation and cooking as well as soft skills such as cooperation and understanding the concept of no trace camping.

The trip starts with a hike into the area around Bedwell Lake located the heart of Strathcona Provincial Park. Strathcona is the oldest and largest provincial park on Vancouver Island. With numerous peaks suitable for beginner mountaineering from this area, we summit a mountain from this location. After a 4 or 5 day hike, the trek to the ocean begins along the Bedwell Valley trail. Upon arrival at the mouth of Bedwell Sound, kids will have a great sense of accomplishment completing a journey that takes them from the peaks down to the water's edge. Then the trip takes to the water with a whale watching voyage that leads out of Bedwell Inlet and to the sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. A camp is made on either Vargas or Bartlett Island where the group will experience two nights of beach camping to play on the sand and in the surf.

**When:** The trips will run during the first two weeks of each month... The July trip will be back for Visitor's Day, but please note the August trip will be away for Visitor's Day, but will return in time to participate in the Kilcoo Olympics.

**Cost:** \$2650 (plus HST) on top of camp fees – Includes airfare, surfing lessons, guide costs, etc.

**Staff Ratio:** 3 Campers:1 Staff Member/Guide

**If interested, please select the trip option when applying for your preferred month at Kilcoo.**



**Itinerary:**

DAY:	ACTIVITY	SLEEPING
Day 1	Depart YYZ, arrive in Comox YQQ and drive to trailhead, camp at Bedwell lake.	Strathcona Park near Bedwell Lake
Day 2	Hiking in and around Bedwell lake (route varies based on conditions)	Strathcona Park near Bedwell Lake
Day 3	Hiking in and around Bedwell lake (route varies based on conditions)	Strathcona Park near Bedwell Lake
Day 4	Hiking in and around Bedwell lake (route varies based on conditions)	Strathcona Park near Bedwell Lake
Day 5	Hiking in and around Bedwell lake (route varies based on conditions)	Strathcona Park near Bedwell Lake
Day 6	Hike out along Bedwell River Trail	Site Along Bedwell River Trail
Day 7	Hiking along Bedwell River Trail (Arrive at Bedwell Sound / Pacific Ocean)	Site Along Bedwell River Trail
Day 8	Boat pickup and whale watching	Vargas or Bartlett Island
Day 9	Beach camping	Vargas or Bartlett Island
Day 10	Beach camping	Vargas or Bartlett Island
Day 11	Drive back to Comox	Kin Beach Provincial Park
Day 12	Depart YQQ	Kilcoo Camp!

