

# Wall Beach Dive Site

How to dive it and how to get there.

## **Driving directions from Nanaimo**

Follow Hwy 19 north to Northwest Bay Road and turn right. Follow NW Bay Rd for about 5 minutes and then turn right again on Wall Beach Road.

A very short way down make another right on Seahaven Road, this slightly winding road will quickly turn to gravel and you will reach a dead end where you can park.

(Total drive time is approximately 30 minutes from Nanaimo)

A high slack tide is the very best way to do this dive for ease of entry/exit, but as long as it is not windy you can pretty much access this dive anytime.

Away from the beach at 30 degrees for about an 8 to 10 minute swim. There is a very gradual descent to the top of a steep slope which you will find at about the 50 ft depth range.

(The slope itself goes down over 200 ft. but there is no reason to go there, especially as sport divers)

There is a large rectangular rock that resembles a table top if true to your mark.

From here just begin exploring to your right, working your way along the slope in the 60 to 90 ft depth range, where there are plenty of rocks and crevasses for the marine life to take shelter.

When it's time to return you can take a heading of 210 to 230 degrees and this will get you back to the beach where you started.

Wall Beach is an excellent shore dive from a rocky beach that is suitable for all levels of experience.

Its gradual descent makes for an easy dive with challenges and sights for all.

Always remember if you get into any trouble, a due south heading will quickly put you on the shore.

The highlight here (more so in the winter months) is the chance of some very close encounters with the local sea lions that live nearby at a log sort.

At times there can be up to 5 or 6 of the large mammals, which though very cool, can be a little intimidating for the uninitiated.

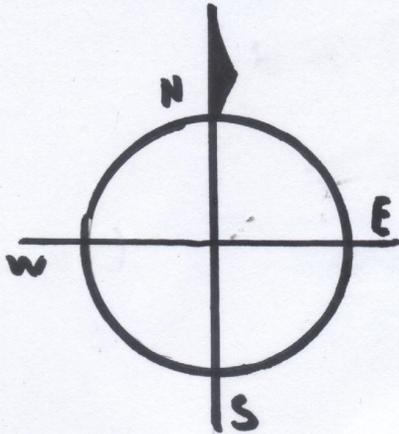
While swimming out there are lots of small creatures and invertebrate life, and on the wall itself you will often find wolf eels and the odd octopus, with lots of rock fish thrown in.

Cheers and safe diving!

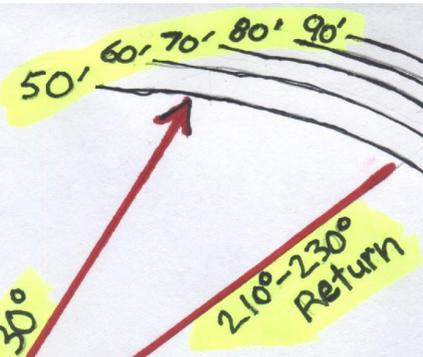
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