

Kludahk Trail

Description:

The Kludahk Trail is a public trails that runs East/West along the San Juan Ridge for approximately 48km. The trail meanders along high elevation ridges, often just at or over 1000 meters in elevation. Vegetation is unique ranging from old growth stands of red cedar, to sub alpine meadows, bogs and lakes.

For up to 6 to 7 months of the year (November to June) the trail is covered with snow. A typical winter sees 12 to 14' of accumulated snow on the ridge by March. Some years it can be up to 25' of snow. There is no trail visible. Backcountry skiers and snowshoers use their knowledge of the geography or GPS to know where they are.

There are huts along the length of the trail. These huts are reserved for use for the members of the Kludahk Trail Society - the awesome folks who maintain this treasure of a trail. Please be respectful to these huts, and any Kludahk members you meet along the trail.

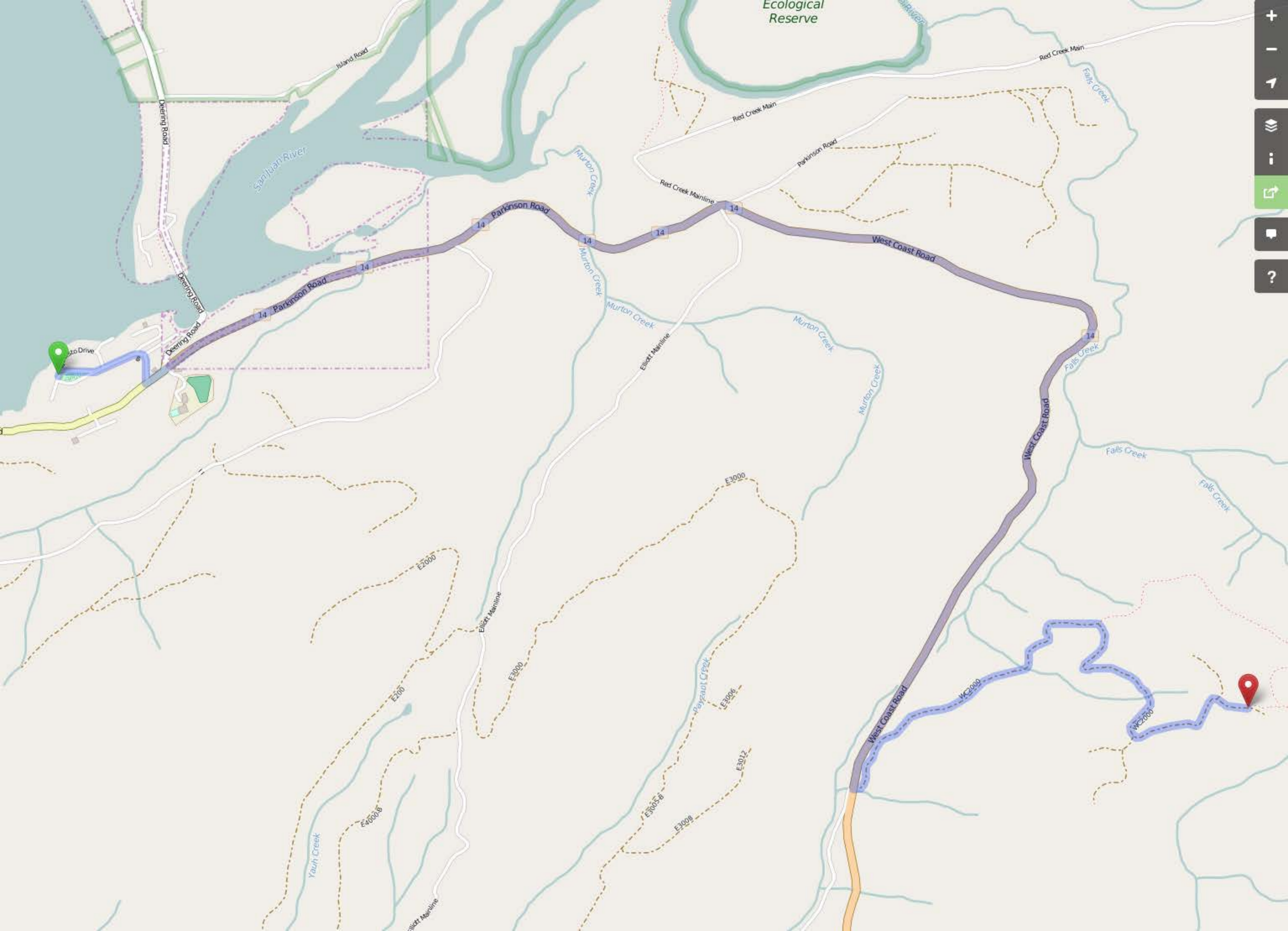
The western end of the trail is very accessible from Port Renfrew, and offers a very nice "out and back" hike featuring some really nice stands of old growth cedar. If you're feeling more adventurous, you could do a 'one way' hike utilizing 2 vehicles and one of the various access points along the trail - just make sure you are adequately prepared to spend an extended period in the back-country.

Directions from Renfrew:

- Zero your odometer at the beach house.
- Using the map, drive the same route as if you were driving back to Sooke.
- At 6.5 km make a sharp left turn, off the highway, onto a dirt road. You will need a high clearance vehicle. You can hike from here if you want, though it's not ideal.
- Once off the highway, zero your odometer again.
- Using the map as a reference, continue along another 2.6km. The road will wind uphill, past an old signpost indicating a overgrown trailhead (keep going) and the road will open up into a clear-cut. At the end of the road, keep an eye out for a small stone cairn. This is the trailhead.

CAUTIONS:

- This trail leads to wilderness back-country with no cell service. Be prepared for anything.
- Wildlife will be present on this trail. There is usually a lot of sign of cougars, bears, elk and wolves. Be prepared to encounter wildlife at any moment.
- This trail leads to high mountain and sub-alpine elevations. There will be snow covering the trail in winter months. Be prepared during any season with adequate navigation equipment and planning.



Ecological Reserve

San Juan River

Parkinson Road

West Coast Road

Murton Creek

Murton Creek

Murton Creek

Murton Creek

Falls Creek

Falls Creek

to Drive

Deering Road

Deering Road

Parkinson Road

Island Road

Red Creek Main

Parkinson Road

Red Creek Mainline

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West Coast Road

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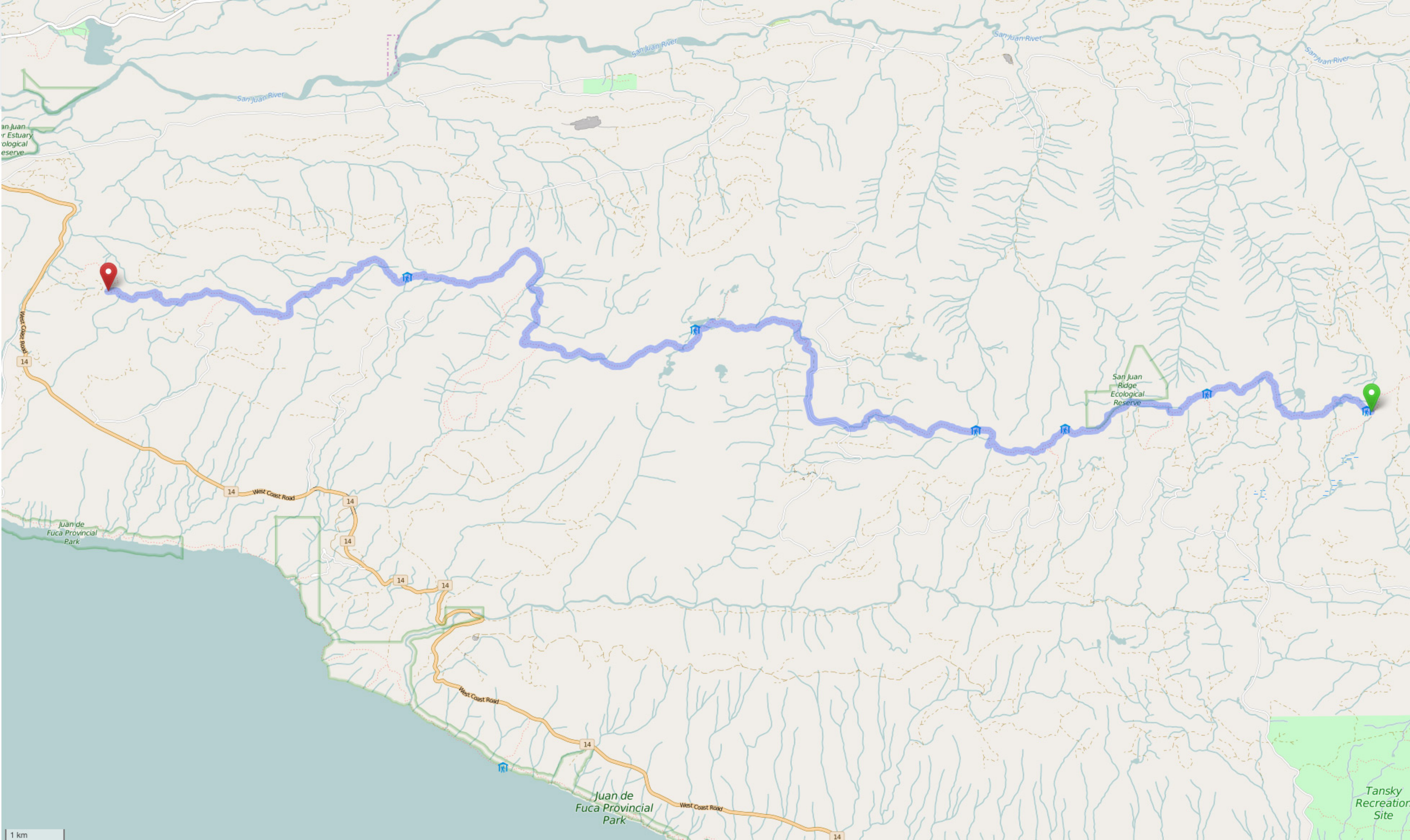
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San Juan Estuary Ecological Reserve

San Juan Ridge Ecological Reserve

Juan de Fuca Provincial Park

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Tansky Recreation Site

West Coast Road

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