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Avatar Blues



Have you seen the movie Avatar yet? We did, over the holidays in the burgeoning metropolis of Salmon Arm BC, where Bon's dad lives. We've since heard of a phenomenon called post-Avatar depression... Basically, people are finding themselves depressed when facing up to the sordid realities of our blighted planet after experiencing the wondrous forested utopia of Pandora in the movie.

We have found a cure. It's simple. Go outside, find the nearest chunk of Nature (there's always something left everywhere) and contemplate the incredible beauty of our own planet—from that amazing purple-green iridescence of the common urban pigeon to the quiet stillness of an ancient rainforest.

Our favourite way to deal with the Avatar blues—you guessed it, getting our butts in our boats and heading out paddling. If you're suffering at all from the letdown of facing our ailing planet after indulging in the fantasy of Pandora, consider coming back to Clayoquot Sound for a kayaking adventure...

Take in the smell of the salt air, the sight of towering moss- and fern-draped ancient cedars, maybe catch site of a magnificent grey whale spouting nearby, or a wolf trotting across the beach at sunset. We don't need a magical fantasy planet—we already have one, right here.



Get ready for summer!

Although designed for professional guide candidates, our courses are also appropriate for intermediate paddlers who want the full-on, start-to-finish adventure kayaking course with a focus on leadership. [learn more about our courses](#)

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Surf Zone

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Put your signature on a unique, visual petition asking the B.C. government to put an end to trophy hunting of bears in the B.C. [CLICK HERE...](#)

Check out this nifty site: www.magicseaweed.com. It has surf reports for locations all around the world—yes, Tofino is in there! Our friend Yasuhiro Murata used it extensively during his attempted circumnavigation of New Zealand this winter and found it quite useful.

Visiting Hooksum – An Invitation from Steve and Karen Charleson...

In 2010, Hooksum Outdoor School in Hesquiaht Harbour is opening up our facilities to visitors! For years, people at our programs have been asking us: How can I come back To learn more:

www.hooksumschool.com

If you or someone you know is planning a kayak trip or a surf trip or a hiking trip or just a get-away to Hesquiaht Harbour, let us know. We would love to see you at Hooksum!



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Ryan, BC

FIELD NOTES

It has been a wet winter here in Tofino—wet and warm. But that didn't stop us from getting out on some fantastic adventures. Dan went around Wickaninnish one big day just to watch the breakers heaving up over Jensen Rock before allowing the flood current and 20+ knot winds to flush him back home. He also saw a black wolf howling near Tsapee Narrows, and heard two other packs respond. Bonny came along for a sunny picnic just the other day—we managed to get somewhere we rarely paddle in just over an hour, and enjoyed an afternoon exploring terra incognita.

Winter gardening has been a highlight for us, and we regularly feast on greens harvested from under our new cloche!

Things are heating up here in Clayoquot Sound with a proposed copper mine for Catface Mountain and the threat of logging in the pristine rainforest valleys in the backcountry. We have been working with Friends of Clayoquot Sound to develop effective means to prevent these incursions into what precious little wild Nature remains on our blue-green planet!