

## Build Your Own Field Trip

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- Ride BC Ferries' North Island Princess and arrange a tour of the Bridge and Engine Room
- Take an educational tour of the Texada Museum
- Book a climb on Texada Elementary School's Bouldering Wall
- Tour the Village of Van Anda
- Go on a Geocache Hunt
- Visit "Eriksons' Beach"
- Walk to the "Little Billy Mine" site
- Explore "Glass Beach" in Blubber Bay



BC students attending school trips ride free on BC Ferries, and bus transportation for district students from Blubber Bay to Van Anda can be arranged through the SD47 portal. More information, including planning around ferry schedules, lesson ideas and maps can be found at the Texada Elementary School website.

For More Information or to Arrange a Visit

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# Van Anda Adventures

## With Texada Elementary School

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Texada Elementary School



## Texada Museum

The Texada Museum is located in what was once Texada Elementary School and sits directly alongside the current elementary school building. Exhibits cover local and provincial history, including natural resources, education and the founding of various communities on Texada Island. The museum does not keep regular hours outside of summer months, but tours for school groups can be arranged through Texada Elementary School administration or by contacting the Texada Heritage Society directly. Guided tours are provided free for District 47 student groups.

## Bouldering Wall

Texada Elementary School is currently housed in what was once the Island's only secondary school. The building boasts a full-sized gymnasium with a 12 foot "Bouldering Wall". Bouldering is a fun, safe and rewarding activity accessible to all ages. Students are normally partnered up so that six can climb simultaneously, while their partners watch and "Spot" them. Meanwhile, the remaining students have access to the rest of the gym, though alternative activities must respect the need for climbers to maintain focus and ability to communicate with their spotter. Groups using the wall will require a trained facilitator, which can usually be arranged free of charge through school administration.



## Heading Out on Foot

The Village of Van Anda is quite small and easy to navigate, with several sites of interest within a 5-15 minute walk from the school. Erikson's Beach is the perfect spot to explore coastal flora and fauna, and its location is great for discovering and identifying different types of rocks. En route, you'll pass a memorial to the sinking of Union Steamship "Cheslakee". Just past the beach you can visit the caged-off historic "Little Billy Mine" site, a replica of which can be seen in the Texada Museum. Van Anda is also home to several Geocache stashes. Hunting down a geocache can be a fun way to explore the village. Alternatively, groups may wish to take a nature hike through "Turtle Lake" trail, home of an abundance of plant and animal life.

