

MADRONA POINT

Access: Shore Dive

Skill Level: All Divers

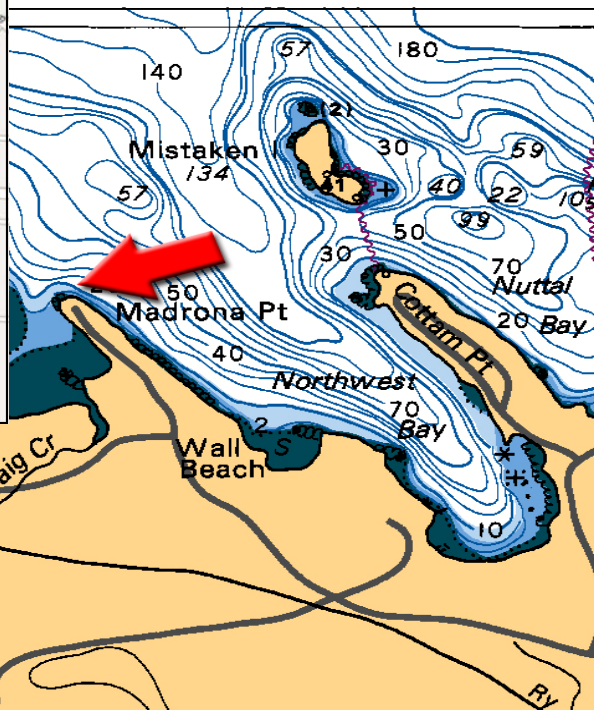
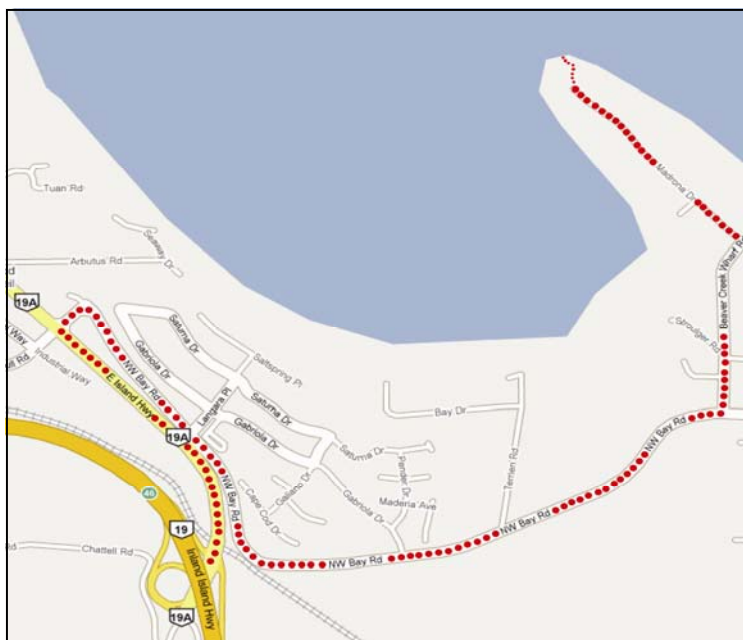
Highlights: Tons of Octopus and Wolf eels, the point is rimmed with rocky ledges and overhangs for these critters to hide in. In the shallows you will find a flat sandy bottom at 25–35 feet. The slope gradually makes its way out to a wall about 150 yards due north. If you swim from shore on the surface for about 100 feet before descending you will wind up closer to the wall where there is an abundance of big animals. Take a compass heading and proceed due north.

Marine Life: There is a well known site to see Octopi and Wolf eels. Sea Whips in the shallows as well as millions of Brittle Stars on the Sand. You will see a good mixture of Anemones, Rock Fish, Sea Stars and Nudibranchs. In the winter you may also catch a glimpse of a passing Sealion.

Hazards: Be aware of boat traffic in the area and always use a dive float and flag.

Access: Madrona Point is located at Nanoose Peninsula close to many other popular shore diving sites. Exit Hwy 19 south of Parksville and follow back north for about 1 km. Turn right and follow Northwest Bay Road for about 5 minutes and turn left onto Beaver Creek Wharf Road.

Turn left again at Madrona Road and follow to the end. A short walk through the forest and you're there.



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