

## Highway 4 Closure and Detour Information

Due to the Cameron Lake Bluffs wildfire, Highway 4 between Cathedral Grove/MacMillan Provincial Park and Koen Road remains closed. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has put a detour in place. The detour will route traffic from Port Alberni through to Lake Cowichan via Bamfield using forest-service and privately owned industrial roads. The detour extends travel by up to four hours and includes difficult driving conditions. MOTI strongly advises drivers to avoid travel in the area unless essential.

Information on the detour route, including a map, can be found at [tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories](https://tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories). Residents are also advised to monitor Drive BC at [drivebc.ca](https://drivebc.ca) for updates.

As a detour is in place, there are no reception centres or emergency support services available to impacted travelers on either side of the Highway 4 closure. The RDN recommends the following before travel on unfamiliar gravel roads:

- Travel during daylight hours when possible.
- Travel with a full tank of fuel.
- Travel with food and water along with a small car emergency kit.
- Obey all signage and direction from flaggers or emergency services.
- Share your travel plans and expected estimated arrival time with friends or family.

### Wildfire safety reminders:

- It is likely smoke will be visible in surrounding areas. If it is smokey in your area, it is best to keep indoors and close your windows when possible.
- Avoid all areas near the wildfire, obey signage and give fire crews the space to work.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities (including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)) near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of firefighting personnel.
- If you detect a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 from your cellphone. You can also report a wildfire via the free BC Wildfire Service mobile app that is available for both Apple and Android devices via the App Store and Google Play.

To learn more about the RDN emergency program, how to be prepared and to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN signup for Voyent Alert visit: [rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program](https://rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program).

For further information on wildfires, residents can check the [BC Wildfire Map](#) or follow BC Wildfire Service on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada, visit [firesmoke.ca](https://firesmoke.ca).

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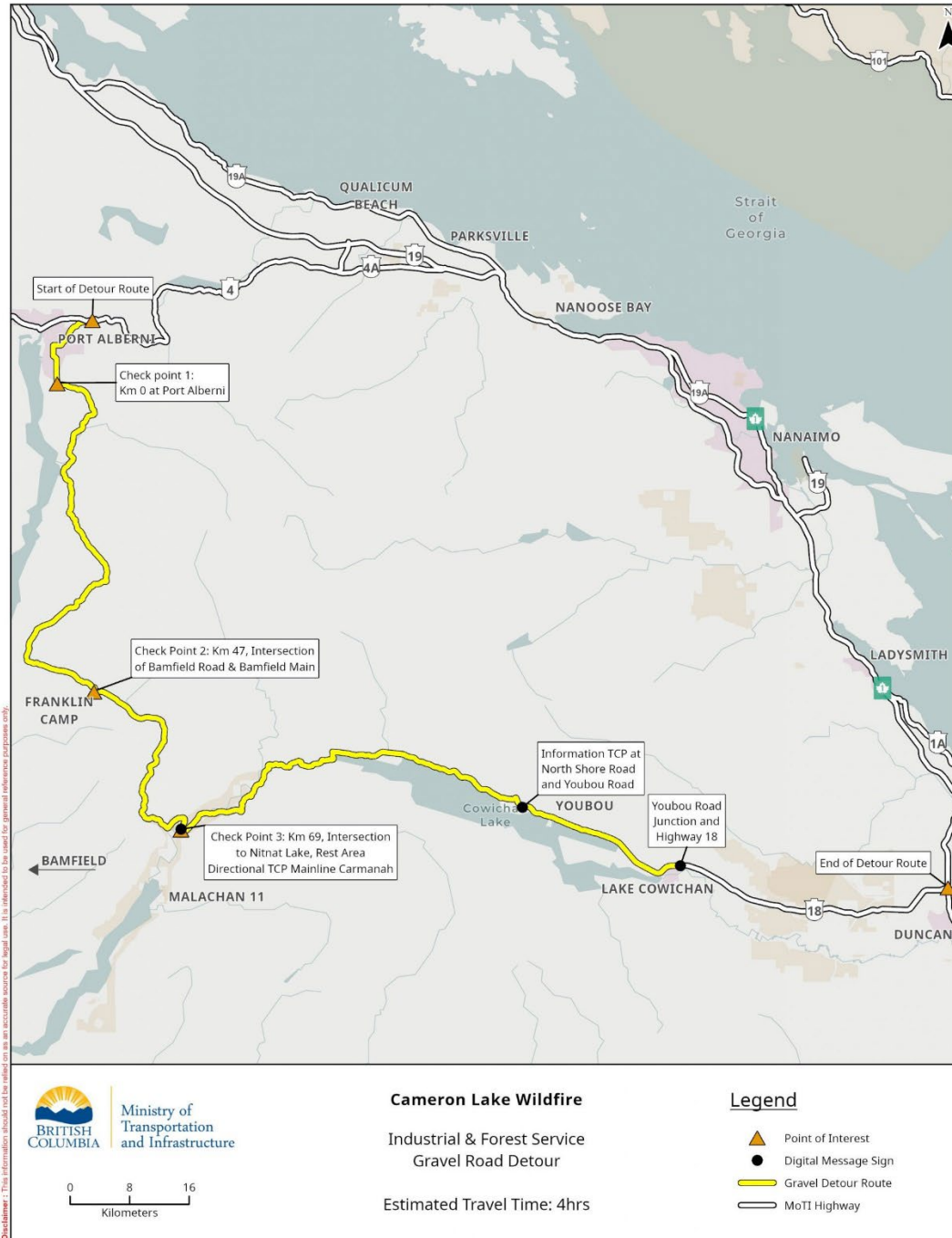
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