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Re: Kiiḵin Public Tours

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Work Together to Welcome Visitors Back to Kiiḵin

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government and Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses (HGB) are pleased to share an update on the future of public tours at Kiiḵin National Historic Site.

Since 2024, public tours have been paused while Huu-ay-aht reviewed how best to operate the site in a way that protects its cultural significance, provides a meaningful visitor experience, and builds long-term capacity within the Nation.

What's Happening in 2026?

Although public tours remain closed for the 2026 season, HFN Government and HGB are working together to offer a limited number of tours this year as part of a capacity-building initiative.

These tours aim to:

- Build operational experience for future tour delivery.
- Provide training and employment opportunities for Huu-ay-aht youth through the Nation's Youth Program.
- Test and refine tour operations while ensuring that Kiiḵin is protected and respected.
- Strengthen collaboration between the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Government and the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses in preparation for future operations.

Looking Ahead to 2027

Our goal is to officially reopen regular public tours in 2027. By taking a phased approach, we are investing in our people first, developing local guides, building operational capacity, and ensuring that when Kiiḵin reopens, visitors receive an authentic, high-quality experience that reflects Huu-ay-aht culture, values, and history.

We are committed to reopening in a way that honours our ancestors, protects this special place, and creates meaningful opportunities for Huu-ay-aht citizens.

We appreciate the patience and continued support of our citizens, residents, and visitors as we work toward welcoming the public back to Kiiḵin. More information on this year's limited tour opportunities and the planned public reopening in 2027 will be shared as it becomes available.