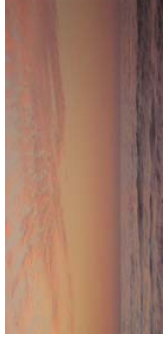




... End your day with a glass of BC wine and an appetizer at **694 Tapas (#13)** or **Lefty's (#14)**, both of which have outdoor patios where you can 'people watch'.

### THE FINALE . . .

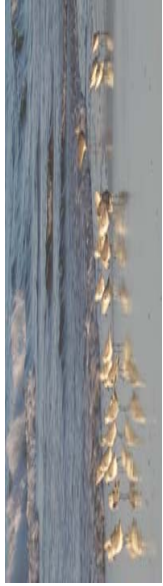
... Make a reservation at one of our oceanside restaurants. Consider the **Shady Rest** a 5-minute drive north of Qualicum Beach or **The Creek House Restaurant** at French Creek, a short drive south. Both offer great sunset dining. There's also **Sushi Mon (#3)** for a nice meal (try the halibut cheeks!)... Think about **Giovanni's (#16)** fine Italian cuisine for a 'special occasion' meal or



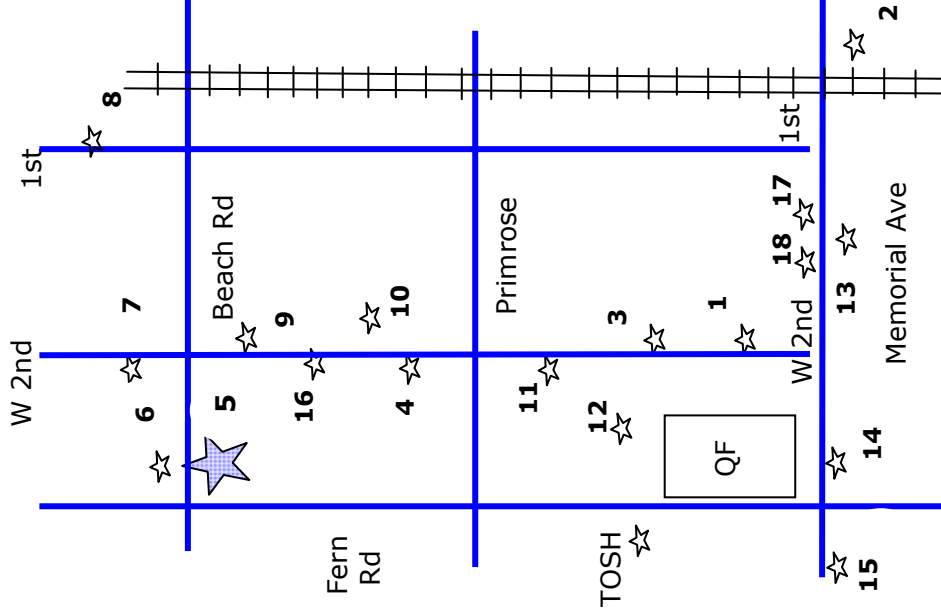
**Tigh-na-Mara** or our favorite, **The Landing** at Pacific Shores Resort which is about a 25-min. drive south; turn on Northwest Bay Road (at Craig Bay) south of Parksville using the old Island Highway - just follow the signs once you get on Northwest Bay Road.

There are other fine shops, galleries and restaurants in Qualicum Beach and the Tourist Information Bureau can provide additional maps and answer questions you may have on the Oceanside Area.

**We hope you enjoy your Stellar Saturday in Qualicum Beach!**



## A "Stellar" Map of Qualicum Beach



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## 'A Stellar Saturday' in Qualicum Beach



No 'malls'; no 'fast food outlets'; only café's, eclectic shops, antique stores and a busy Farmer's Market. Locals, Day Trippers and Tourists love Qualicum Beach, one of the Island's 'Stellar' Oceanside Villages.



**"Happiness . . . not in another place but this place, not for another hour, but this hour."**  
Walt Whitman

## A 'Stellar Saturday' in Qualicum Beach

### GETTING TO QUALICUM BEACH . . .

From the Inland Island Highway driving north (from Victoria) or south (from Courtenay/Comox) turn at the Qualicum Beach exit and follow Memorial Avenue to Qualicum Beach. . . Just four big blocks!

### GET UP AND GO!

... Start your morning off at **Elena's Bakery (#1 on the map)** with a cup of locally roasted Karma coffee and one of the best cinnamon buns on the Island.



... then head to the **Farmer's Market (#2)** which is open on Saturday from 8:30 am to noon (May to Oct). The Qualicum Beach Farmer's Market is a laid back neighbourhood event where everyone has a chance to

support the area's great local farms. Local strawberries, blueberries, apples, vegetables, flowers and herbs, many organically grown, sit side by side with



signature home made jams and jellies, breads, biscotti, artisan cheeses, freshly caught side-stripe prawns, organic Chicken products, local crafts and more.

... Stroll up W 2nd Avenue where a variety of shops are sure to spark your interest. There's **California**

**Be-Dazzled and Arbutus Emporium (#3)** all unique shops offering an eclectic mix of gifts, casual trendy clothing, funky purses, jewelry and much more.



Just up the street past Primrose is **Smithford's (#4)**,



whose motto "Don't Need It We Got It" pokes fun at their wonderful assortment of country furniture,

local artisans and garden sculptures by Don Thomson.

... continue up W 2nd, turn left on Beach Rd and head to our **FAVORITE SHOP STELLAR J . . . ON BEACH (#5)** ( you had to see that coming!) Once there you will



find a fresh approach to **Cottage Chic Furniture and Home Décor Accents.**

This small shop will inspire you to look at your favorite vintage or flea-market find with a fresh eye for how it can be Re-imagined, Re-purposed or Renewed. Stellar J can help you create an enduring

space you love that will keep getting better with age. Open Wed to Sat 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.

On Monday to Thursday, across the street is **Biscotti di Notte Caffè/ Galleria (#6)** featuring fresh home baked biscotti and works by local artists.



...After exploring **Stellar J on Beach** head back to W 2nd and turn left for **Fresh and**

**Fabulous Flowers (#7)** where you will find a fresh take on floral designs and nature inspired gift ware. Slightly off the beaten track is **Hidden Waters, (#8)** an eclectic little gift shop and as their name suggests they are hidden on W 1st near Beach Rd.



### LUNCH ANYONE ?

... Depending on your mood and what your taste buds prompt, Qualicum Beach has a variety of café's and restaurants to satisfy any midday hunger pangs. Stellar J favorites include **Lefty's (#14), Rawthentic Eatery (#15)** or **The Courtyard Café (#18)** on Memorial near Qualicum Antiques.

### LATER THAT DAY . . .

... back on W 2nd Ave, have a look through **What's Cooking -The Store For Cooks (#9)**

here you will find your full experience kitchen shop. Opposite is **Sweet Dreams (#9)** the bed-and-bath shop which has a great selection of some of the best Turkish towels you can imagine; and don't miss

nearby **Silverwood Gifts and Walk About (#9)** the men's and women's outdoor travel clothing store that's just down the alley.



Just before Primrose and across from Smithford's is **Expressions (#10)** which is stocked with a variety of interesting 'finds'.

... continue down W 2nd Ave stopping at the **Outsider (#11)** who carry a wide selection of travel, leisure, athletic and yoga clothing and footwear. If reading's your thing you'll find a great selection of books at **Mulberry Bush (#12).**

Close by is the Qualicum Beach **Chamber of Commerce.** Here you can get the answers to almost anything you ever wanted to know about Qualicum Beach. If you are into antique shops, **Qualicum Antiques (#17)** back on Memorial is worth a stop as are others in the area.

