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Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre
Your ocean-campus Venue



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Meeting & Event Spaces

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre offers a variety of year-round meeting and event spaces designed to support conferences, retreats, workshops, field courses, training programs, and visiting groups. All venues on our oceanfront campus are within walking distance of accommodations, dining facilities, laboratories, and waterfront facilities.

Estimated Room Capacities

Conference Room	Area	Theatre	Class	Table Group	Board room	U-Shape
RIX Atrium – Grand Hall	2045 sq ft	140	–	–	–	–
Large (Hall A, B, C)	2530 sq ft	140	86	–	–	–
Medium (Hall A, B)	1690 sq ft	90	66	–	40	–
Small (Hall C)	768 sq ft	40	30	24	–	20
Seminar Boardroom	283 sq ft	–	–	–	10	–
Cafeteria Forest-Side Lounge	650 sq ft	–	14	–	6	10
Ross Lecture Hall	770 sq ft	32	–	20	–	20
Library River Room	99 sq ft	–	–	–	6	–
Whale Lab Classroom	1580 sq ft	–	18	36	–	–

Features

Each meeting space features flexible room layouts, Wi-Fi access, integrated audiovisual technology, presentation screens, and sound systems, creating a comfortable and professional environment for learning, collaboration, and engagement.



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01 The Rix Centre for Ocean Discoveries



Ocean View Gallery



Max. Capacity 140 att.



Washrooms



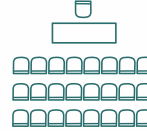
Kitchen Available



NOT pet friendly



**Rix Seminar
Boardroom**



**Rix A, B, C
Lecture Halls**



Complimentary Wi-fi

Overview

The Rix Centre for Ocean Discoveries is a stunning coastal landmark and the site of our new conference centre. This impressive facility, featuring a scalloped roof, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a warm wood finish, combines flexible meeting space with a breathtaking ocean view. Situated on Barkley Sound and adjacent to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, BMSC is surrounded by lush temperate rainforest and is just a short distance from the ocean.



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Rix Atrium - Ocean View Gallery

Workshop & Presentation

The venue is particularly well suited for scientific conferences and academic gatherings, with space for presentations, poster displays, panel discussions, and informal networking. The open layout allows organizers to adapt the room to their event's specific needs.



Banquets & Special Events

The Ocean View Gallery also transforms beautifully into a banquet and reception venue. Its spacious layout, warm wood finishes, and waterfront views create a memorable atmosphere for gala dinners and awards ceremonies. In 2025, the Rix Centre successfully hosted banquet events and scientific sessions during the International Stickleback Congress.



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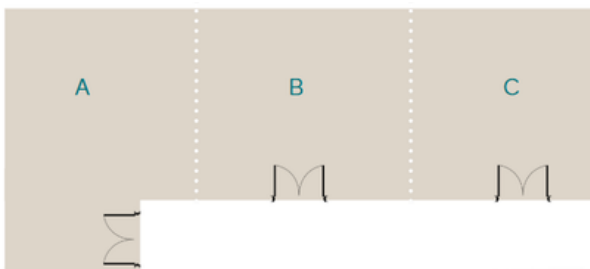


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Rix Classrooms - Hall A, B, C

Features

- Flexible meeting and event spaces. Movable wall panels that allow the conference space to be divided into smaller meeting rooms or opened into one large venue.
- Modern presentation and conference facilities.
- Convenient access to accommodations, dining, classrooms, and waterfront areas
- Available for conferences, workshops, retreats, meetings, and special events (subject to availability).



Rix Seminar Boardroom

Seminar Boardroom provides a professional and private meeting space for small groups of up to 10 participants. Designed for focused discussions and collaboration, the room is ideal for executive meetings



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02 The Cafeteria



Forest & Ocean view



Up to 98 guests



Washrooms



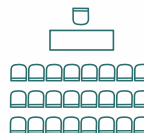
Complimentary Wi-fi



NOT pet friendly



Research Space
Forest-Side Lounge



Meeting Space
Ross Lecture Hall



Everyday Meals
Space

Overview

The BMSC Cafeteria is a bright and welcoming gathering space that serves as the heart of campus dining and social activity. Featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, warm wood architecture, and sweeping views of Barkley Sound and the surrounding forest, the cafeteria provides a memorable setting for everyday meals. BMSC's professional kitchen and catering team provide fresh meals and refreshments for conferences, retreats, field courses, and special events throughout the year.



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Forest-Side Lounge

The Forest-Side Lounge is the dedicated Research Lounge. Situated in the cafeteria, it is a hub designed to elevate the researcher and instructor experience at BMSC. Providing a space for working alone or collaboratively, meetings, creative conversations, idea sharing, and teamwork, this impressive facility combines flexible meeting space with a breathtaking ocean view. Registered guests are welcome to use these shared common facilities without needing to book in advance.



Features

- Modern presentation and conference facilities.
- Charging stations at each desk for laptops and mobile devices.
- Convenient access to accommodations, dining, and classrooms.

Ross Lecture Hall

Ross Lecture Hall is a warm and versatile meeting space designed for lectures. The hall can accommodate up to 32 participants in a theatre-style setup or be arranged with tables for collaborative workshops, breakout discussions, and classroom-style learning.



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03 The Library



Ocean view



Up to 20 attendees



Washrooms



Complimentary Wi-fi



NOT pet friendly



Boardroom up to 6



Parking available



Gift Shop

Overview

The Library is a bright, welcoming space designed for study and small-group discussions. Large panoramic windows provide stunning views of Bamfield Inlet and the surrounding coastal landscape, creating an inspiring setting for learning and collaboration. The room features comfortable lounge seating, round tables with chairs for group work, and ample natural light throughout the day. Walls are decorated with framed photographs and artwork that reflect the history and community of BMSC. The Library offers a professional environment suitable for reading and studying.



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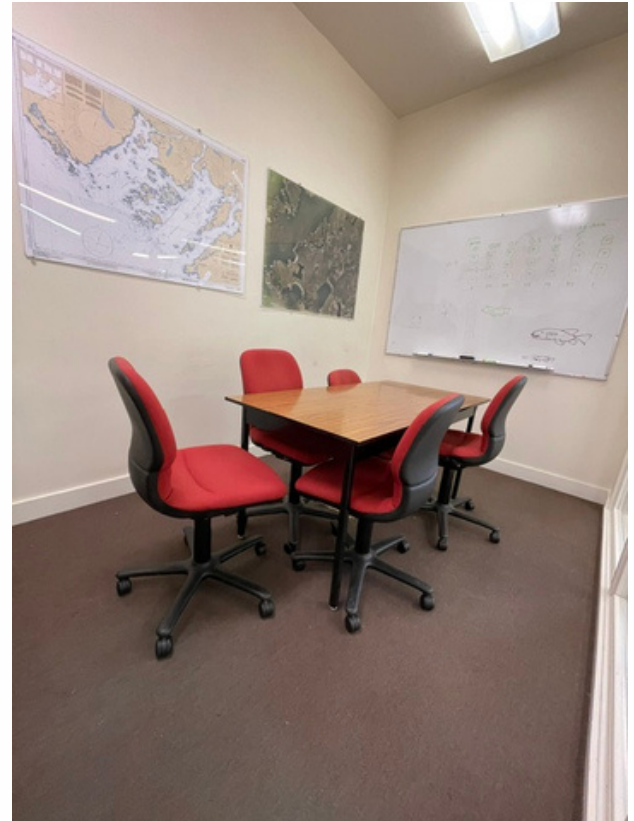
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The River Room

The River Room is a private meeting space ideal for small group discussions, planning sessions, committee meetings, and breakout activities. This quiet, enclosed room provides a professional setting with a boardroom-style table and comfortable seating for participants. The space is equipped with a whiteboard to support presentations, brainstorming, and collaborative work.



Features

Maps displayed on the walls reflect BMSC's coastal and marine setting, creating a unique environment that connects visitors to the local region. Located in the Main Building, the River Room offers a comfortable, focused atmosphere for meetings and small workshops. Boardroom-style table and seating. It also includes:

- Whiteboard for presentations and collaborative work
- Marine and regional maps displayed throughout the room
- *Capacity: Ideal for small groups of approximately 6-8 participants.*



04 The Whale Lab Classroom



Forest and ocean view



Classroom up to 36 att.



Washrooms



Rain gear available



NOT pet friendly



Lab Facility



Parking available



Complimentary Wi-fi

Overview

The Whale Lab is the main classroom and laboratory facility for our field trip and workshop participants. This education laboratory features flow-through seawater tanks, a touch tank so students may observe and handle living marine organisms, a collection of marine mammal skeletons, and equipment such as microscopes, video conferencing technology, and extra rain gear.

With approximately 1,580 sq. ft. of space, the room can accommodate up to 36 participants in a classroom-style setup or smaller groups for interactive workshops and practical sessions.



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