

# Native People of Filucy Bay



Native people visited Filucy Bay for succulent clams and mussels, scallops, sea urchins, oysters, crab, octopus, squid, shrimp, sea cucumber, skate, flounder, ling cod, sole, Chinook, Coho and Chum salmon, tiny bait herring and for seals and porpoise. The best clams were from these beaches and seafood was so plentiful that canoes were filled with the bay's bounty for "big eater" contests between villages.

When the legendary Transformer made the world, this place said, "No, I do not wish to change," and so it remained unchanged and was known as an "Ancient Place" by the people who lived here, the *Tksba'kababc*. As fishing ended in the fall, relatives of the *Tksba'kababc* came from the mainland and nearby villages to visit and trade, to dry clams for winter and pick the last berries of the season, lowland huckleberries. Families came by canoe and used overland trails between Taylor Bay and Filucy Bay.

Local archaeological sites consist of dense shell middens with clam and mussel shells, fish bone, lithic (stone) tools, charcoal and rock cracked from the heat of fire hearths and cooking pits. These remains mark sites where, for at least 1,500 years, people have celebrated with friends and relatives, met future spouses, feasted on seafood, told stories and remembered ancestors around the protected waters of Filucy Bay.