

When are the best times to travel on the Gabriola Ferry?

These charts provide a general guide to how busy the Gabriola ferry is likely to be throughout the day at different times of the year

Quiet

Expect plenty of space on these sailings

Moderate

Expect the ferry to be more than half full

Busy

Expect these sailings to be at or near to capacity

Full

Expect overloads on these sailings

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Best times to travel during January and February

Best times to travel in January / February

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	5:40
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	10:30

Best times to travel in January / February

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15
	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10
	10:05	10:05		10:05	10:05	10:05
	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing

Best times to travel during March and April

Best times to travel in March / April

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	5:40
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	10:30

Best times to travel in March / April

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40	5:40
6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15
7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10
10:05	10:05			10:05	10:05	10:05
11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

morning

afternoon / evening

Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing

Best times to travel during May and June

Best times to travel in May / June

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	5:40
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	10:30

morning

afternoon / evening

Best times to travel in May / June

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15
	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10
	10:05	10:05		10:05	10:05	10:05
	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing

Best times to travel during July and August

Best times to travel in July /August

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05		
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	5:40
					6:15	
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	10:30

morning

afternoon / evening

Best times to travel in July /August

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35		7:35
	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
					5:40	
	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15
	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10
	10:05	10:05		10:05	10:05	10:05
	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing

Best times to travel during September and October

Best times to travel in September / October

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	

Best times to travel in September / October

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15	6:15
	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10	9:10
	10:05	10:05		10:05	10:05	10:05
	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing

Best times to travel during November and December

Best times to travel in November / December

Departures from Gabriola Island

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	5:15	
6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20	6:20
	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	7:05	
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25	3:25
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35	4:35
5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05	5:05
5:40	5:40	5:40	DC	5:40	5:40	5:40
6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50	6:50
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40	9:40
10:30	10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30	10:30

Best times to travel in November / December

Departures from Nanaimo Harbour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	
	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55	6:55
	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35
	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10
	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20	9:20
	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55	9:55
	10:30	10:30	DC	10:30	10:30	10:30
	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05	11:05
	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40	11:40
	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55	12:55
	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30	1:30
	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15	2:15
	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50	2:50
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Expect the ferry to be

Quiet

Moderate

Busy

Full

DC

Dangerous cargo sailing