



**FRIENDS of
CORTES ISLAND
SOCIETY**

Thank you for getting involved in the Room For Rider ride-sharing program!

This is a project of the transportation committee, a division of the Friends of Cortes Island Society (FOCI).

Visit friendsofcortes.org for more info on how you can get involved in our transportation initiatives and many more FOCI community matters.

WAIVER REGARDING USE OF MIRROR TAG

FOCI wishes to make clear that any plans to share a ride must follow that **YOU ACCEPT FULL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RIDE THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT OR PROVIDE** as a result of the promotion of Room For Riders. **WE ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS OF ANY INDIVIDUALS USING Mirror Tags to PROVIDE OR ACCEPT a RIDE**

We are providing this Mirror Tag without charge to You. Any agreement made between You and your Ride or Rider regarding cost sharing does not involve Us.

We're just encouraging the culture of sharing and wise resource-use.



Cortes Island Room For Rider Program

Why should we share rides? The reasons are plentiful.

Putting more passengers in fewer vehicles reduces our climate change impacts. *An SUV full of passengers has lower emissions than a compact car with only one driver. And in case you haven't heard, climate change is destabilizing entire regions of our planet and driving many species extinct.*

Sharing rides reduces the number of overloads on the ferry. *Hooray!*

When we share rides, we can share the cost. *Everybody saves money.*

Some folks can't drive because of age, disability, choice, economics, or health. *Helping each other is a good thing. Sometimes people are just stuck without their cars, such as when they are taken to hospital by ambulance or if their car needs to go to the mechanic.*

People are generally friendly & they like helping. It's contagious.

Drivers!

Hang the Room For Rider tag from your rear-view mirror if you've got space and a willingness to help others get across Quadra Island and beyond.

Riders!

If you're looking for a ride in the ferry line-up going to or from Quadra Island, begin by asking folks who are proudly displaying their **Room For Rider** mirror tags.

Everyone!

It's pretty much that simple, but here are some **more tips** to help things go smoothly:

You don't have to accept a ride or a rider.

Use your judgment and intuition. Only ride with people you feel comfortable with. You're responsible for your safety and the decision to ride-share is yours alone.

It's okay to share the cost. Riders can offer some funds and drivers can request it – before the ride begins is a good time to do this. Consider that a small car costs around \$0.25/km to operate, maintain and insure; a larger vehicle could be \$0.50.

Hitchhiking is legal in Canada as long as you aren't on the road, blocking traffic.

As a driver, your insurance covers all your passengers regardless of your relationship to them – as long as you aren't driving for profit (cost sharing is okay).

People can be sensitive to odours. Please travel as neutrally as possible.

If you have a larger vehicle or a bike rack, you might be able to help out a cyclist looking for a lift for themselves and their bike.

Here are some other ways you can help:

Check out cortesisland.com classifieds section and post your ride there or look for people who need rides.

Visit cortes.ride-share.org to post, edit and view rides offered and needed.

If you see someone on the roadside with their thumb sticking out, they're probably hitch-hiking. *Consider stopping to pick them up.*

Visit us online at friendsofcortes.org Find info on how you can get involved in this and many more community matters.

Let us know how it's going!
Email reports of successful shared trips or any issues that you encounter to:
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