

# Gabriola and Mudge road names

The following is a cumulative list of road and street names that have been published in *SHALE* at one time or another.

Names in the book by Aula Bell and Neil Aitken, *Gabriola Island Place Names*, published in 1996 are listed here, but without any of the detail contained in the book. Road and street names not listed in this book are in **red**.

[Notes](#) are mostly from a local historian/blogger (gabriolore) and are replacement links for his site that is now unavailable, but [archived](#) here. These are additional to any notes in *Gabriola Island Place Names*.

Where there is some disagreement between maps, or between official names and local usage, the [RDN map](#) is given precedence, but in cases where the RDN map disagrees with the street sign, then the street sign takes precedence. An [online street map](#) that is easier to use than the RDN map is here.

Names that are out there, but are probably typographical errors or careless mistakes rather than common alternative usage, are marked (error?). These names are retained in the list to assist computer searches.

The possessive apostrophe is omitted in place names in this list (Browns rather than Brown's). This used to be standard practice for maps and nautical charts.

Look here for [names of coastal features](#) on Gabriola and nearby islands.

Look here for names of [wetlands and water courses](#) on Gabriola.

Look here for [placenames](#) on Gabriola other than roads.

## GABRIOLA

AIDAN ROAD  
—obsolete name for STANLEY ROAD  
—ADIAN ROAD (error?)

AKENHEAD TRAIL

ALDER WAY

ARDRY ROAD

ARGYLE LANE

ARMSON ROAD

BALSAM STREET

BARNACLE ROAD

BARRETT ROAD

—[notes](#)

BARRY ROAD

BERG ROAD

BERRY POINT ROAD

BERTHA AVENUE

BEVMARIL CRESCENT

BIG HILL

—old name for BRICKYARD HILL

BLUEBACK CIRCLE

—[notes](#)

BLUEBACK DRIVE

—[notes](#)

BLUEWATER ROAD

BLUEWHALE LOOKOUT

BOND STREET

BONNIE VIEW ROAD

BRICKYARD HILL

—[notes](#)

BROADVIEW ROAD

BROWNS WAY

BRUCE LYNN DRIVE

BRYDIE AVENUE

—[notes](#)

BURNSIDE DRIVE

BUTTERCUP ROAD

CALDERVIEW PLACE

—CALDER VIEW ROAD (error?)

—CALDER VIEW DRIVE (error?)

CAMEO DRIVE

—CAMEO ROAD (error?)

CANSO DRIVE

—CANSO ROAD (error?)

CAPPON LANE

—COPPEN LANE (error?)

CAPTAIN AHABS TERRACE

CARMEN CRESCENT

CARR BOULEVARD

CARRIER ROAD

CENTRE ROAD

—once known as the Road to Dick's Swamp.  
Now a trail in the 707CP. Marked as a road on a  
1930s map.

—[notes](#)

CHAPPEL PLACE

CHELWOOD ROAD

CHERNOFF DRIVE

CHICHESTER ROAD

CHRISTINE CLOSE

CHURCH STREET

CLAMSHELL DRIVE

Clamshell Subdivision

CLARENDON ROAD

**COAST ROAD**

COATS DRIVE

—COATS ROAD (error?)

COHO DRIVE

—[notes](#)

**COLLEEN ROAD**

—[notes](#)

COMMODORE WAY

CONVILLE ROAD

—COLVILLE ROAD (common error? but  
Colville is an old name for Nanaimo, so this  
might be right).

COOPER ROAD

CRESTA ROCA ROAD

—often just called CRESTA ROCA

CRESTWOOD ROAD

CROCKER ROAD

DAGGOO PLACE

DANIEL WAY

—named after Tim Brown's father.

DAVIS ROAD

—DAVIS DRIVE (error?)

DECOURCY DRIVE

DEGNEN BAY ROAD

DEGNEN ROAD

DEGNEN ROAD SOUTH

—now for the most part a trail from SOUTH  
ROAD to the south end of the present DEGNEN  
ROAD. There was originally an unnamed road,  
now a trail, from here to the junction of TAIT  
ROAD and NORTH ROAD.

DEMPSEY ROAD

**DESCANSO BAY ROAD**

**DESCANSO VALLEY DRIVE**

DIRKSEN ROAD

—DIRKSON STREET (error?)

—DIRKSON ROAD (error?)

**DIXON**

—trail on 1930s map going N from the junction  
near the Post Office of NORTH and SOUTH  
ROADS. George Walton Dixon and Anthony  
Dixon were petitioners for a ferry in 1927.

DOGWOOD CRESCENT

**DOLE ROAD**

DORBY WAY

**DRAGONS LANE**

—road put in by Frank and Francine Trebell, and Francine was rather fond of dragons.

—[notes](#)

DUNSHIRE DRIVE

DUTHIE AVENUE

EASTHOM ROAD

**EL VERANO BOAT RAMP**

—unofficial but common usage. See

NARROWS ROAD

EL VERANO DRIVE

**El Verano Subdivision**

**EL VERANO TURNABOUT**

—TURNABOUT DRIVE is an old MOT name that still appears on some maps.

ELGIE ROAD

END ROAD

EVA ROAD

—EVA PLACE

—named after Eva Shaw. Tommy and Eva owned the Grande Hotel until 1987.

—[notes](#)

EVANS ROAD

—an officially named road, but only a trail through the woods.

FAIRBAIRN ROAD

**FAWN PLACE**

FELL ROAD

FENWICK ROAD

FERNE ROAD

**FERRY HILL**

—officially NORTH ROAD, but it's before the split and it's SOUTH ROAD that carries straight on.

—[notes](#)

FIN ROAD

FIREHALL TRAIL (to Phase IV)

—[notes](#)

FISHER ROAD

FLEET STREET

FOSTER CLOSE

—FOSTER PLACE (error?)

GABRIOLA CRESCENT

Gabriola Sands Subdivision

—[notes](#)

**GABRIOLA TRUNK ROAD**

—old MOT name for SOUTH ROAD. It was the first major road on the island.

GALLAGHER WAY

GARLAND DRIVE

—GARLAND ROAD (error?)

GAYLE ROAD

**GEORGE STREET**

—GEORGE ROAD (error?)

—[notes](#)

**GILLEN ROAD**

—where the Gillens live.

GOSSIP CORNER

—[BC Archives picture](#)

—[notes](#)

GRAY ROAD

GRAYSTON ROAD

—named after the Grayston family, long-time residents of the island.

GREERE ROAD

—name not in use. Origin unknown; not an old MOT name. Now MAUDIE MILLER WAY

—GEERE ROAD (error?)

GRISLE ROAD

—[notes](#)

**HAIG ROAD**

HAMLET ROAD

**HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

**Harrison Estates Subdivision**

—[notes](#)

HARRISON WAY

HARWOOD ROAD

HAVEN DRIVE

HEMLOCK AVENUE

HESS ROAD

—name of the developer.

**HIGHLANDS**

—road or trail on 1930s map going NW into Cox Community Park from McCONVEY ROAD.

HILL ROAD

**HIPPY HOLLOW**

—[notes](#)

**HOGANS ROAD**

—name for the trail from the ferry in Descanso Bay to Hoggan Lake more or less along the present SOUTH ROAD.

HONEYSUCKLE LANE

HORSESHOE ROAD

—not as it says in *Gabriola Island Place Names* because of the shape of the road—the bend was added later—but because one of the Johnstons, one-time owners of the LeBœufs' place, was a farrier. Tim Brown still has the forge.

**HORSESHOE WAY**

Howes Heritage Subdivision

—[notes](#)

**HYHAM ROAD**

IRENE ROAD

ISLANDS VIEW DRIVE

**IVORY WAY**

JACKPINE STREET

JAMES WAY

JEANETTE AVENUE

JOLLEY BROTHERS (BROS) ROAD

JOLLY CLOSE

—JOLLEY CLOSE (error?)

KEG ROAD

—KEY ROAD (error?)

**KEITH DRIVE**

**KEITH DRIVE SOUTH**

—KEITH ROAD (error?)

**Kensington Lands**—[notes](#)

KEVAN DRIVE

—Named after the son of Tommy and Eva Shaw who owned the Grande Hotel.

—[notes](#)

KILLERWHALE LOOKOUT

KING ROAD

KIRBY ROAD

**LACKHAVEN DRIVE**

—LACKHAVEN ROAD (error?)

LARCH ROAD

LEWIS CLOSE

LITTLE BOULEVARD

LLOYD CRESCENT

LOCKINVAR LANE

—official error for LOCHINVAR

LOCKWOOD DRIVE

—LOCKWOOD ROAD (error?)

**LOIS LANE**

—after Lois Rowan who was the daughter of King and Annie Logan.

LUBBOCK ROAD

LYNGAIL PLACE

—sometimes said to be named after daughters in the Cox family, but no so according to Hazel Windecker.

McCLAY WAY

—an official and common error for McLay.

**McCOLLUM ROAD**

McCONVEY ROAD

McDONALD ROAD

McGILLVARY AVENUE

—McGILVARY AVENUE (error?)

McLAY HILL

—McCLAY HILL

—[notes](#)

**McLAYS ROAD**

—original trail along route of NORTH ROAD from the Post Office to McLAY HILL.

McNEILS CORNER

MALASPINA DRIVE

Malaspina Subdivision

MALASPINA VIEW ROAD

**Mander Estates Subdivision:** —[notes](#)

MANDER ROAD

MAPLE LANE

MARTIN ROAD

MARVIN ROAD

MARY ROAD

MAUDIE MILLER WAY

—GREERE ROAD (not in use)

—MAUDIE MILLER ROAD

MOBY DICKS WAY

MOLLYS WAY

MORLEYVILLE

—unofficial name for part of North Road.

—[notes](#)

MURRAY ROAD

MUSSEL HEIGHTS

**NARROWS ROAD**

—RDN name for what is always known locally as the El Verano Boat Ramp.

NORTH ROAD

—[notes](#)

**NORTHUMBERLAND VIEW**

NORWICH ROAD

OYSTER WAY

PAISLEY PLACE

PAT BURNS AVENUE

—[notes](#)

PENTY AVENUE

PEQUOD CRESCENT

PERRY ROAD

PETERSON ROAD

**PETKAU ROAD**

—PERKAU ROAD (error?)

—a strange one; doesn't appear to be Moby Dick related.

**PETROGLYPH WAY**

—[notes](#)

Phase I to Phase VII

—see Wildwood Estates Subdivisions

PINEWOOD ROAD

PIRATES HOLLOW ROAD

**PIT ROAD**

—old name for TURKEY SHOOT ROAD.

There was a large sand pit there.

**PREACHERS HILL**

—on Peterson

—[notes](#)

PRICE ROAD

QUEEQUEG PLACE

—QUEEQUEG PLACE (error?)

QUEEQUEG TURNABOUT

—QUEEQUEG TURNABOUT (error?)

REDWOOD ROAD

RICARDO ROAD

RICKI AVENUE

—RICKI ROAD (common local name)

**RITCHIE ROAD**

RIVER PLACE

**ROAD TO DICKS SWAMP**

—early name for Centre Road

—707 Community Park trail

—[notes](#)

**ROAD TO EASSONS**

—trail from Hoggan Lake, roughly along COATS DRIVE, to Alexander Easson's pre-emption in the NE corner of Section IX.

ROLLO ROAD

ROSISLOS BOULEVARD

—[notes](#)

ROSS WAY

ROWAN WAY

ROXANNE BOULEVARD

**SANDS ROAD**

SANSOM ROAD

—SANSOM ROAD (error?)

**SARAH PLACE**

SCHOONER ROAD

SEA LOVERS LANE

**SEA MEADOW DRIVE**

SEA URCHIN PLACE

SEAGIRT ROAD

**SEAVIEW ROAD**

SEAWIND DRIVE

SEYMOUR ROAD

SHARIE ROAD

—SHARIE DRIVE (common usage)

SHAW ROAD

SILVA BAY ROAD

Silva Bay Heights Subdivision

SIR WILLIAMS DRIVE

—[notes](#)

SOUTH ROAD

—the GABRIOLA TRUNK ROAD on an old MOT map.

—[notes](#)

SPERMWHALE LOOKOUT

SPRING BEACH DRIVE

—the spring emerges from the bluff along the north side of Islands View Dive.

SPRUCE AVENUE

ST. CATHERINES AVENUE

—[notes](#)

STALKER ROAD

**STANLEY ROAD**

—formally AIDAN ROAD

—STANLEY PLACE on RDN map, but the street sign says “road”.

**STARBUCK LANE**

STARFISH PLACE

STEPHENS ROAD

**STICKY DICK’S CORNER**

On North Road at the junction with Horseshoe Road at the bottom of the hill. Origin unknown but probably linked to the challenge in former times to see if you could drive from the hotel and bar at the south end to the pub at the north end (or vice versa) in a fixed time. Also known as “30-mile-an-hour corner”. More than one person has died there.

STOKES ROAD

Straits View Subdivision

THE STRAND

SUZANNE AVENUE

SVEINSON DRIVE

**SWAMP ROAD**

—an industrial road in the late 1930s that ran between Dutchman’s Swamp and a kiln in an area south of South Road. Used by diatomaceous earth miners —[notes](#).

TAIT ROAD

—after the Tait family that used to run the garbage service and the island’s taxi —[notes](#).

TAMALA DRIVE

—named after the daughter of Tommy and Eva Shaw.

—[notes](#)

TAMARACK STREET

TANSY DRIVE

—[notes](#)

—TANSY ROAD (error?)

TARBERT ROAD

TASHTEGO CRESCENT

TAYLOR BAY ROAD

—commonly assumed to be after the Rev. George William Taylor (1854–1912), but there used to be another unrelated Taylor family living along the south side of the bay before him. See June Lewis-Harrison’s, *The People of Gabriola*,

p.102 last para. and p.155. An unconnected well-known Gabriolan was Thomas Perceival (T.P.) Taylor (1883–1982).

TAYLOR VIEW ROAD

THOMAS PLACE

—[notes](#)

THOMPSON ROAD

—named after Tommy Shaw.

TIMBER LANE

**TIN CAN ALLEY**

—home of Gabriola’s recycling centre. A name-that-road competition winner —[notes](#).

TINSON ROAD

—TINSON POINT ROAD

TOWN HO END

TRILLIUM WAY

**THE TUNNEL**

—unofficial name for part of North Road

—[notes](#)

**TURKEY SHOOT ROAD**

—unofficial name for what is now been made an extension of TAIT ROAD. Formerly PIT ROAD.

—[notes](#)

TURNABOUT DRIVE

—MOT name for EL VERANO TURNABOUT.

Twin Beaches

—see Gabriola Sands

TYEE DRIVE

—[notes](#)

**TYHURST ROAD**

VALLI PLACE

VIOLET CRESCENT

WATERCLIFF ROAD

WENDY CLOSE

WESTGYLE ROAD

Whalebone Beach Subdivision—[notes](#).

Whalebone Heights Subdivision

WHALEBONE DRIVE

WHALLEY ROAD

—[notes](#)

WHARF ROAD

WILD CHERRY CRESCENT

WILD ROSE DRIVE

WILDWOOD CRESCENT

Wildwood Estates Subdivisions

—Phase I to Phase VII; —[notes](#).

WILSON ROAD

**WINDECKER ROAD**

WINDHAM ROAD

**WINSTON ROAD**

—the Ministry of Transport’s plan for the lower part of Mallett Creek? The road allowance runs just south of the creek and is undeveloped.

WITHEY ROAD

ZELTA ROAD

ZOLA ROAD.

**MUDGE**

Roads on Mudge have names too, even though they're dirt! Where are these names from? All from the 70s?

The following is a cumulative list of names that have been published in *SHALE* at one time or another; however, it has not been kept up-to-date or researched further.

APPLE ORCHARD WAY

CHUM ROAD

COHO BOULEVARD

DRIFTWOOD DRIVE

HALIBUT HILL ROAD

HERRING HEIGHTS

LING COD LANE

LOVER'S LOOP

NARROW VIEW PLACE

NEEDLE FISH WAY

PERCH PLACE

PICKEREL PLACE

SALAL DRIVE

SEA FERN LANE

SOCKEYE DRIVE

SOLE ROAD

TYEE TRAIL

VIEW RIDGE ROAD

WEATHERS WAY

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