

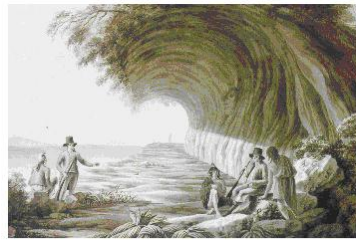
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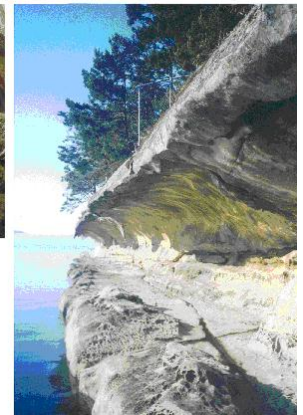
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Malaspina Galleries Declared Unsafe

The spectacular sandstone formation known as the *Malaspina Galleries* on Gabriola Island, near Nanaimo, has been declared off-limits to sightseers because of fears of its imminent collapse.



Gabriola Island, "Malaspina Galleries"



After the alarm was raised by a local retired engineer, the Regional District of Nanaimo conducted a "preliminary geotechnical hazard assessment," and as might be expected from the longwinded title of this process, the equally longwinded report came to the conclusion that any further erosion caused by

the presence of human beings must be averted lest the whole rock-face come plummeting down.

The Galleries were sketched by Fernando Brambilla during the

voyage into Georgia Strait undertaken by Cayetano Valdés and Dionisio Alcalá Galiano in the schooners *Sutil* and *Mexicana* as part of Malaspina's expedition.

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The Malaspina Choir

One of the many Vancouver Island institutions named after Alexandro Malaspina is the Malaspina Choir, a collection of about a hundred amateur singers whose repertoire ranges from classical to jazz to folk.

And although he lays claim to no real ability, your Editor John Black is one of the baritones singing in Händel's *Messiah*, the Choir's next performance.

Sunday December 12, 2 pm.
St. Andrew's United Church, Nanaimo.
See <http://malaspinachoir.com/>.

Free Public Lecture

"By Sea, By Land: Captain George Vancouver and Sir Alexander Mackenzie, British Imperial Ascendancy on the North West Coast as of 1793"

Prof. Barry Gough

Wilfrid Laurier University

**January 18/05: 7 pm
Building 355, Room 203
Nanaimo Campus
All Welcome**

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