

## Kayak Destinations

# Gods Pocket Marine Park / Goletas Arch.

Queen Charlotte Strait, BC

## Paddling Notes

- 20 plus nm. chain of islands provides excellent and varied paddling
- Exposed crossing. Caution re. Strong currents at some locations
- Abundant marine mammals and aquatic bird life
- Wilderness camping on several islands
- Permission required to land on Hope Island from [Tlatlasikwala First Nation Band](#) Ph: [250.949.1480](tel:250.949.1480), Fx: [250.902.0631](tel:250.902.0631) Ph/Fax: [250.974.5393](tel:250.974.5393)
- An overnight trip from Port Hardy is possible but one to two weeks allows more comprehensive exploration.

## Trip Basics

No. of Days.

5 - 14

Paddle Distance.

12 – 80 nm

[SKGBC Water Class. Map \(I-IV\)](#)

Class III

Recommended Launch Sites:

- Fisherman's Wharf, Port Hardy
- [Scotia Bay Marina and Campsite](#), North side of Hardy Bay.
- Wildwood Campsite, South side of Hardy Bay

## Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps: Museum of Vancouver to Port Hardy](#)

Travel Distance - Total  
- Ferry  
- Gravel

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| 466 km  | 7 h 15 min |
| 57.8 km | 2 h 11 min |
| 0 km    | 0 min      |

Ferry Info

[Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay](#)

Paddle to nearest campsite.

7nm - Scotia Bay, Hardy Bay to Bell Island campsite

## Planning

Nautical Charts

**3549** 1:40,000 [Queen Charlotte Strait-West](#)

**3548** 1:40,000 [Queen Charlotte Strait – Central](#) - *Optional*

Marine Trail

[BC Marine Trails West Coast Vancouver Island](#)

Trip Planning Maps

[Coastal Recreation Kayaking and Small Boat Atlas Vol. 2 West Vancouver Island](#)

Suggested Guide Books

[The Wild Coast Vol. 1 by John Kimantas](#)

Park & Camping Info.

[God's Pocket Marine Provincial Park](#) Also, [BC Marine Trails Map](#)

Tide Station

[Port Hardy](#)

Marine Weather

VHF [Queen Charlotte Strait](#) Weather Channels WX3 and WX7

Water Taxi

[Cape Scott Water Taxi](#) 1-800-246-0093, [info@capescottwatertaxi.ca](mailto:info@capescottwatertaxi.ca),

Kayak Guides/Outfitter

[Odyssey Kayaking](#), Port Hardy, 1-250-949-7392

NOTE: All information must be confirmed by kayakers before departing, and is provided without warrantee