Broken Group National Park

West Coast of Vancouver Island, BC

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| Paddling Notes | * Exposed and sheltered paddling options. * Wilderness camping on 7 Islands in archipelago. No potable water; * Most crowded paddling destination in BC in high season; * First Nation Reserves and Archaeological sites on some islands. * Frequent Whale sighting; Sea Lions on exposed outer islands | |
| Trip Basics |  | |
| No. of Days | 3-7 days | |
| Paddle Distance | 20-50 nm. | |
| [SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)](http://www.skgabc.com/water-classifications.php) | * Class II * Class III in Outer Islands | |
| Recommended Launch Site: | Toquaht Bay - Secret Beach  Landing Comments: Kayak launch with 10 parking spaces; 20 dollar launch fees and 10 dollars a night for overnight parking fees.  From Highway 4 take Toquaht Bay Road. Follow signs for visitors. Both the new site (anticipated July 1, 2014) and the temporary site are on the Macoah Reserve. *Ref.* [*BC Marine Trails Map*](http://www.bcmarinetrails.org/bc-map) *2014.01.23* | |
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| Getting There |  | |
| Driving Directions | [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/preview/dir/Museum+of+Vancouver,+1100+Chestnut+St,+Vancouver,+BC+V6J+3J9,+Canada/48.997183,-125.395107/@49.1905028,-125.4018811,249496m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m9!4m8!1m5!1m1!1s0x5486723337b3941d:0x96132a57ebac6bce!2m2!1d-123.144907!2d49.276369!1m0!3e0?hl=en) | |
| Travel Distance - Total | Drive 259 km | 5 h 37 min |
| * Ferry | 57.8 km | 2 h 11 min |
| * Gravel | 12 km | 30 min |
| Ferry Info | [Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay](http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/mainland/hbna-current.php/) | |
| Paddle to nearest campsite | Hand I. is 1nm from the Macoah Reserve, and 5nm from Toquaht Bay\*. | |
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| Planning |  | |
| Nautical Charts | **3670** 1:20,000 [Broken Group](http://www.charts.gc.ca/charts-cartes/charts-cartes-eng.asp?step=1&by=quickSearch&num=3670#h2)  **3671** 1:40,000 [Barkley Sound](http://www.charts.gc.ca/charts-cartes/charts-cartes-eng.asp?step=1&by=quickSearch&num=3671#h2) | |
| Marine Trail | [BC Marine Trails West Coast Vancouver Island](http://www.bcmarinetrails.org/bc-map) | |
| Trip Planning Maps | * [Barkley Sound and The Broken Group Islands, *Wavelength Publications*](http://www.coastandkayak.com/orderonline/index.html) * [Barkley Sound (B&W), *Coastal Waters Recreation*](https://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&ved=0CDMQFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coastalwatersrec.com%2Fshop%2Fproduct%2F41-map-10.html&ei=9tzhUoIIj_KgBJi-gsAN&usg=AFQjCNHpIdR19ptGIzFeVn8euhOyDK5NaQ&sig2=PQ_Z7I_IYZDuKbCp7Sz2TQ&bvm=bv.59930103,d.cGU) | |
| Suggested Guide Books | [The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide Vol. 1, West Coast Vancouver Island North](http://www.coastandkayak.com/orderonline/index.html) (*Formerly: Wild Coast Vol. I, pp. 285-334)* | |
| Park & Camping Info. | [Parks Canada Broken Group](http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/activ/activ4.aspx); Camping fees charged at the 6 island campsites.  See [BC Marine Trails Map](http://www.bcmarinetrails.org/bc-map) | |
| Tide Station | [Effingham Bay](http://tides.gc.ca/eng/station?sid=8585) | |
| Marine Weather | VHF radio: [West Coast Vancouver Island South report](http://weather.gc.ca/marine/forecast_e.html?mapID=02&siteID=16200) | |
| Water Taxi | [Lady Rose Marine Services](http://www.ladyrosemarine.com/kayak.html) +1 250-723-8313 | |