Kayak Destinations

Quadra Island

South Coast, BC

Paddling Notes

- Nice trip option is a circumnavigation of Read Island
- Can be combined with Desolation Sound area for a longer trip
- Von Donop Inlet is a fabulous day or side trip
- Current tables and timing required to go to Octopus Islands
- Lodge-based daytrips possible from Discovery Islands Lodge

Trip Basics

No. of Days	3 or more (on the water)
Paddle Distance	28+ nm (circumnavigation of Read Island)
SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)	Class II – Sutil & Hoskyn Channels, Whiterock & Drew Passages Class III – elsewhere
Recommended Launch Sites:	**Heriot Bay**: the Heriot Bay Inn offers boat launch, overnight parking, showers at reasonable prices, plus pre- or post-paddle food and accommodation **Discovery Islands Lodge**: offers boat launch, overnight parking, B&B accommodation, kayak rentals and tours

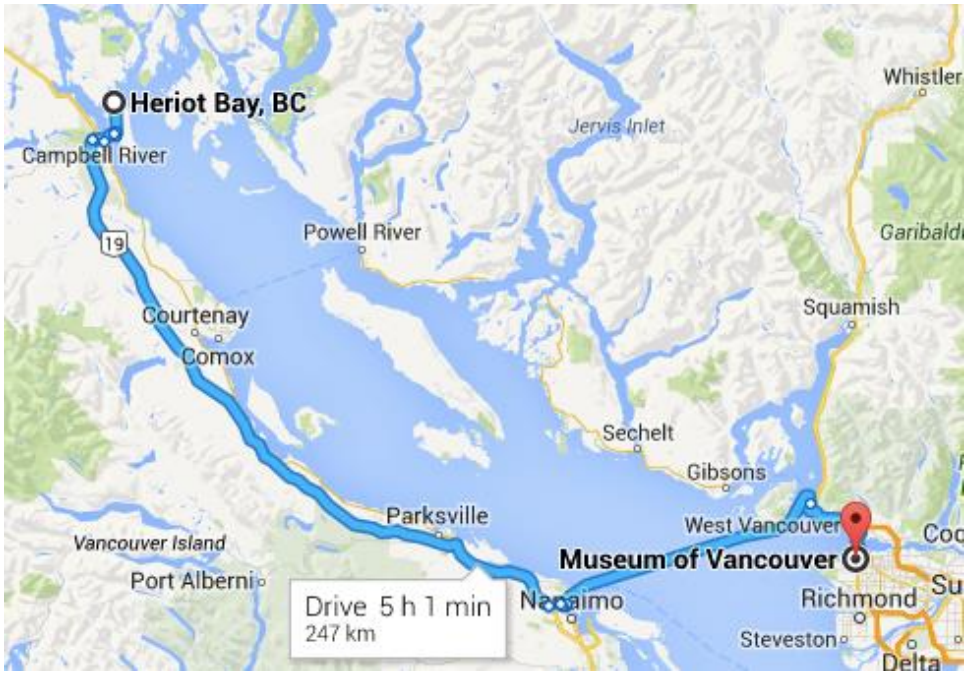
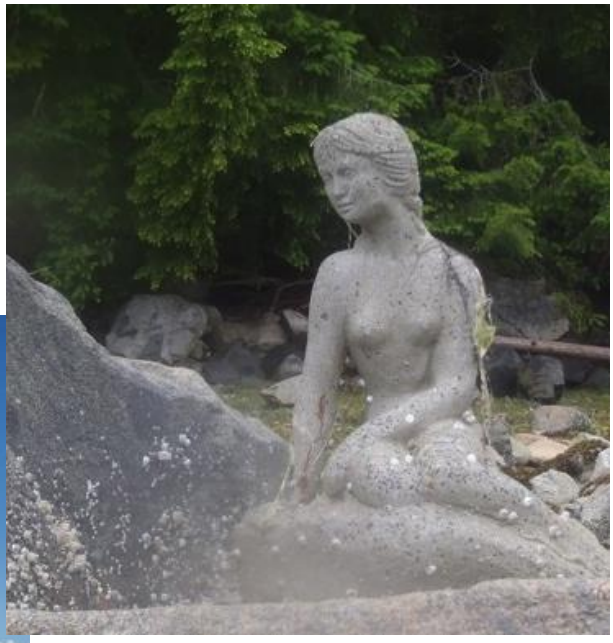
Getting There

Driving Directions		Google Maps: Museum of Vancouver to Heriot Bay	
Travel Distance	- Total	248 km	5 h 4 min
	- Ferry	58 km + 2.8 km	1 h 40 min + 10 min
	- Gravel	0 km	
Ferry Info		Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay; Campbell River to Quadra Island	
Paddle to nearest campsite		West side of Read Island, north of Sheer Pt: 7.6 nm from Heriot Bay launch East side of Read Island, NW of Frederic Pt: 8.6 nm from Heriot Bay launch No outhouse, no fresh water	

Planning

Nautical Charts	**3538** 1:40,000 Desolation Sound and Sutil Channel **3539** 1:40,000 Discovery Passage **3541** 1:40,000 Approaches to Toba Inlet
Marine Trail	BC Marine Trails Map
Trip Planning Maps	• Wavelength: BC Coastal Recreation Maps – Desolation Sound • Coast Mountain Expeditions Discovery Islands Chart
Suggested Guide Books	• The Wild Coast Volume 3 by John Kimantas (in the library) • Kayak Routes of the Pacific Northwest (in the library)
Park & Camping Info.	BC Marine Trails Map
Tide Station	Heriot Bay; Surge Narrows; Owen Bay
Marine Weather	VHF Georgia Strait North of Nanaimo
Water Taxi	Discovery Launch Water Taxi phone 250-287-7577

NOTE: All information must be confirmed by kayakers before departing, and is provided without warranty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Campbell River
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Courtenay
Comox
Powell River
Jervis Inlet
Whistler
Garibaldi
Squamish
Sechelt
Gibsons
Parksville
Vancouver Island
Port Alberni
West Vancouver
Museum of Vancouver
Nanaimo
Richmond
Steveston
Delta
Drive 5 h 1 min
247 km