

Kayak Destinations

Cypress Island, WA

San Juan Islands, WA

Paddling Notes

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- Kayak to Cypress I. and Camp at Pelican Beach campsite
- Enjoy a day of leisurely paddling around the North end of the Island, admiring the cliffs, rough beaches and rock-gardens on N.West side.
- Circumnavigate the Island, populated only at the South East tip.
Note: Tidal rips can form off the South end of Cypress I.
- Paddle to other Islands in the vicinity, noting currents and shipping.
- Hike a trail to the N.W. peak of the island for a view across to Orcas I.

Trip Basics

No. of Days

2-3 days

Paddle Distances

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- 2.8nm Guemes I. Resort to Pelican Beach campsite on Cypress I.
- 1nm Crossing from the North of Guemes I. to Cones Is. off Cypress I.
- 4nm Return trip - around N.W. tip of Cypress, below Eagle Cliff
- 12nm Circumnavigation of Cypress

Skill Level (SKGABC NA)

BCU and P.C. Level II - III paddlers

Recommended Launch Site:

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[Guemes Island Resort](#), 4268 Guemes Island Rd, Anacortes, WA, a 10 min. municipal ferry from Anacortes. Call (360) 293-6643 for parking rates

Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps: Museum of Vancouver – Anacortes – Guemes I. Resort](#)

Travel Distance - Total

159 Km 2 h 26 min

- Ferry

1.1 km 23 min

Ferry Info

[Guemes Island Ferry](#) from North end of Anacortes [See Map](#) (next page)

Paddle to nearest campsite

2.8nm Guemes I. to Pelican Beach campsite on Cypress I. [See Map](#) (next page)

Planning

Nautical Charts

[Download and print NOAA charts: PDF files in Full sheet or Booklet format.](#)

- [18427](#) 1:25,000 Anacortes to Skagit Bay (Full sheet PDF)
- [18424](#) 1:40,000 Bellingham Bay; Bellingham Harbor (Full sheet PDF)

[Waterproof Chart 1:80,000 San Juan Islands](#)

Marine Trail

[Cascadia Marine Trails](#)

Trip Planning Maps

[Cypress Island Hiking Map](#) (PDF)

[WAKE Mapthing](#) – includes Put Ins, Destinations, Tide & Current Stations (click map symbols). Site is a wealth of knowledge from Bellingham K. Club.

Suggested Guide Books
Park & Camping Info.

[Body Boat Blade Resources Page: Orcas I. Info, Weather & Navigation, etc.](#)

[Pelican Beach Campsite](#) is a boat in campsite on Cypress I. and is on the [Cascadia Marine Trails](#). It has room for about 10-20 tents and kayaks and features Composting Toilets, and a sheltered cooking and eating area.

Tide & Current Stations

Tide: [Eagle Harbour, Cypress Island](#)

Current: [Bellingham Channel, off Cypress I. Light](#); [Strawberry Island, 0.8 mile west of](#); [Shannon Point, 2.0 miles west of](#)

Locals Recommend: [Captn. Jack's Tide & Current Almanac 2014](#)

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