

## Kayak Destinations

# Desolation Sound, Curmes & Copeland Is.

Sunshine Coast, BC

## Paddling Notes

- Exposed and sheltered paddling options.
- Rocky landings only at Curmes islands “most heavily used camping in Desolation Sound”!
- Copelands have 11 designated tent platforms with pit toilets. No potable water; awesome sunsets! Quite crowded paddling destination in high season;
- Frequent Whale sighting

## Trip Basics

No. of Days 3-5 days  
Paddle Distance 25 – 75 nm  
Class II

[SKGABC Water Class Map I-IV](#)

Recommended Launch Site:

- [Lund](#) – BUSY! Beside government dock at concrete twin boat ramp \$3 launch fee; Dave's Custom Parking \$10/day Tel. 604-483-3667
- [Okeover Govt. Warf](#) - No charge Boat-Ramp and parking. Direct access to Desolation Sound. **Caution:** Time departure & arrival w-Inlet tide & current.

## Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps: Museum of Vancouver to Lund Launch & Okeover Govt. Warf](#)

Travel Distance - Total  
- Ferry

200 km 5 h 05 min  
19 km 1 h 18 min [Horseshoe Bay, BC – Langdale BC](#)  
18 km 1 h 00 min [Earls Cove-Salter Bay](#)

Paddle to nearest campsite

3 nm from Lund to Copeland Island Marine Park  
12 nm from Lund to Curmes Islands  
11 nm from Okeover Arm PP to Curmes Islands

## 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: Coastal Rec. Map Series Waterproof Maps – Desolation Sound](#)
- [Coastal Waters Recreation: Map 12: Desolation Sound](#)

Suggested Guide Books

- [The Wild Coast Volume 3 by John Kimantas](#) pp. 313-355. (in the library)
- [Kayak Routes of the Pacific Northwest pp 107-117](#)
- [Coast and Kayak Spring 2014 “Desolation, The Copeland Way”](#)

Park & Camping Info.

- [Desolation Sound Marine Prov. Park;](#)
- [Copeland Islands Marine Prov. Park;](#)
- [Okeover Arm Provincial Park;](#)
- Also: [BC Marine Trails Map](#)

Tide Station

[Lund](#)

Marine Weather

VHF [Georgia Strait North of Nanaimo](#)

Water Taxi

[Lund Water Taxi](#) Tel. (604) 483-9749

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