

Kayak Destinations

THORMANBY ISLANDS

Sunshine Coast, BC

Paddling Notes

- Interesting history in Smuggler Cove
- Warm summer swimming at Grassy Point
- South and North Thormanby Islands join at half-tide and below
- Pleasant sandy beaches

Trip Basics

No. of Days	2 to 3 days
Paddle Distance	5 to 10 nautical miles
SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)	Class II
Recommended Launch Site:	Cooper's Green, Half Moon Bay

Getting There

Driving Directions: [Google Maps: Vancouver Museum – Fisherman's Rd., Half Moon Bay](#)
[BC Ferries from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale](#) on the Sunshine Coast. Drive 30 minutes to Sechelt. Turn left at the traffic lights at the bottom of the hill in Sechelt. Drive north through Sechelt to the turnoff to Half Moon Bay. Turn left off the highway, left onto Redroofs Road. Follow Redroofs Road south for 2 km. Turn right on to Fisherman's Road. Launch into Half Moon Bay at Cooper's Green ramp.

Travel Distance	- Total	85Km	2 h 29 min
	- Ferry	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale	1 h 10 min

Paddle to nearest campsite [Online Map](#) (next page)

From Launch at Half Moon Bay. Cross at 264 degrees true, 1.5 NM to Jeddah Point. Turn north through Welcome Passage. Traverse Welcome Passage 1NM. Turn west around Derby Point into Buccaneer Bay and then 194 degrees true to Grassy Point at the South end of North Thormanby Island. [Camp here](#). In reasonable weather, return clockwise around South Thormanby to Cooper's Green

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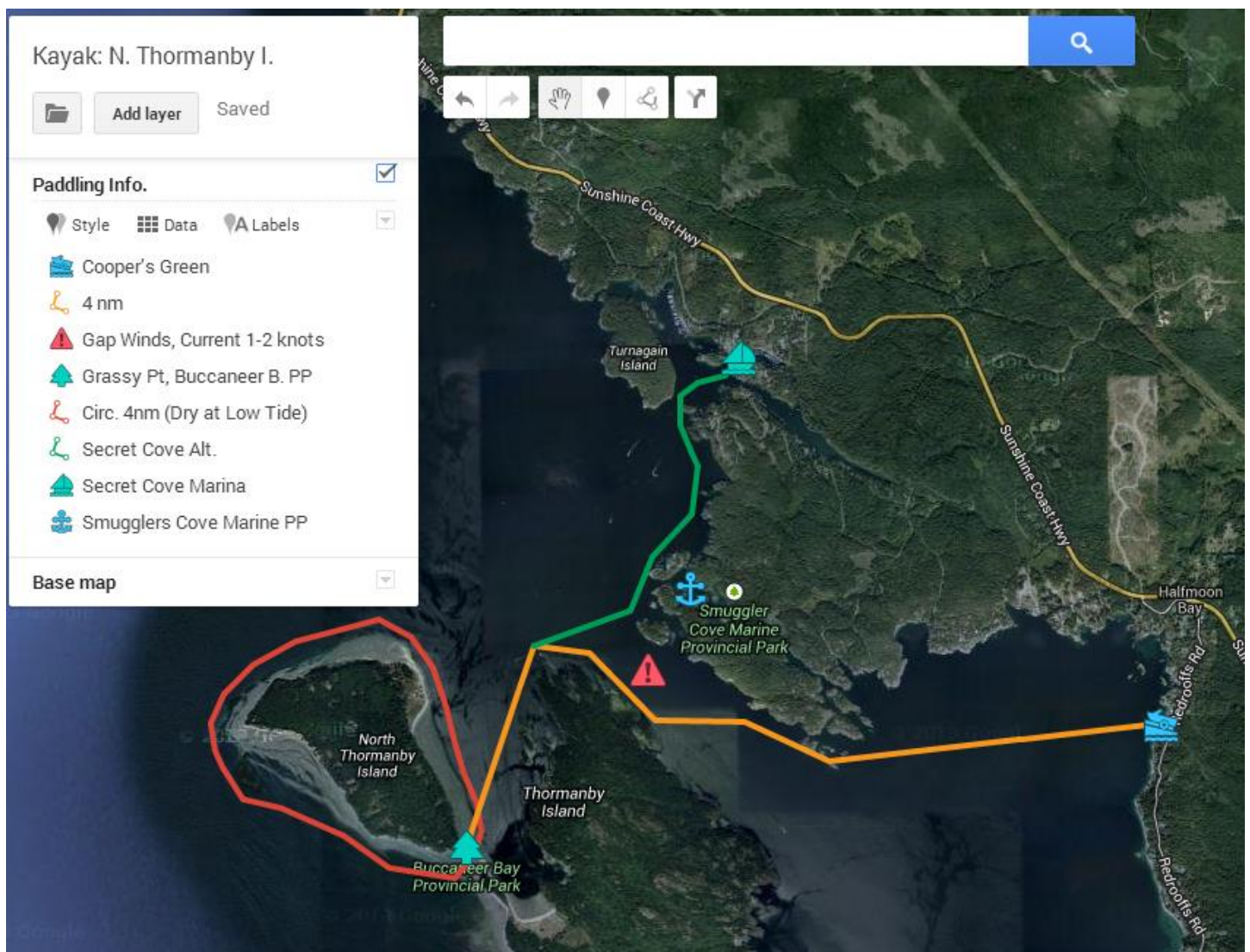
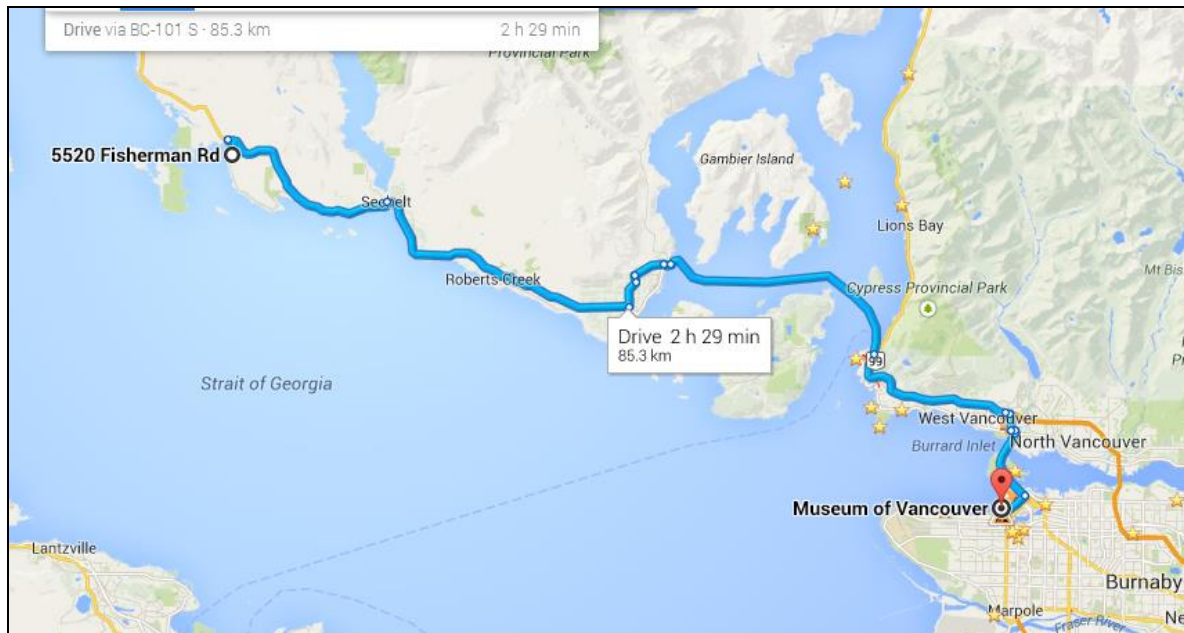
- Half Moon Bay can be rough with a southerly wind. Check Merry Island weather report on VHF before launching.
- There is a good shelter beach on the west side of Welcome Passage directly across from Jeddah Point on 240 degrees true.
- Tugs and long tows with log booms in Welcome Passage
- Current 1 to 2 knots in Welcome Passage. Floods north
- Gap winds are strong in Welcome Passage
- Plan to land at Grassy Point at high tide to avoid wide mud flats
- If Welcome Passage is impassable on the return trip to Half Moon Bay, wait out the weather in Smuggler Cove or follow coastline north to Secret Cove and pull out there. Taxi back to cars at Cooper's Green

Planning

Nautical Charts	3512 1:80,000 Strait of Georgia Central Portion
Marine Trail	BC Marine Trails Map
Park & Camping Info.	Free camping, plenty of sites, but can be rowdy in mid-summer
Tide Station	Point Atkinson
Marine Weather	VHF radio or 604-666-3655: Strait of Georgia - South of Nanaimo and Strait of Georgia – North of Nanaimo
Water Taxi	Secret Cove Water Taxi 604-885-7888

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