

Kayak Destinations

Howe Sound

Plumber Cove Marine Provincial Park

Paddling Notes

- Beautiful fiordal scenery with the North Shore mountains rising up from the water
- Exposed and sheltered paddling options
- Tap water with boil advisory at Plumber Cove
- Toilets – no shower
- Porpoises, seal, eagles
- If you spend 2 nights, consider popping over to quaint Gibsons for lunch

Trip Basics

No. of Days

2-3 days

Paddle Distance

Option 1 – Drive across Bowen Island. Launch at Tunstall Bay: 6 nm (each way)

Option 2 – Bachelor Bay, West Vancouver: 14 nm each way

[SKGBC Water Class. Map \(I-IV\)](#)

Class II

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Current is not an issue, but wind over current can produce rough water

Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps](#)

Ferry Info

Horseshoe Bay, BC – Snug Cove, BC

Planning

Nautical Charts

3512 1:80,000 Strait of Georgia

3526 1:40,000 Howe Sound

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Hazards

- Ferries (HSB to Sydney, HSB to Snug Cove, HSB to Langdale)
- No strong current, although it does run up to 2kn in Queen Charlotte Channel and wind over current can make this quite nasty
- Katabatic winds
- Watch out for the shallow area as you enter Shoal Channel. Wind over current can make this a little bumpy

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From **Ambleside Beach**

- To Pilots Cove: 3.5nm
- To Lighthouse park: 4.5nm
- To Eagle Harbour: 6nm
- To Bachelor Bay: 8 ¾ nm

From **Porteau Cove**

- North of Anvil to Trudy's Beach: 6 ½ nm
- Cont. to Pam Rocks: +1 ½ nm
- To Pam Rocks direct: 6 ½ nm
- To Douglas Bay (north of Anvil): 7nm
- To Douglas bay via Pam Rocks: 9nm

From **Bachelor Bay**

- To Tunstall Beach: 8nm
- To Plumper Cove: 14nm
- To Gambier (Camp Firkin B&B or Provincial camp ground): 5 ½ nm
- To Pam Rocks: 7 1/2 nm

Horseshoe Bay

- around Bowyer island: 7nm

Lions Bay

- around Bowyer Island: 6nm

From **Tunstall Beach**

- Around the Paisleys: 6nm
- To Plumber Cove: 5 ½ nm

Horseshoe Bay to Lions Bay: 5 ½ nm

Lions Bay to Porteau Cove: 6nm

From **Plumber Cove**

- To Hutt Island: 3 ½ nm
- To Finnisterre: 7nm
- To Bachelor Bay: 10nm

Porteau Cove to Britannia Beach: 2nm

Britannia Beach to Squamish: 5nm

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