

Kayak Destinations

INDIAN ARM

NAUTICAL CHART: 3311 1:40,000

Paddling Notes

- Beautiful fiordal inlet (the most southern fiord in North America)
- Easy, accessible, sheltered from the North Westerly wind
- Multiple day paddle destinations with camping available

Hazards

- Plan for strong in flow winds in the afternoon
- Boat traffic, particularly in summer, especially Friday and Sunday evenings
- Get there early to secure parking in summer

Launch Sites

1. Deep Cove Beach

- Park in the loading zone for easy access to the beach, then park in the parking lot across the road. Get there early in summer. For overnight you must park be on the street.
- Rentals available
- Easy carry or wheel onto the beach
- Toilets and a hot shower
- Hose to wash your boat
- Crowded!

2. Strathcona Beach

- Park in the bays provided or on the street
- Less busy than Deep Cove
- Easy carry access to the beach
- No toilets

3. Cates Park Boat Ramp

- Large parking lot, but very busy in summer
- Use the boat ramp (wait for power boats to load)
- Toilets and concession
- Less paddle options

4. Balcarra Park

- Large parking lot, but very busy in summer
- Rentals available
- Difficult carry to the beach
- Toilets and concession

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Paddle Destinations/Routes with distances (one way)

- **Deep Cove to Jug Island** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (1 ¼ nm each way)
- **Deep Cove to Twin Islands** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (<3 nm each way)
- **Deep Cove to Bedwell Bay** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (<3 nm each way)
- **Deep Cove to Brighton Beach** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (3nm each way)
- **Deep Cove to Admiralty Point** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (2.5nm each way)
 - Continue around the corner to the light beacon (3 nm) or all the way to Rocky Point (5nm each way)
 - Becomes industrial after the light, but the UBC sea lion research station is of interest on the south shore
- **Deep Cove to Strathcona Island** and back – easy 2 hour paddle for beginners (1 nm each way)
 - Continue to Cates (2 ½ nm) or cross the channel to Boulder Island and on to Balcarra Park (2 ½nm)
- **Deep Cove to Granite Falls**
 - Paddle north to Brighton Beach (<3 nm)
 - Continue north to Thwaits landing- good lunch spot (4nm)
 - Continue north to Silver Falls.(6nm)
 - Look for the mine shaft just around Best Point. Hug the shore or you might miss the falls. You will hear them before you see them. Watch out for party boats coming in tight to see the falls.
 - Continue to Granite Falls. (9nm)
 - *hug the west shore. The falls will be revealed as you round the north of Crocker Island.
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 - Paddle back along the east shore for variety.
 - Watch for the water outlet with strong currents if the Buntzen power station is running.

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Campsites

1. **Twin Islands** (< 3nm each way)
 - Small, pretty, busy, camp on designated sites on Big Twin only
 - NO CAMPING ON Little Twin
 - Used as an after-grad destination
 - No fires
 - Pit Toilet, bring your own drinking water
2. **Racoon Island** (permissible) (2nm each way)
 - Difficult landing
 - Steep terrain – no formal camp area
 - No toilet
3. **Bishops Creek** (7nm each way)
 - Large meadow, buggy in wet weather
 - Pit Toilet, bring your own drinking water
4. **Granite falls** (9nm each way)
 - Designated camp sites, plus large meadow - Very pretty
 - When the water is low, the pool below the falls is a good swimming hole, but avoid climbing or swimming above the falls.
 - Pit Toilet, bring your own drinking water

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