

# Kayak Destinations

## Pirates Cove - Blackberry Point

Southern Gulf Islands, BC

<b>Paddling Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pirate's Cove on De Courcey Island has a pleasant south facing beach and some lovely hiking trails.</li><li>• The cliffs on Valdes Island (north of Blackberry Pt) are worth visiting and photographing.</li><li>• Blackberry Pt is one of the best campsites in the Gulf Islands, a lovely shell beach backed by Arbutus trees.</li><li>• Please, no fires.</li><li>• Hazard: beware of <a href="#">poison oak</a> on the south end of Blackberry Pt.</li></ul>
<b>Trip Basics</b>	
No. of Days	3 days
Paddle Distance (see <a href="#">map</a> )	~ 4 nms from launch to Pirate's Cove ~ 4 nms from Pirate's Cove to Blackberry Point
<a href="#">SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)</a>	Class II
Recommended Launch Site:	The Cedar Boat Ramp on Nelson Road has a launching beach and parking. See <a href="#">map</a> .
<b>Getting There</b>	
Driving Directions	<a href="#">Google Maps</a>
<a href="#">Travel Distance</a> - Total Drive	~35 kms.      ~40 mins (to Horseshoe Bay) ~ 18 kms      ~ 22 mins (to launch)
- Ferry	~46 kms.      1 h 56 mins.
Ferry Info	Frequent ferry service to either Departure Bay or Duke Point
Paddle to nearest campsite	~ 4 nms to Pirate's Cove
<b>Planning</b>	
Nautical Charts	<b>3442</b> 1:40 000 <a href="#">North Pender Island to Thetis Island</a> <b>3463</b> 1:80,000 <a href="#">Strait of Georgia - Southern Portion</a>
Marine Trail	<a href="#">BC Marine Trails</a>
Trip Planning Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Gulf Islands (BC Coastal Recreation Map Series)</a></li></ul>
Suggested Guide Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Wild Coast, Volume 3</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Sea Kayak the Gulf Islands</a></li></ul>
Park & Camping Info.	<a href="#">Gulf Islands National Park Reserve</a>
Tide Station	<a href="#">Montague Harbour</a>
<a href="#">Marine Weather</a>	VHF weather 3; <a href="#">Strait of Georgia South</a>
<a href="#">Water Taxi</a>	<a href="#">Gulf Islands Water Taxi</a> 250-537-2510

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