

Kayak Destinations

Rum and D'Arcy Islands

Southern Gulf Islands, BC

Paddling Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You can leave your car at Tsawassen Terminal and use a cart to walk your kayak onto the ferry to Swartz Bay.Limited bluff camping on Rum; more camping on D'Arcy; picnic table and outhouses provided, but no water.Orcas and porpoises transit Haro Strait.The old leper colony on D'Arcy Island is a point of historical interest.Hazard: be aware of currents, especially with an opposing wind.Hazard: the Anacortes ferry. Monitor VHF 11.
Trip Basics	
No. of Days	2-4 days
Paddle Distance (see map)	~ 6 nms from launch to Rum Island ~ 6.5 nms from Rum Island to D'Arcy Island ~ 11.5 nms from D'Arcy Island back to Swartz Bay
SKGBC Water Class. Map (I-IV)	Class II
Recommended Launch Site:	At Tsawassen, walk onto the Swartz Bay ferry. At Swartz Bay walk out of the East Road Exit . Take a left on Dolphin Rd for 130 m, then left on Barnacle Rd for 70 m where there is a beach. See map .
Getting There	
Driving Directions	Google Maps
Travel Distance - Total Drive	~35 kms. ~40 mins
- Ferry	~46 kms. 1 h 56 mins.
Ferry Info	Tsawassen-Swartz Bay ferry runs hourly; foot + kayak is: \$17.50
Paddle to nearest campsite	Barnacle Rd launch to Shell Beach is ~2.5 nms
Planning	
Nautical Charts	3441 1:40,000 Haro Strait, Boundary Pass and Satellite Channel 3462 1:80,000 Juan de Fuca Strait to Strait of Georgia
Marine Trail	BC Marine Trails
Trip Planning Maps	Gulf Islands (BC Coastal Recreation Map Series)
Suggested Guide Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Wild Coast, Volume 3Sea Kayak the Gulf Islands
Park & Camping Info.	Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
Tide Station	Sidney
Marine Weather	VHF weather 3; Haro Strait
Water Taxi	Island Water Taxi +1 250 656-4826

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