

## Kayak Destinations

# Desolation Sound

Launch Choices: Lund, Okeover Inlet, Cortes Island

### Padding Notes

- Waters are mostly calm but winds can come up
- Ability to base camp and explore or move camps
- Islands offer amazing views albeit awkward take outs

### Trip Basics

3-6 days if staying in or near the park or more if intending to go further. Allow 1 day travel time each way for comfort.

No. of Days

Paddle Distance

20-50 nm dependent on day trips and destinations.

- 3 nm from Lund to Copeland Island Marine Park
- 5.5 nm from Okeover Arm PP to Hare Pt. campsite
- 12 nm from Lund to Curme Islands
- 11 nm from Okeover Arm PP to Curme Islands
- Class II

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

Recommended Launch Site:

- Lund has a boat launch which has a \$10/boat launch fee.
  - Launching from Lund allows a night in the Copelands to start, but a longer trip into Desolation Sound PP.
- Okeover Inlet has a “beach” at the park but it can be very muddy and awkward to launch during a receding tide.
  - Option to camp at the provincial park prior to launch.
- Cortes Island involves a longer more open crossing

### Getting There

Drive to Horseshoe Bay and take BC Ferries to Langdale. Drive to Earl’s Cove and take the BC Ferries to Saltery Bay. Then drive to Okeover Inlet or Lund.

**Total distance:** 203km

**Total time:** 5 hours – THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE BREAKS OR FERRY WAIT TIMES.

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Nautical Charts

**3538** 1:40,000 Desolation Sound

**3539** 1:40,000 Discovery passage (Quadra Island)

**3541** 1:40,000 Toba Inlet

- Marine chart: 3538
- The Wild Coast Volume 3 by John Kimantas pp. 313-355
- Desolation Sound recreational map – check for recent distributor/publisher
- Websites: BCMT (distances, campsite descriptions, BC Ferries, BC Parks (permits, maps)

### Suggested Resources

Camp site information

- Curme Islands have NO fresh water. Bring your own or head to Roscoe Bay to collect from the water spring on the north side of the bay off a cliff. For in the park, permits required. Book through BC Parks website.
- Camping available at Roscoe Bay and Tenedos Bay but it isn’t as nice as the islands
- Camping is allowed on Martin Is. and is quite nice also

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Marine Weather	
Water Taxi	To be determined

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