

Kayak Destinations

Octopus Islands Park

Launch from Herriott Bay Quadra Island, BC

Padding Notes

- Exposed and sheltered paddling options.
- Wilderness camping on 7 Islands. Most campsites have rocky blandings
- First Nation Reserves and Archaeological sites on some islands.
- Possible Whale sighting in Sutil Passage

Trip Basics

No. of Days

4-7 days

Paddle Distance

20-50 nm.

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

- Class II
- Class III in Beasley Passage

Recommended Launch Site:

Herriott Bay, Quadra Island

Landing Comments: Launch on gently sloping beach between the ferry dock and the public boat launch, in front of the hotel. Free overnight parking on the road leading to the hotel or paid parking at the hotel or public boat launch.

Getting There

Driving Directions

[Google Maps](#)

Travel Distance - Total

Drive 259 km

5 h 37 min

- Ferry

57.8 km

2 h 11 min

- Gravel

12 km

30 min

Ferry Info

[Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay](#)

Paddle to nearest campsite

Hand I. is 1nm from the Macoah Reserve, and 5nm from Toquaht Bay*.

Planning

Nautical Charts

3538 1:40,000 Desolation Sound

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

3541 1:40,000 Toba Inlet

[BCMT member map](#)

Camp site information

Freedom Point

Francisco Point

South Rendezvous Island North

Deer Passage Camp Site

Current Tables Vol 6

Beasley Passage

Hole in the wall

Marine Weather

Strait of Georgia - north of Nanaimo

Water Taxi

To be determined

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

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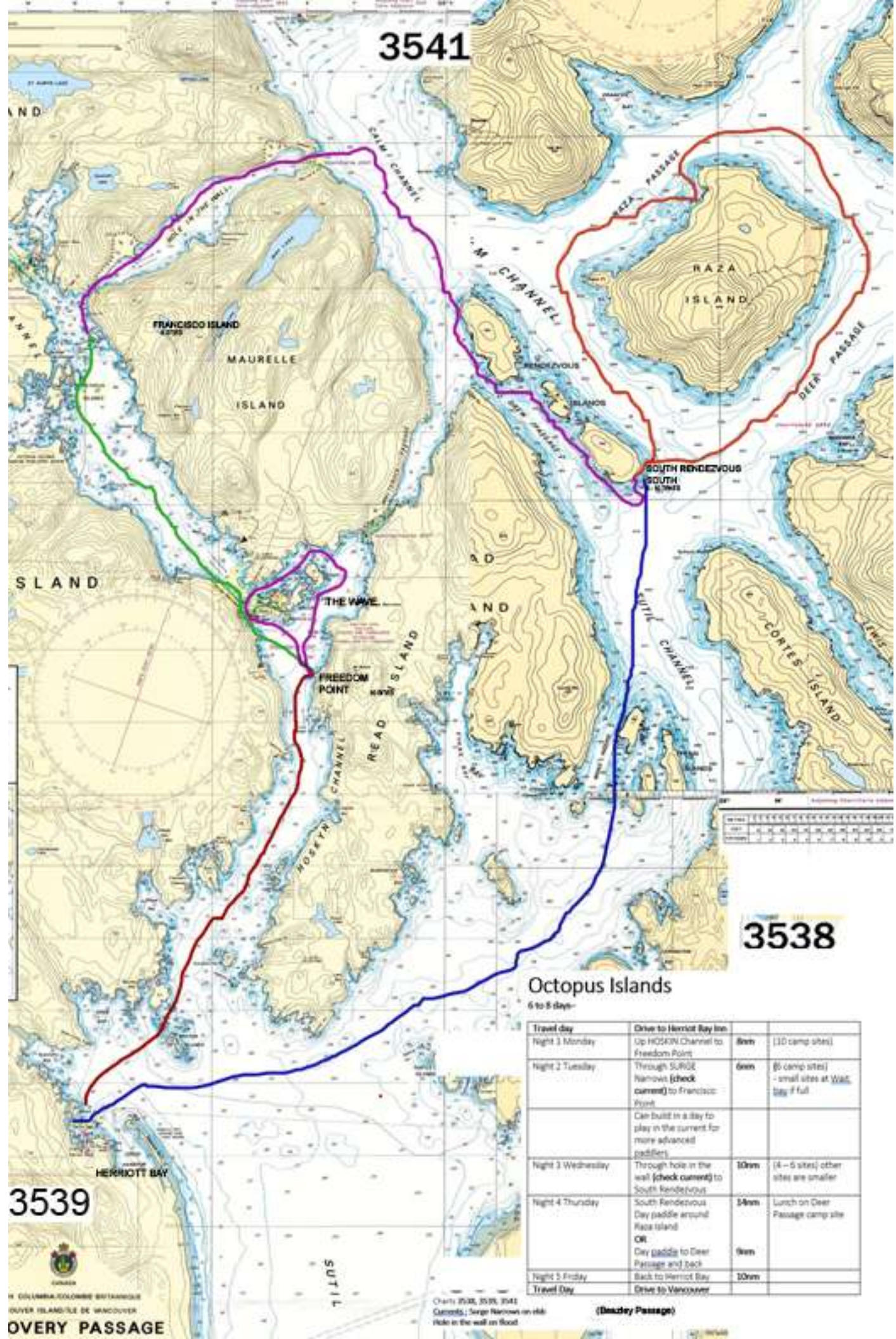
Octopus Islands

6 to 8 days

Travel day	Drive to Herriot Bay Inn	Dist	Camp sites
Night 1 Monday	Up HOSKIN Channel to Freedom Point	8nm	110 camp sites
Night 2 Tuesday	Through SURGE Narrows (check current) to Francisco Point Can build in a day to play in the current for more advanced paddlers	6nm	60 camp sites - small sites at Wall, Bay if full
Night 3 Wednesday	Through hole in the wall (check current) to South Rendezvous	10nm	4-6 sites) other sites are smaller
Night 4 Thursday	South Rendezvous Day paddle around Raza Island OR Day paddle to Deer Passage and back	14nm 9nm	Lunch on Deer Passage camp site
Night 5 Friday	Back to Herriot Bay	10nm	
Travel Day	Drive to Vancouver		

(Deadey Passage)

Charts 2538, 2539, 2541
Currents: Surge Narrows on ebb
Hole in the wall on flood



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HERRIOTT BAY
OVERY PASSAGE