

Kayak Destinations

Octopus Islands Park

Launch from Herriott Bay Quadra Island, BC

Paddling 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