

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MARINE PARK GUIDE 2019

June is upon us, and so begins the unofficial, official start to the 2019 Pacific Northwest boating season. An annual tradition, we offer this guide for boaters itching for an adventure north. British Columbia, Canada, hosts breathtaking glaciers, jaw-dropping fjords, and world-class wildlife. If you've never been to our neighbor's waters, point your bow north and stop missing out. Even if you're a veteran, chances are you haven't been everywhere and are eager to pick a new target.

This updated B.C. Parks Guide offers information on locations, moorage, facilities, and activities available in over 50 marine parks. Use this guide to plan the perfect cruise in conjunction with navigation equipment, official maps, and the B.C. Parks website found at env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks. If you've got insider information or a correction for us, don't hesitate to reach out via email at editorial@nwyachting.com. Get out, enjoy the summer, and we'll see you on the water!

VANCOUVER ISLAND & LOWER BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. Discovery Island



48°25'29.43" N | 123°14'21.13" W
Excellent kayaking opportunities abound in Discovery Island Marine Provincial Park, a popular paddling destination. The area is accessible from Victoria, where paddlers can launch from Cattle Point, just north of the Oak Bay Marina. The lighthouse, built in 1886 at Sea Bird Point on the eastern end of the island, marks the junction of Haro and Juan de Fuca straits.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: No safe anchorage in the park, the closest harbor is Oak Bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

2. D'Arcy Island



48°34'02.01" N | 123°16'44.74" W
D'Arcy Island (now a part of Gulf Islands National Park Reserve) is a small island park in Haro Strait, east of the Saanich Peninsula, Vancouver Island. Several cougar sightings on neighboring Sidney Island have prompted Parks Canada to issue a rare cougar advisory for the area. Once a leper colony for Chinese immigrants in the late 1800s and early 1900s, the island has a rich history.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Public wharf in Saanichton Bay, and anchorage in the park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

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- Hunting
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- Pets Allowed

3. Cabbage Island

48°47'54.24" N | 123°5'12.88" W
Known for its sandy shoreline and lovely views, Cabbage Island Marine Park is located on the eastside of Tumbo Island, which perches on the northeast shore of Saturna Island. To get to Cabbage Island, you'll need a powerboat, sailboat or kayak. The closest boat launch is Winter Cove on Saturna Island. No potable water available.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: A sheltered anchorage on the west side of the spit, and one dock in park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

4. Isle-de-Lis (Rum Island)

48°39'46.14" N | 123°16'41.34" W
Connected to Gooch Island by a gravel beach, Isle-de-Lis is named for the wild lilies that grow there and nicknamed Rum Island for its use as a liquor cache during prohibition. The shoreline is predominantly rocky with cliffs exposed on one side, and the park is accessible by boat from Sidney, Vancouver Island.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorage in the park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

5. Sidney Spit

48°36'01.10" N | 123°17'26.99" W
The tidal flats and salt marshes of Sidney Spit, part of the Gulf Islands National Park and located on the edge of the Pacific Flyway, are often populated by shorebirds during fall and spring migrations. The spit itself is a narrow strip of land that visitors may explore or use for a sunbathing or picnicking. The spit is accessible by boat or kayak year-round.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: A sheltered anchorage on the west side of the spit, and one dock in park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

6. Wallace Island

48°56'32.84" N | 123°33'02.53" W
Accessible only by boat. Located in Trincomali Channel between Salt Spring Island and Galiano Island, the park's beaches, coves, and offshore islets provide visitors with many sheltered paddling opportunities. The Conover Cove entrance is shallow at low tide; boaters take caution.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorage and a small dock are available at Princess Bay and Conover Cove.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

7. Winter Cove

48°48'24.97" N | 123°11'27.49" W
Part of the Gulf Island parks, this sheltered cove framed by a Douglas fir forest, open meadows, and a salt marsh is a popular day use area. Spring wildflowers and walking trails, as well as strong tidal currents for kayakers are attractions. Access by water or land via a B.C. ferry or a road.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Available in the cove itself

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

8. Montague Harbor

48°53'32.80" N | 123°23'21.89" W
Open meadows, white shell beaches, tidal lagoons, towering forests, rocky headlands and abundant bird life are just a few of Galiano Island park's attractions. Located in the southern Gulf Islands, Montague Harbor has a boat launch at the north end of the park and is open all year to visitors.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: A dock with maximum vessel length of 36' (for a fee), and 35 sheltered moorage buoys are available.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

HUNTING NOTE:
Hunting is allowed by permit in several B.C. parks, but visitors are advised to obtain all permits and make contact with authorities prior to hunting.

9. Pirates Cove



49°5'45.10" N | 123°43'30.95" W
Located off Nanaimo, Pirates Cove on De Courcy Island protects a natural environment where visitors can enjoy a variety of recreational activities. The shore is lined by sandstone rock formations, and visitors are cautioned that poison oak can be found along the steep rock outcroppings. Keep an eye out for Steller and California sea lions; orcas, gray and humpback whales; and river otters.

Bathrooms: Two composting toilets
Moorage: The park offers a sheltered anchorage for boaters, as well as two dinghy docks – one on either side of the cove.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

10. Whaleboat Island

49°04'27.04" N | 123°41'34.36" W
Formerly Eagle Island, Whaleboat Island is a small, rocky island with interesting geological formations and sheltered intertidal shore, popular for paddling, boating, and wildlife viewing. The island is accessible only by boat and is an important wildlife habitat for many bird species, harbor seals, killer whales, and California and Steller sea lions. The closest boat launch is at Mere Point in Brunswick.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorage in the park, nearby communities include Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

11. Say Nuth Khaw Yum

49°27'04.93" N | 122°50'41.83" W
Managed collaboratively by the Tsell-waututh Nation and the Province of British Columbia, the Say Nuth Khaw Yum (Indian Arm Park) conservation park features rugged, forested mountains, alpine lakes, waterfalls, and creeks – remnants of past glaciers. There is a pink salmon run from July to October.

Bathrooms: Eight pit toilets spread throughout the park.
Moorage: No overnight moorage; boats can be anchored during day or beached at night. The nearest boat launch is at Cates Park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

12. Plumper Cove



49°24'16.24" N | 123°27'54.42" W
Accessible by passenger ferry from Langdale to Keats Landing, Plumper Cove offers views of Howe Sound and the town of Gibsons from Observatory Point. The park is open year-round and there is a water advisory in effect from May to September.

Bathrooms: Two pit toilets
Moorage: Eight mooring buoys are in the cove with six slips at the dock (for a fee).

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

13. Newcastle Island

49°11'23.50" N | 123°56'10.71" W
Located just offshore from Vancouver Island and accessible via a passenger ferry from Nanaimo, Newcastle Island's shoreline is overhung by steep sandstone cliffs interspersed with sunny beaches. The interior of the island is peppered with mature Douglas fir, Garry oak, arbutus, and maple trees. The park is accessible by ferry from Nanaimo or by private vessel.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets placed throughout the park. A flush toilet building is near the entrance of the park by the dock.

Moorage: Buoys for 43 boats; buoys are for boats 30' or 40' in length or less. A park dock is also available for moorage, but portions are unsafe and temporarily closed until repairs are completed. Completion date is TBD.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

14. Halkett Bay



49°26'55.68" N | 123°19'44.93" W
Boasting a glaciated coastline with steep mountains and rugged terrain, Halkett Bay is a popular destination for pleasure boaters. Boaters are advised to avoid the series of drying rocks and reefs in the bay's northwest corner. Beware of floating logs.

Bathrooms: Pit toilet
Moorage: One buoy and one dinghy float.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

15. Squitty Bay

49°26'59.02" N | 124°10'29.19" W
A small all-weather anchorage on the south side of Sechelt Peninsula, Squitty Bay Provincial Park invites visitors to enjoy the rocky headlands and arid terrain with views of distant Mount Baker to the southeast and the Comox Valley to the west. There is no camping allowed in the park and no potable water is available. Boaters are advised to hug the south shore when entering to avoid rocks.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: A public dock is available for tie-up, but often crowded

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

16. Buccaneer Bay

49°29'26.78" N | 123°59'01.54" W
Located on the southern tip of North Thormanby Island, Buccaneer Bay offers broad sandy beaches and warm waters. The park is only accessible by boat and provides safe anchorage in the sheltered bay. An additional 44 hectares of foreshore and upland areas have been added to this park.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorage allowed in the bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

18. Smuggler Cove

49°30'41.23" N | 123°57'40.98" W
A small all-weather anchorage on the south side of Sechelt Peninsula, Smuggler Cove Marine Provincial Park is home to many bird, wildlife, and plant species, particularly beavers who build their homes throughout the park. Boaters should enter from Welcome Passage at low tide when reef and rocks are visible.

Bathrooms: One pit toilet
Moorage: Safe anchorage in the cove.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

19. Garden Bay

49°38'17.40" N | 124°0'26.42" W
Part of Pender Harbor, Garden Bay Marine Provincial Park is a popular boating area with opportunities for fishing, picnicking, and swimming. It is open all year, with no fees, and has many marinas, stores, resorts, restaurants, and fuel outlets located in the vicinity. Potable water available.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Safe anchorage in the bay, as well as a dinghy dock.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

20. Princess Louisa Marine Park

50°12'19.25" N | 123°46'14.86" W
A glacier-carved gorge through snow-covered mountains, with more than sixty waterfalls, create a magnificent setting for this park. Princess Louisa Inlet has almost no currents except for the Malibu Rapids at the entrance and is almost entirely enclosed. Fishing is limited to the designated Rock Fish Conservation Area. Fishing is prohibited in the Inlet. There is also an airplane float at the end of the mooring float. Cold water taps are available but are non-potable.

Bathrooms: Three pit toilets
Moorage: One dock with 500' of mooring space at Chatterbox Falls and five mooring buoys at Macdonald Island.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

21. Hardy Island

Lat: 49°43'35.91" N | 124°12'49.65" W
Hardy Island Marine Park consists of Musket Island and Hardy Island, which is only an island at high tide. The park is popular for swimming, diving, and fishing, as the warm, clean waters of the area are reportedly reminiscent of more tropical locales. There are no developed trails, but wilderness or backcountry camping is permitted. No potable water.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Protected anchorage area, but the bottom is rocky; boaters are advised to use caution.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

17. Sechelt Inlets

49°42'09.89" N | 123°47'11.23" W
The inlets are accessible only by boat and are popular with canoeists and kayakers. Visitors can enjoy camping, swimming, fishing, and scuba diving from the sandy beaches of the Sechelt Inlet, or explore the other three protected inlets in the marine park: Sechelt, Narrows and Salmon. The forested hills and landscape feature many small cascading creeks.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Protected anchorage at Kunechin Point and Tzoorie Narrows.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

22. Jājiem and Kw'ulh

49°37'08.40" N | 124°51'07.99" W
Renamed Jājiem and Kw'ulh (known locally as Tree Island) Marine Park, this marine park is popular for bird watching and nature appreciation, as it supports a sensitive ecosystem of rare and fragile plants and animals. Visitors are advised to be respectful and minimize damage to the park.

Bathrooms: One pit toilet
Moorage: Anchorage available in the park, boats can launch from Union Bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



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23. Desolation Sound



50°00'00.00" N | 124°52'30.00" W
 Located at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel, Desolation Sound boasts several islands, small bays, and snug coves for boaters to explore. The forested upland has trails, small lakes, and designated campsites for visitors, and there is a sewage pump-out station in nearby Lund. Visitors are advised that parcels of private land are scattered throughout the park.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorages are available in Prideaux Haven, Tenedo's Bay, and Grace Harbor, plus a public dock in Lund Harbour or Okover Harbour Government Dock.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

24. Copeland Islands

49°59'49.03" N | 124°48'06.65" W
 Consisting of a small chain of islands, islets, and rocks in Thulin Passage, this area provides opportunities for scuba diving, wildlife viewing, wilderness camping, swimming, and fishing. It is a popular kayak stopover point between Lund and Desolation Sound.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: There are limited anchorages for small vessels.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

25. Mansons Landing

50°03'49.34" N | 124°58'53.77" W
 Mansons Landing Provincial Park fronts the water on both freshwater Hague Lake and Manson Bay. While camping is not permitted in the park, it is allowed at nearby Smelt Bay Provincial Park. Visitors are advised that there have been recent wolf sightings. Do not feed the wolves. There is a boat launch available, and the park is disabled-accessible.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Available at the adjacent federal government wharf (space permitting).

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

26. Teakerne Arm Provincial Park



50°11'09.46" N | 124°48'58.27" W
 Located midway up the west side of West Redonda Island in a cove, this marine park is accessible only by canoe or kayak. Visitors can stop at the trail near the top of Cassel Falls for a view of the waterfall cascading into the ocean or enjoy swimming or scuba diving in the ocean or Cassel Lake.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Anchorage available in the cove

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

HUNTING NOTE:
 Hunting is allowed by permit in several B.C. parks, but visitors are advised to obtain all permits and make contact with authorities prior to hunting.

27. Roscoe Bay

50°09'35.33" N | 124°24'11.38" W
 Known for its annual congregations of moon jellies (jelly fish), Roscoe Bay Provincial Park is a small fjord on the east side of West Redonda Island. Swimming is not recommended in the bay; however, swimming is available at the freshwater Black Lake. Scenic views of the lake can be seen from the Black Lake shoreline trail. Vessels are required to keep sewage contained in holding tanks while at anchor and to be advised of the drying shoal located at the entrance of the bay.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Anchorage in Roscoe Bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

28. Walsh Cove

50°16'07.47" N | 124°48'00.99" W
 Located west of Gorges Islands on the east side of West Redonda Island, Walsh Cove Provincial Park provides safe anchorage with opportunities for diving, kayaking, swimming, and fishing. There are no developed trails, but coastal marine landscapes can be seen throughout the park. Visitors are urged to keep sewage contained in holding tanks while at anchor to preserve the natural values in this park.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Anchorage in the cove.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

29. Rebecca Spit

50°05'59.65" N | 125°11'18.45" W
 Rebecca Spit Marine Provincial Park is a narrow strip of land on the east side of Quadra Island, lined by sandy beaches on either side of the spit. The park is handicap-accessible and has a boat launch, located on the west side of the spit near the park entrance.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: Sheltered deep anchorage in Drew Harbor on the west side of the spit.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

30. Octopus Islands

50°16'22.13" N | 125°13'03.14" W
 Accessible by boat only, Octopus Islands Marine Provincial Park is a popular spot for boaters traveling the Inside Passage. Part of the B.C. Marine Trail Association, the park is one of various resting areas and safe havens along the marine trail, which will eventually extend from Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Anchorages available throughout the park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

31. Von Donop Inlet (aka Hathayim Marine Park)

50°10'37.95" N | 124°57'37.54" W
 An undeveloped marine wilderness including lakes, estuaries, a saltwater lagoon, and an old growth forest that Coast-Salish First Nations call "Ha'thayim." Recent wolf sightings have occurred in this park. Visitors are discouraged from interacting with or providing food to wolves.

Bathrooms: Pit toilet
Moorage: Secure anchorages available in the park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

32. Thurston Bay

50°22'45.69" N | 125°19'10.03" W
 Situated on the northwest side of Sonora Island in the Johnstone Strait, Thurston Bay Marine Park is made up of two portions: one bordering the bay and the other bordering Cameleon Harbor. An unmaintained trail in the park leads to Florence Lake, where visitors can swim, fish, or paddle.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Sheltered anchorage in the bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

33. Echo Bay Marine Park

50°45'01.94" N | 126°29'39.43" W
 Accessible only by boat or floatplane, Echo Bay Marine Park is located on Gifford Island and provides a popular stopover for a journey through the Broughton Archipelago. Please note: The wharf has been closed to visitors. Access by boat or float plane only. It is home to a Great Blue Heron rookery that visitors may view. Camping is allowed all year.

Bathrooms: Pit toilet
Moorage: Anchorage in the bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

34. Broughton Archipelago

50°40'58.09" N | 126°41'42.39" W
 British Columbia's largest marine park, this archipelago consists of dozens of undeveloped islands and islets at the mouth of Knight Inlet on the west side of Queen Charlotte Strait. Visitors may view the large clam and mussel shell deposits, trees modified by First Nation peoples, and the park's petroglyphs. The park is open year-round. Aggressive harbor seals are occasionally encountered.

Bathrooms: Pit toilets
Moorage: A number of good anchorages, but no moorage.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

35. Cormorant Channel



50°35'09.7" N | 126°51'19.4" W
 Accessible by boat only, Cormorant Channel Marine Park is part of the core habitat of the northern resident orca population, and one of the best places to view these animals in their natural habitat. These undeveloped islands are also popular for kayaking, as part of the popular Johnstone Strait sea kayaking circuit.

Bathrooms: None
Moorage: Overnight anchorage in the park.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

36. Raft Cove

50°35'04.40" N | 126°13'59.25" W
 This isolated park on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island features a sandy bay at the mouth of the Macjack River, rocky headlands, and a rugged coastal environment. Raft Cove is popular for wilderness camping on the beach, as well as for surfing and fishing. Capital Road will be closed for a week in early June 2019.

Bathrooms: Two pit toilets
Moorage: The nearest anchorages are at Port Hardy, Holberg and Winter Harbor.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

39. Gibson Marine Provincial Park

49°15'51.27" N | 126°04'22.49" W
 Home to natural warm springs located on the shores of Matilda Inlet, Gibson Marine Park lies south of the Nuu-cha-nulth community of Ahousat and provides access to the "Walk the Wild Side" route which extends to Cow Bay.

Bathrooms: Pit toilet
Moorage: Sheltered anchorage in Matilda Inlet.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

40. Maquinna Marine Provincial Park



49°22'20.33" N | 126°18'36.97" W
 Featuring natural geothermal hot spring waterfalls that cascade into rocky pools, Maquinna marine park is a popular destination. The park also encompasses a wilderness area known for coastal hiking, wilderness camping, sea kayaking, and wildlife viewing.

Bathrooms: Two composting toilets
Moorage: There is a dock for vessels up to 40' in length. Fees apply.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



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41. Codville Lagoon

52°03'39.72" N | 127°51'09.96" W

Codville Lagoon marine park offers an unmaintained hiking trail to a freshwater lake with opportunities for swimming and wildlife viewing. This park also features a red sand beach along Sagar Lake. Visitors are advised that the park is a significant place for the Heiltsuk People and should be respected as a heritage site.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorage in the lagoon.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



43. Green Inlet

52°55'13.65" N | 128°28'59.26" W

Located on the east side of Tolmie Channel, Green Inlet is accessible only by boat, and encompasses the sheltered all-weather anchorage of Horsefly Cove. The tidal lagoon of Green Inlet is nearby but outside the park. Please note that the North Coast is closed to bivalve harvest.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Boaters are advised that lots of chain or rope is required for safe anchorage.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



42. Fiordland Conservancy



52°49'26.98" N | 128°02'16.28" W

This park boasts examples of fjords gouged by glaciers, with sheer granite cliffs rising from the water. The conservancy can be accessed by boat or floatplane only, and visitors can view the waterfalls, rock formations, and granite walls from their vessels. No potable water is available in the park.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorages available in Kynoch and Mussel Inlets.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



44. Hakai Lúxvbális Conservancy

51°39'12.97" N | 128°07'48.40" W

Managed cooperatively by the Province of British Columbia and the Heiltsuk Nation, this park is part of the Hecate Lowland eco-section, boasting lagoons, tombolos, and white sand beaches. Visitors are advised that all archaeological sites are protected under the Heritage Conservation Act. No potable water is available. Triquet Island is currently closed to the public.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorage at Pruth Bay

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



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45. Jackson Narrows

52°31'29.36" N | 128°18'07.50" W

This marine park is situated in a little bay suitable for small boats and has a small beach where visitors can explore the intertidal zone at low tide. This park is in traditional First Nations' territory. Visitors are advised to be wary of the rocks and drying reefs at the east end of the passage when entering the bay.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorage in the bay.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



46. Oliver Cove

52°18'40.98" N | 128°21'17.79" W

Known also as Port Blackney, Oliver Cove offers excellent viewing of orcas, Pacific white-sided dolphins, sea lions, and more. Visitors may also view the intertidal zone when tide is low, where sea cucumbers, nudibranchs, chitons, sea stars, mollusks, urchins, and algae reside.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorage in the cove, avoid the large rock in the south entrance.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



47. Penrose Island

51°28'42.66" N | 127°44'16.57" W

An archipelago of small coves and narrow channels, this park is suited for kayak and dinghy exploration. A network of narrow channels and sand and white shell beaches spans the southwest shoreline, where visitors can kayak or fish. Penrose Island is used by the Owiikeeno First Nations for traditional shellfish gathering.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Sheltered anchorage on the east side of the island.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



48. Sir Alexander Mackenzie Provincial Park

52°22'48.34" N | 127°28'15.31" W

A small coastal park near Elcho Harbor, Sir Alexander Mackenzie Provincial Park is located at the westernmost point in the journey of Alexander Mackenzie, the first known white man to view the Pacific Ocean from Northwest shores. A rock near the water's edge still bears his words, "Alex Mackenzie from Canada by land 22nd July 1793," which were originally written in paint made of vermilion and bear grease but permanently inscribed in the rock later by surveyors.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Temporary anchorage located in the cove to the west of the point, or in Elcho Harbor two miles farther west. Harbor two miles farther west.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



49. Kitson Island

54°10'47.97" N | 130°18'48.13" W

Popular with kayakers and other small craft users, both Kitson island and inlet are included in this marine park. There are no developed trails, but wilderness camping is permitted. Large herds of seals and sea lions can often be seen. No potable water is available, please bring your own.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Landing beaches only.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:



51. Lowe Inlet



53°33'19.09" N | 129°34'47.54" W

One of the busier marine parks, Lowe Inlet is a regular stop on the Inside Passage due to its waterfalls and views of migrating salmon. During the months of August and September, visitors can see spawning salmon leaping into Verney Falls. Seals, black bears, and eagles are often visible during this time as well. The park is accessible by boat or floatplane.

Bathrooms: None

Moorage: Anchorage allowed on either side of or in front of the falls.

ACTIVITIES/AMENITIES:

