Welcome to Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, a mosaic of lands and waters in the southern Strait of Georgia. The park reserve protects one of the most ecologically at risk natural regions in Canada.

**Camping, Mooring and Docking**

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Group camping or picnicking is available at Sidney Spit by reservation only — maximum group size of 30. Fee is charged per party** or $49 for youth group. For more information or reservation, call 1-877-944-1744.

**Things you need to know about camping**

- You must be at least 19 years of age to obtain a camping permit.
- You must have a valid permit at all times. Backcountry payment is cash only — exact change is required. You can make a reservation and pre-pay with credit card at reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca.
- Bring plenty of drinking water with you. Although potable water is available at Sidney Spit, the sodium content is high and is not recommended for people with health conditions.
- Maximum length of stay is 14 days per calendar year.
- You may purchase a permit online by visiting reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca or by contacting the park by phone at 1-877-944-1744.
- Morning permits are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Maximum number of people allowed per site: 2 adults with their dependent children to a maximum of 7 people.
- You must have a permit at all times. Backcountry campers are accessible year round. No fees are charged during the off-season and services are reduced.

**Things you need to know about mooring and docking**

- Fees apply after 3 p.m. Please self-register.
- Floating is prohibited. One vessel only per buoy.
- Vessel size guideline on mooring buoys:
  - Up to 12 m with winds under 30 knots
  - Up to 15 m with winds under 30 knots
  - More than 15 m with winds under 30 knots
- Mooring is prohibited when wind speeds exceed 37 knots.
- Docks at Sidney Spit and Princess Bay (Princess Margaret) are removed for the winter from October 1 to May 14.
- Visitors camping at Sidney Spit must be registered before the last ferry leaves the island for the day. Reservations are recommended at Sidney Spit.

**Visiting during the off-season**

- Gates are locked during the winter at McDonald and Princess Margaret, and camping is prohibited.
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**Hikes and Walks**

**Princess Margaret**

- **Princess Margaret Perimeter Trail**
  - Moderate 6.5 km (3-hour loop)
  - Royal Cove Trail (30 minutes to Royal Cove or Arbuthn Point)
  - Kukala Bluffs Trail (15 minutes)
  - Yellow Islets Trail (15 minutes)
  - A shoreline loop allows you to hike around the perimeter of the entire island and enjoy spectacular views from all points of the compass.

**Russell Island**

- **Haumea Trail**
  - Moderate 1 km (45 minutes)
  - Easy 1 km from boat access.
  - A spur off the main loop trail leads to one of the last surviving Haisan homesteads in the region. The historic house dates back over a century.

**Pender Islands**

- **Beaumont**
  - Beaumont Trail (60 minutes)
  - Advanced 1.6 km trail from Anслиe Point Road (2 hours. If accessing via Mount Norman trail from Canal Road. Parking at Canal Rd. only.
  - Half a kilometre from the Anслиe Point trail access, the trail to Beaumont switches back steeply down through thick forest and basalt fields. It levels out about 30 metres above the shoreline to a fork in the trail; both forks lead to the camping area.

**Mt. Norman**

- **Mt. Norman Trail** (60 minutes one way)
  - Moderate 2.3 km trail from either Canal Road or Anслиe Point Road (30 minutes one way to the lookout, from either access). Parking at Canal Road only.
  - Get your heart pumping! It’s an invigorating 244-metre (800-foot) shore-to-sky trek from the campsite at Beaumont to the summit of Mount Norman. Take the Beaumont Trail through salal and second growth forest to Mount Norman Trail (2.6 km) to access the viewing platform.

**Roe Lake**

- **Roe Lake Trail** (45 minutes one way)
  - Moderate 1.5 km from South Otter Bay Road.
  - This trail leads into the uplands above Shingle Bay to Roe Lake, then steeply descends to the Magic Lake Estates subdivision.

**Haumea Trail**

- **Lagoon Trail**
  - Easy 1.5 km from Winter Cove day use area.
  - A public safety closure is in effect at Sidney Spit from November 1 to the end of February to facilitate hunting by Coast Salish First Nations. Traditional hunting by First Nations occurs in the park reserve. For public safety reasons, if you observe people hunting in the park, please contact Parks Canada at 1-877-852-3100.

**Saturna Island**

- **Winter Cove**
  - Xwirxwuxw (Anw-kwi-no) Trail (25-minute loop)
  - Easy 1.5 km from Winter Cove day use area.
  - This pleasant loop takes you through a variety of vegetation zones—shrub, cattail wetland, spruce-salal (salal), open meadows and salt marsh—and offers spectacular views across the Strait of Georgia.

**Lyall Creek**

- **Lyall Creek Trail** (40 minutes one way)
  - Moderate-Advanced 2 km from either Narvaez Bay Road or the east end of Valley Road. Park at pull-off on Narvaez Bay Road.
  - Descending from Narvaez Bay Road, the initially steep trail passes by a mossy waterfall then levels off quickly. The hike continues through the forested heart of the island and follows the creek to end at East Point Road.

**Monarch Head**

- **Monarch Head Trail** (90-minute loop)
  - Moderate 2.5 km Trail head on right just before parking lot at end of Narvaez Bay Road.
  - Rapidly rising 100 metres in elevation to the viewpoint, this trail branches off the Narvaez Bay trail and follows an old logging road up to an incredible view of Boundary Pass and the San Juan Islands.

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**Jkee-naw’ (kwe-naw) Trail** (5-minute loop)

- Easy 1.5 km from Knight Bay. This trail provides multiple ocean views of Cabbage Island across from Deep Harbour and the San Juan Islands, as it wanders through Garry oak, Arbutus and coastal Douglas Fir forest, and marshes. (Note: a lifetime tenancy agreement is in place for the house. Please respect the resident’s privacy).

**Mayne Island**

- **Haumea Trail**
  - Easy 1.5 km from Bennett Bay.
  - A wide and relatively flat trail brings you through old-growth forest to superb views from the point across to Gabriola Island.

**Contact Information**

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