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Island Escapades Kayak Tour Prices 2013

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| Goat Island (2 Hours) | \$60.00 |
| Chocolate Beach (3 Hours, snack provided)..... | \$70.00 |
| Sunset Paddles (snack provided)..... | \$70.00 |
| Full Moon Paddles 3hrs (snack provided)..... | \$70.00 |
| Marine Park (4 Hours, snack provided)* | \$85.00 |
| Marine Park (5 Hours, snack provided)* | \$105.00 |
| (6 Hours with smorgasbord lunch)* | \$135.00 |
| Marine Park (6 Hours with gourmet dinner)* | \$150.00 |
| Full Day Paddles around the National Park (Lunch included)* | \$150.00 |

*All our Marine Park Tours must have a minimum of 4 persons except the full day 8 hour paddles we will run with 2 persons.

All prices are in Canadian Dollars

Your guides are all certified by the Sea Kayaking Guides Alliance of British Columbia, and have Marine Radio Operators Certifications and Wilderness 1st Aid Certificates. Trained in interpretation and the history of the area, our guides will provide an entertaining and informative tour.

Marine Park Tours

The Marine Park tours allow you to paddle further a field and outside of Ganges Harbour to several Provincial and National Marine Parks around Salt Spring. These tours usually occur during the lower tide cycles of the day when intertidal life, marine mammal and bird viewing is best. We often see a large number of seals. Depending on the season we may also see creatures such as: Stellar Sea Lions, Dall's Porpoises, Orcas, Bald Eagles, Osprey, Falcons, and Herons. The ocean vistas and Gulf Island views are ever changing

with the seasons, making these tours great year round.

There are several locations that we venture out to on our Marine Park Tours. The location for the day is often determined by the weather but we try to factor in which park has most recently had an abundance of wildlife.

Tours that we run regularly are:

Wallace Island

This island has a great history stemming back to the early 1900's. In the 1930's a resort was built in Conover Cove which was frequented by rich and famous actors/actresses of Hollywood, most notably Marilyn Monroe. This gem of an island is unique in its intricate sandstone formations and the frequented seal sunning spots on the Islets off the islands west side. We also view a magnificent array of intertidal life along the shorelines and often observe eagles, osprey, mink, otter and the ever present raccoons of Wallace Island. For interested paddlers we do co-ordinate overnights to this unique Provincial Park area.

Beddis Beach to the Mid Channel Islets

This tour allows us to visit both a National and Provincial Park. Leaving from Beddis beach, a midden dating back over 1200 years, we paddle along the coast of Salt Spring Island. Right at our launch spot we view a huge cross section of intertidal life as the river delta of Cusheon Creek empties into the ocean. Continuing along the shoreline we pass by sandstone formations as we head south to Ruckle Park, a designated Provincial Park. At Yeo Point, the northerly section of Ruckle Park, we head to the National Park of the Mid Channel Islets where there is a seal colony, and nesting sites for Oyster Catchers. This area is sometimes frequented by Orcas, Sea Lions and Porpoises. We circle the National Park and then head back to Yeo Beach to have our snacks or lunch in the Provincial Park. Continuing back along the shores of Salt Spring Island, we finish back at our starting point on Beddis Beach.

Secretary Islands

These islands are just North of Wallace Island and privately owned. We access them from Southey Point, the most Northerly tip of the Salt Spring Island. South secretary island has a large seal colony on its south western location. Between South and North secretary island we view a plethora of intertidal life and smaller marine mammals such as otters and mink. Here we get a chance to view moon snails and giant ochre stars. Longer day paddles may also venture over to Tent Island which is part of the Indian Reserve owned by the Penelecut Band.

Sansum Narrows

This can be a half day paddle or full day paddle and ventures into our newest park on Salt Spring in Burgoyne Bay. We will launch from either Baders beach or the government dock in Burgoyne Bay. The waters here are teeming with wildlife. The narrow channel between Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island attract an abundance of fish which in turn attract large marine mammals such as seals, sea lions, and the occasional Orca. The sandstone formations are extremely beautiful here and we see at least six varieties of sea stars, sea cucumbers and anemones - with the addition of juvenile and adult bald eagles during early spring and summer months. Longer paddles venture to Burial Island where there is a seal colony and some exciting water to paddle in.

Fulford Harbour to Russell Island

Leaving from the south western shores of Fulford Harbour, we head off on our Marine Park tour and paddle across to Menhinnic Indian Reserve. The midden beaches are spectacular with diverse intertidal life. We may see seals on the Islets off the reserve, and may have the opportunity to spot sea lions or Dal Porpoise on the crossing to Russell Island. On occasion the Orcas from "J" and "K" pod come in for feeding in this area. Russell Island has a beautiful white shell beach on its south western shore where we stop for snack or lunch. It is also a nice spot for swimming on a hot summer's day. The group circumnavigates the island and will see some ancient sandstone rock formations. We often get escorted by a family of river otters on the eastern shores. Returning home, the views of Mt. Maxwell and Mt. Tuam silhouette the Western skyline.

Prevost Island

One of the fascinating Islands of the National Park Reserve. This island has many beaches and coves. We are always finding new and exciting locations to pull our kayaks out on and view great intertidal life and marine mammals. We leave either from our beach in Ganges or from Long Harbour. The trip out allows us to pass the Sister Islands and have a stretch on Chocolate beach. The paddle takes us along the kelp beds of Welbury Bay and then out to Nose point at the end of Long Harbour. Here we are careful to time the tides and currents as we cross over to James Bay to have lunch in an old Orchard let by the homesteaders on Prevost Island. Depending on the length of the tours, we will either circumnavigate the island or head along the Mid Channel Islets to view the seal colony. We will head back along the shores of Salt Spring to Beddis Beach.

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