



Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

Griffin Bay *The San Juan Islands*

Griffin Bay was the site of Old San Juan Town, a shanty town that grew up on the boundary of American Camp. The saloon was the primary attraction in town. When the county of San Juan was established, the county seat was placed in Friday Harbor. Now Griffin Bay is much quieter, remote from land traffic.

Natural History.

British troops stationed their ships here in 1859 in the “Pig War” on San Juan Island. When American farmer shot a British-owned pig, on June 15, 1859, the U.S. Army and British Royal Navy were at gunpoint. Officials on both sides quickly restored calm and the nations agreed to joint occupation of the island until the boundary dispute was resolved.

Trailheads:

Fourth of July Beach	0.5 nms
Jackson Beach Park	2.8 nms
Otis Perkins Park	5.3 nms

Adjacent Sites:

Spencer Spit SP	11.5 nms
San Juan Co. Park	14.5 nms
Shaw Island Co. Park	7.5 nms

Coordinates: N 48⁰ 28.566' W 123⁰ 00.606'

Charts: NOAA Chart 18434 SeaTrails Chart WA 003

Beach Approach:

Gravel and pebbles at high tide; rocks at low tide.

For the most current information, visit the website of the Washington Water Trails Association generally

www.wwta.org

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