



Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

Potlatch State Park *Hood Canal*

The name of this park honors the native ceremony. The word “potlatch” is Chinook jargon meaning “to give.” Potlatch ceremonies, given for important milestones, had rigid protocol and could last for entire winters. These events marked changes in position, bestowal of titles, and transfer of authority. Participants, hosts, and guests served as notaries to these ceremonial functions.

Natural History.

The Skokomish called this area “Enetai” (meaning “beyond”), locating their winters villages on level lands near the head of the Hood Canal fjord. The Minerva Resort was situated here and a sawmill that was destroyed by fire. The Cascadia Marine Trail campsite lies on a old roadbed in second growth timber. The long 9,570 foot shoreline is now protected as parkland.

Trailheads:

Mason County Public Launch	2.1 nms
Menard’s Landing	3.0 nms
Tacoma PUD	0.4 nms

Adjacent Sites:

Twanoh	7.7 nms
Triton Cove SP	16.0 nms
Laughlin Cove	11.9 nms

Coordinates: N 47⁰ 21.752’ W 123⁰ 09.367’

Charts: NOAA Chart 18476 SeaTrails Chart WA 105

Beach Approach:

The picnic shelter at the north end of the park is directly in front of the campsite. Landing may be in gravel, shell or med, depending on the tide.

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

www.wwta.org

Report your adventures at this campsite to the webmaster (PapaOtter@SeaOtters.US)