



Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

Saddlebag Island State Park *The North Sound Area*

Saddlebag Island is made up of a pair of wooded headlands connected by a narrow low pass, hence the name. Its location near Anacortes and close to Padilla Bay ensure its continued popularity. Saddlebag is a good option when the weather turns against you on the San Juan side of Fidalgo Island.

Natural History.

The Wilds Expedition, 1841, included Saddlebag Island as one of the Porpoise Rocks. The US Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart 6577 shows the present name evidently derived from the shape of the island. Nearby Padilla Bay is a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The Bay is a fertile estuary at the saltwater edge of the Skagit River's large delta. Padilla Bay contains nearly 8,000 acres of eelgrass, used as a nursery by salmon, crab, perch, and herring.

Trailheads:

Swinomish Channel Ramp	5.6 nms
Bay View SP	4.8 nms
Cap Sante Boat Haven	3.3 nms

Adjacent Sites:

Cypress Head	6.8 nms
Pelican Beach	7.6 nms
Ala Spit	15.3 nms

Coordinates: N 48⁰ 32.112 W 122⁰ 33.355'

Charts: NOAA Chart 18427 SeaTrails Chart WA 001

Beach Approach:

Gravel beach with steep path to campsites.

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)