



Cascadia Water Trail
Campsites

Spencer Spit State Park
The San Juan Islands

Be prepared to share Spencer Spit State Park with the rabbits that run wild here. Originally, the rabbits were bought by settlers who had intended to use them for profit, but the enterprise was abandoned (as were the rabbits).

Natural History.

This area was used by the Salish Indians as a summer camp. Each spring, living in mat-and-pole shelters, they gathered shellfish and herring, preserving them for the winter. In 1886, pioneers names Spencer homesteaded on the island. In the 1880's the Spencer and Troxell families exchanged the land several times until Troxell received a large grant under the Homestead Act of 1891 and build a home. The nearby storage shed is all that remains of the house. The Spencers eventually bought the property from the Troxells and lived on the land for 50 years.

Trailheads:

Otis Perkins Park	7.4 nms
Hunter Bay Boat Ramp	5.0 nms
Obstruction Pass Ramp	5.1 nms

Adjacent Sites:

Blind Island SP	5.2 nms
James Island SP	4.4 nms
Obstruction Island	4.5 nms

Coordinates: N 48⁰ 32.092' W 122⁰ 51.467'

Charts: NOAA Chart 18430 SeaTrails Chart WA 002

Beach Approach:

From S side of sand spit at base of spit. Boats must be carried over driftwood.

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)