



## Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

### **Stuart Island State Park** *The San Juan Islands*

A pleasant glide on a flood tide takes you in the long throat of Stuart Island to the western most campground on the Cascadia Marine Trail. Time your arrival and departure to the tides to avoid a long haul to the campsite. And be sure to allow time for game spotting as you pass Spieden Island, once an African game farm. Landing on Spieden is prohibited.

#### **Natural History.**

Stuart Island was named either by the Wilkes Expedition in 1841 in honor of Frederick D. Stuart, the captain's clerk on the expedition, or for Captain Charles Edward Stuart of the Hudson's Bay Company in Victoria: the jury is still out. A family of settlers known as the Chebaliens lived on the island for several years, sustaining themselves by raising turkeys, logging, and cultivating a large garden. The older son, William, rowed two miles each day to the school at the head of Stuart Island's Reid Harbor.

#### **Trailheads:**

Reuben Tarte Picnic Area	6.3 nms
Roche Harbor Resort	5.5 nms
Snug Harbor Marina Resort	7.6 nms

#### **Adjacent Sites:**

Posey Island SP	4.2 nms
Jones Island SP	7.2 nms
Point Doughty	11.9 nms

**Coordinates:**        N 48<sup>0</sup> 40.576'        W 123<sup>0</sup> 12.272'

**Charts:**                NOAA Chart 28423        SeaTrails Chart WA 003

#### **Beach Approach:**

The lengthy sandy beach and towering trees are welcome after a long paddle through Reid Harbor past larger boats that won't be able to get where you are heading. The campsite is at the n end of the harbor, so make landfall to the starboard.

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

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