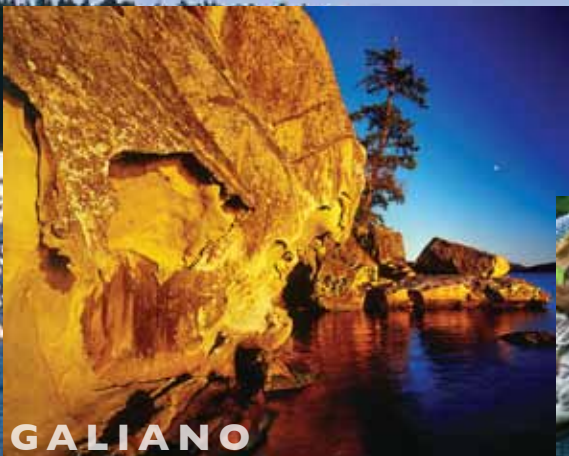
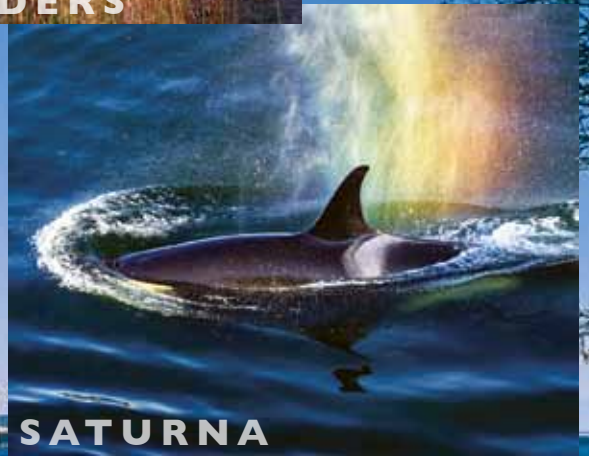


EXPERIENCE *the Gulf Islands*



Islands in the Salish Sea

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A REGIONAL TOURISM, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

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ISLANDS
in the Salish Sea

OUR VISION

We invite you – residents and visitors –
to *experience* firsthand our gulf islands,



to *explore* their ancient history,
natural wonders and communities –



to *slow down*, meet our people,



get to *know* the trails
and marine waters that lap our shores –

to *experience* the joy of discovery



as you journey
the *Islands in the Salish Sea.*

*an
inclusive
and
broad
list*

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIPS

- Residents of the Gulf Islands
- First Nations of the Salish Sea
- Private Sector
- Chambers of Commerce
- Local Community Groups and Island Conservancy Associations
- Recreation and Tourism Groups
- Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Electoral Areas
- Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Economic Development Commissions
- Local Capital Regional District (CRD) Commissions
- Islands Trust and Local Trust Committees
- Capital Regional District
- CRD Regional Parks
- BC Provincial Parks
- Provincial Government of British Columbia
- Parks Canada
- Trails BC/Trans Canada Trail
- Future: All Islands in the Salish Sea including the San Juan Islands

GOALS

Community and Economic Development

Reconnect the communities of the southern gulf islands, rekindling and revitalizing their historical social relationships, and building sustainable economies

Infrastructure Development, Safety and Inter-Island Transportation

Develop a system of safe multi-modal spine trails across each of the major southern gulf islands inter-connected by water-based transportation that will become part of the CRD's Regional Trail Network and a destination loop of the Trans Canada Trail (Islands in the Salish Sea loop)

Ensure that the spine trails link island hubs of cultural, recreational and commercial interest as well as local trail systems for the benefit of residents and visitors

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Outdoor Recreation, Health and Wellness

Utilize the natural, heritage and community assets of the islands to develop integrated land and water-based outdoor recreation, education and cultural heritage experiences to encourage active, healthy lifestyles

First Nations

Invite First Nations with land on the southern gulf islands to participate, showcase their culture, tell their stories and develop economic opportunities – namely the Penelakut on Galiano; Tsawout on Salt Spring; Tsawout and Tseycum on Saturna and The Penders and the Tsartlip on Mayne Island

Interpretation and Education

Tell the stories of the Islands – people and their culture, lifestyles and history; natural history; geology and ecology; environmental protection and restoration – through first hand experiences, traditional and electronic media and educational opportunities

Community Engagement

Involve government, non-government and community organizations to actively participate in the planning and development process, recognizing and integrating plans and initiatives developed to date

Geotourism

Work with adjacent organizations, agencies and “Experience” initiatives to brand and market south western British Columbia as one of the great geotourism destinations

Conservation and Protection

Recognize and protect the habitat and biodiversity of the gulf islands as integral to the sense of place and delivery of recreational and cultural experiences

Partnership Development

Develop a long term sustainable governance and financing model based on multi-party partnerships and private sector opportunities for land and right-of-way acquisition, implementation, and ongoing operation and maintenance of recreational and cultural infrastructure on the gulf islands

Celebration

Celebrate the Islands in the Salish Sea through cultural events, festivals and the arts

*active
lifestyles,
culture,
health
and
wellness*



the Gulf Islands

*creative
people
and
wondrous
nature*

RESOURCES

- A spectacular island chain with sculpted sandstone shorelines (Islands in the Salish Sea archipelago)
- Sheltered marine waters renowned for boating, sailing and paddling
- Coast Salish First Nations communities, traditional lifeways and ancient archaeological sites
- Many parks, protected areas and trails
- Land and marine environments featuring the rare Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem
- Iconic orcas
- Island communities, heritage and the “gulf islands” lifestyle
- Pastoral landscapes, working farms, local organic food production and farmers’ markets
- Artists and artisans communities
- Diverse range of accommodations, food services and gourmet dining

CORE THEMES

- Islands in the Salish Sea – a unique environment and sense of place
- Outdoor Recreation
- First Nations
- Nature
- Island Communities and Lifestyles
- Celebration: Heritage, Arts, Culture and Nature



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ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*vibrant
islands*

Islands in the Salish Sea – a unique environment and sense of place

Welcome Centres on each island, which explains: gulf islands archipelago, Experience the Gulf Islands and the Islands in the Salish Sea Trans Canada Trail Destination Loop; interpretation of the geology of the islands and the oceanography of the Salish Sea, ancient First Nations culture and Spanish heritage of the region; a strong artistic presentation on the landscapes, beauty and aesthetics of the gulf islands

Islands in the Salish Sea Online Portal – develop a powerful, intuitive internet presence – a tool that is scalable across all platforms (especially hand held devices) – providing an engaging way to access, navigate and learn about the gulf islands as a key destination for geotourism, recreational and cultural experiences

Outdoor Recreation

Parks and Trails – opportunity to expand the CRD Regional Trail network and Islands in the Salish Sea Trans Canada Trail Destination Loop, hiking, walking, cycling, horseback riding, guiding, touring and sight-seeing, picnicking, basic camping

Marine and Beach – boating, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, swimming, beach activities, fishing, guiding, inter-island marine links, shoreline accesses and exploration

Access and Accommodation – portals and nodes on each island, staging areas, docks, boat and kayak launches, mooring, basic campgrounds for hikers and BC Marine Trail Network users

Private Business Opportunities – kayak rentals, marinas, land based and floating accommodations (inns, cabins, hostels), bicycle and recreation equipment rentals, tour guiding, heritage and nature interpretation, food services; develop content for EveryTrail App and other self guiding tools and devices

Linkages – connections to Experience the Fraser and CRD Regional Trails, Trans Canada Trail, water connections to central and northern gulf islands and San Juans



the Gulf Islands

coast salish:
penelakut
tsawout
tseycum
tsartlip

First Nations

Coast Salish Cultural Centre(s) – opportunities for First Nations to tell their stories in their way; present their world view and philosophy and how it shapes their being; present their history and pre-contact heritage; showcase current cultural, artistic and food traditions; winter storytelling and traditional dance and theatrical performances

Business Opportunities – develop an on-site guardian program for First Nations to host and inform visitors to their lands on the islands; offer traditional foods, crafts and medicines interpretive programs; traditional arts and crafts sales; basic campsites for hikers and kayakers; traditional foods services and sales

Inter-island Transportation – reconstruct traditional canoes and navigate them between the islands offering a non-motorized way of travelling between the islands; host an annual traditional First Nations water craft festival and regatta

Nature

Wildlife Viewing – orcas, seals, eagles, migratory birds in Active Pass Important Bird Area, deer, otters, winter populations of sea ducks

Guided Tours – fishing, wildlife viewing, scenic, whale watching, natural history interpretation (public and private sector)

Events – annual mushroom festival, winter bird count

Education – environmental restoration, ocean ecology and whale study, ecosystems and ecology

Wildlife Habitat and Protected Areas – opportunities to add lands high in natural values into protected status



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Island Communities and Lifestyles

Island Community Services and Exploration – opportunities to develop Portals, Nodes and Features; showcase local history and community stories at museums, heritage buildings and historic sites; food, provisions, shopping at village centres; golfing tournaments, accommodations at inns and B&Bs; local transportation and Car Stop Program; local trails and parks

Agriculture and Farmers Markets – farm gate sales, farm stays, winery tastings, fromageries, sheep, and other animal husbandry

“Edutainment” – film and television school; cooking and preserving food workshops; Saturna Island Marine Research & Education Society, guided ecowalks, park interpretive tours, ecological learning centres for youth

Health and Wellness – spas and wellness centres, meditation, yoga

Community Events – theatre, dance, music, “lunch with locals”, dinner and activity tours

Art and Studio Tours – regular events showcasing new works (ArtCraft/WinterCraft); pottery/ceramics/jewelry/fabric art/ photography studio tours/events

Celebration: Heritage, Arts, Culture and Nature

Festivals and Events – Wooden boat festival, Literary Festival

Annual Events on each island (Apple, Mayday, Jamboree, Lions’ Clubs Fairs/Fiestas, Blackberry and Lantern Festivals), wine and beer festival, agricultural fairs

New Events – flagship Multi-Island Fall event showcasing life on the islands; annual spring Active Pass Important Bird Area event

“Slow Movement” Events and Activities – food, travel and transportation, hand crafting, wild crafting

*the islands
as
focal
points*



the Gulf Islands

*building
intra-
and
inter-
island
connections*

INFRASTRUCTURE

New Facility/Private Sector Opportunities

Welcome Centres (portals) on each island, marina, inter-island and on-island transportation

First Nations

Coast Salish Cultural Centre, basic combined visitor facility and guardian|interpretive shelters on band lands on each island, traditional canoe transportation network between islands

Trails

New and upgraded spine trails across the islands with local connections forming the CRD Regional Trail Network/Islands in the Salish Sea Trans Canada Trail Destination Loop; upgraded pedestrian and bike paths to move cyclists off busy roads

Kayak Launching

Upgraded shore accesses to accommodate kayak launching

Camping

Basic campgrounds for hikers and marine trail users; floating cabins and small hostels



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CONNECTED NETWORKS: Situating Experience the Gulf Islands

The southern gulf islands consist of spectacular landscapes, unique natural features and interesting communities situated between the major population centres of the Lower Mainland and southern Vancouver Island. They provide a natural link between the regional trail systems of Metro Vancouver and the Capital Regional District.

Experience the Gulf Islands proposes to extend the Experience the Fraser trail systems on to the gulf islands and link the islands to the Lochside and E & N trails of southern Vancouver Island. The trails will consist of an integrated land and marine based loop around the southern gulf islands and will become part of the CRD Regional Trails system. It is proposed that it will be designated as the Islands in the Salish Sea in the Salish Sea Destination Loop of the Trans Canada Trail.

*islands
in the
salish sea
destination
loop*



the Gulf Islands

*solid
relationships,
careful
management,
secure
funding*

KEY COMPONENTS FOR SUCCESS

Coordination and Planning

Establish an overall program coordination and governance structure between the Province and CRD as was done for Experience the Fraser

Partnerships

Facilitate active partnerships with local residents, the federal, provincial and regional governments, First Nations, community groups and the private sector

Access and Tenure

Negotiate licenses of occupation with governments; easements with private landowners or access agreements sponsored and insured by non-profit societies; purchase key properties to facilitate access

Capital Development

- Establish a long term formal capital development program and a commitment to financial partnership to ensure successful implementation of Experience the Gulf Islands
- Continue to secure gas tax and infrastructure development funding

Federal and Provincial Infrastructure Cooperation

- Negotiate agreements with MOTI for bicycle paths along roadways both as a retrofit and in new road construction
- Work with BC Ferries to effectively accommodate, move and manage foot passenger and bicycle traffic

Support Programs for Operations and Maintenance

- Establish a program to address operating and maintenance needs into the future
- Consider legislative changes that would facilitate a regional district's ability to finance operating and maintenance costs from sources other than the property tax levy
- Develop an incentive program (contribution funding) to support initiatives by the private sector, non-profits and community groups
- Support for ongoing environmental monitoring and protection



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INTRODUCTION TO MAP AND DESCRIPTIONS

The enclosed regional context map (in pocket at back) provides initial ideas about how an integrated system of trails and water connections may look on the southern gulf islands.

We invite you to use this map to lead you through the descriptions of the activity and opportunity locations in the following pages.

the Gulf Islands

ACTIVITY and OPPORTUNITY LOCATIONS BY ISLAND



GALIANO

- 1) Galiano Village Areas
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- 3) Montague Harbour
- 4) Retreat Cove/Mid-Galiano
- 5) Spanish Hills/North Galiano



SALT SPRING

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- 8) Ganges
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THE PENDERS

- 13) Otter Bay/Port Washington
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- 17) Poets Cove/Gowland Point



SATURNA

- 18) Lyall Harbour
- 19) East Point/Narvaez Bay Crossroads
- 20) Narvaez Bay/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
- 21) East Point/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve
- 22) Winter Cove/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve



MAYNE

- 23) Village Bay/Dinner Bay Community Park
- 24) Miners Bay
- 25) Georgina Point Lighthouse Heritage Park
- 26) Horton Bay and Adjacent Parks
- 27) Mount Parke

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GALIANO

1) Galiano Village Areas

Significance

Centre of commercial, artistic and entertainment activities; Sturdies Bay ferry terminal; public dock; sea-plane landing; gas station, liquor and grocery stores, food services, shops and galleries, post office, library; Whaler Bay commercial fishing dock and public wharf servicing Gossip Island

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Main gateway to the island: tourist welcome centre, community hub
- Whale and bird watching tours in Active Pass (from water); Bellhouse Park (from land)
- Local businesses, book store, groceries, restaurants, pub, hardware/lumber yard
- Accommodations: Galiano Inn, B&Bs
- Golf, kayaking, swimming beaches, hiking, skateboard park
- Galiano Saturday Market at Lions' Club Park
- Artists and artisans: Kunamokst Mural at Galiano Inn, studio tours, soapworks, art galleries
- Heritage and artefacts at the Galiano Museum
- Events: Wine Festival, Lions' Fiesta, Nettlefest, Mushroom Festival, Community Food Program

Potential Partners

Galiano Chamber of Commerce, BC Provincial Parks, Islands Trust, Galiano Trails, Galiano Naturalists; Galiano Kayaks, Galiano Museum, gallery owners and small businesses

*closest to
Vancouver -
a boater's
paradise
and
beach
accesses
galore!*



2) The Parks on Active Pass

Significance

Important and easily accessible nature and hiking destinations; pristine forests and spectacular scenery in Bellhouse Park, Matthews Point Park, The Bluffs, Mt Galiano

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Hiking; cycling trails through forest and on ridges; orienteering, picnicking; great views from the Bluffs – favourite photo opportunities

the Gulf Islands

*spaniards
sailed
into
montague
harbour
in 1792*

- Hike up Mt Galiano, picnic area, watch eagles soar
- Active Pass Important Bird Area; bird watching, migrating sea-birds feeding area
- Frequent orca sightings in Active Pass
- Historic island cemetery; view of seal haul-out on Collinson Reef
- Historic Japanese charcoal kilns

Potential Partners

Galiano Club, Galiano Trails Society, BC Provincial Parks, Galiano Museum, Galiano Kayaks, Galiano Naturalists, Galiano Parks & Rec

3) Montague Harbour

Significance

Main focus of marine activities on Galiano; Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park; campground, boat launch, interpretive programs, hiking, beaches, marina, restaurant, gift and boating supplies shops; archaeological sites; excellent moorage; principal centre for sea kayaking excursions; bus to Hummingbird Pub; float plane service; public wharf servicing water-access only Phillimore Point and Parker Island

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Sheltered harbour; moorage at marina or in the harbour; micro|pocket cruise boat entry
- Camping, hiking, swimming
- Kayaking and boating tours and rental
- Salmon fishing charters and eco-tourism
- Interpretive programs: marine, sedimentary geology, sea birds, archaeological sites

Potential Partners

Montague Marina, BC Provincial Parks, Galiano Kayaks, Penelakut First Nation, Royal BC Museum, Galiano Conservancy, Galiano Trails Society, private sector operators and service providers

4) Retreat Cove/Mid-Galiano

Significance

Water access at public dock in Retreat Cove to mid-Galiano and adjacent areas; commercial water connection for trades working on the southern gulf islands; mid-island trails, parks and beaches

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Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Boat tours to Wallace Island Marine Provincial Park; connections to Salt Spring Island (Fernwood dock)
- Hiking to Laughlin Lake, Pebble and Cable beaches, the Great Beaver Swamp
- Bodega Ridge Provincial Park – hiking, picnics, scenery
- Galiano Conservancy Association Learning Centre for Youth
- Organic farms
- Retreat Cove south shore spectacular tafoni caves and erosional features
- Mid-island art studios: individual ceramics, pottery, art and glassworks studio tours; Film & Television School courses

Potential Partners

Galiano Parks & Rec, Galiano Trails Society, Galiano Naturalists, Gulf Island Film & Television School (GIFTS), Galiano Kayaks, local farms, BC Provincial Parks, Galiano Conservancy Association

*head
north
for a cool
spin cycle*

5) Spanish Hills/North Galiano

Significance

Water access at public dock; water activities; cycling; hiking; camping; Dionisio Point Provincial Park

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Marine entry point to North Galiano, water connections to Wallace Island Marine Provincial Park, Reed Island, Salt Spring, Penelakut First Nation, Ladysmith, and Chemainus
- Access to Dionisio Point Provincial Park trails, camping, swimming, fishing
- Self-guided tours by kayak, boat, sailboat
- Water access to world-renowned Porlier Pass scuba diving area
- Cycling entry/exit point to North Galiano, Salt Spring and Dionisio Point Provincial Park
- Tours to Galiano's Stoneworld; weddings at Bodega Resort

Potential Partners

Galiano Parks & Rec, Bodega Resort, Galiano Kayaks, Galiano Trails Society, Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club, Penelakut First Nation, BC Provincial Parks, Chemainus and Ladysmith private sector operators and service providers



the Gulf Islands

long pier
sheltering
sand
dollars

SALT SPRING

6) Fernwood/Northern St Mary's Lake

Significance

Historic Walker's Hook Rd and North Beach Rd; Fernwood formerly Beggsville with long nautical history; beach at Hudson Pt noted for its geological history; long Fernwood Dock noted for sand dollar incubation site beneath structure; dock is multi-use – jump-off point for access to Wallace Island Marine Provincial Park and Retreat Cove, opposite on Galiano and constant focal pedestrian use

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Walking; running along Walker's Hook Road; kayak boat launch and day-use boating from Fernwood Dock/Hudson Pt
- Shore exploration
- Fernwood Café
- Massage therapists/spa treatments
- Studio art tours

Potential Partners

Salt Spring Spa, Wallace Island Marine Provincial Park, CRD Parks & Rec; Fernwood Café; residents



7) Vesuvius/Channel Ridge

Significance

Portal and major water hub linking Vancouver Island (Crofton/Nanaimo/Tofino mid-section) via BC Ferries and private boats; beach access; thriving Vesuvius artists/artisan community; Salt Spring Transit designated bus stop

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Hiking, biking, swimming, kayaking
- Restaurants
- Small retail craft shops and studio art tours
- Portal point for Trans Canada Trail (TCT) access to gulf islands TCT Loop

Potential Partners

BC Ferries; Canadian Coast Guard; CRD Parks & Rec; Seaside Kitchen; private sector recreational businesses; residents; Vesuvius community art studios; Vesuvius Store

EXPERIENCE

8) Ganges

Significance

Portal and major population/business centre for Salt Spring; extensive commercial, nautical and agricultural concentration and history; air and sea hub for float plane traffic; major group of marinas in situ. Canadian Coastguard station; private boat docks/launches and Ganges Sailing Club; centre for sea kayaking excursions; Salt Spring Saturday Market at Centennial Park. Large ArtSpring Theatre/Arts complex; Mahon Hall/Salt Spring Arts Council and new Library; Salt Spring Transit bus station/hub

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Tourist Information centre/primary commercial activities; boating; kayaking excursions; shopping via wide array of retail shops; restaurants; hotels/motel; art galleries and tour; grocery stores; Salt Spring Soapworks; liquor outlets; independent bookstores and bakeries; gas stations; coffee shops and boutique cafés/clothing stores; lawyers/accountants/professional service industry; primary, middle, Phoenix, and high schools; residential properties; CIBC and BMO banking
- Famous Salt Spring Saturday Market and Tuesday Organic Farmers' Market; Annual Fall Fair at historic Farmer's Institute
- Ganges parks – Centennial and Mouat Park use; picnics, park and school family playgrounds
- Salt Spring Indoor Pool Facility – swimming; aqua sport and fitness courses and lessons
- Historic walking tours, art studio tours, museum and library visitation
- Harbour House organic farm and Maple Syrup festival
- Historic Mahon Hall restoration
- Boardwalk and its extension

Potential Partners

All private sector businesses associated with Ganges; gallery owners/ non-profit organizations (Salt Spring Arts Council, Waterfront Gallery); Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce; Salt Spring Air; Harbour Air; Kenmore Air; Salt Spring Transit; CRD Parks & Rec; Island Pathways; all Ganges marinas; Salt Spring Saturday Market/ Farmers' Market/Farmers' Institute societies

*the big city
of
the islands
where you
can step
lively
or slow
right down*



the Gulf Islands

*sample
the wine
and
the great
outdoors*

9) Burgoyne Valley/The Mountains

Significance

Burgoyne Bay significant marine access/portal for boaters, scuba divers (Jacques Cousteau connection), kayakers, swimmers; historic rural community/early settlements. Highest Salt Spring peaks – Mt Maxwell, Mt Bruce, Mt Erskine; wineries along Burgoyne Valley and other agricultural landuse/husbandry (lavender; grazing/hay)

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Historic tours
- Hiking, cycling, picnicking, horseback riding, swimming, scuba diving, winery/micro-brewery tasting tours/visits
- Proposed major elevated arm of southern gulf islands Trans Canada Trail Loop over/around peaks
- Studio art tours and farms/rural tours
- Lee Hill olive grove, Seven Ravens ecological farm, Foxglove Farm and education centre

Potential Partners

CRD Parks & Rec; Mt Maxwell Provincial Park; private sector; wineries/micro-breweries; First Nations; Salt Spring recreational enterprises



10) Fulford Harbour

Significance

Portal and major transportation hub for Salt Spring – BC Ferries terminal (MV Skeena Queen) route to/from Swartz Bay; historic Fulford village, rural community and marina. Retail shop/café/ restaurant, southern point of Salt Spring nucleus; ancient historical site at Drummond Park (petroglyph)/early settlements

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Ferry traffic focal point and associated commercial activities; shopping; dining
- Hiking, kayaking, B&B accommodations; boating
- Historic early settlements of First Nations peoples; petroglyph at Drummond Park visitations
- Art studios

Potential Partners

BC Ferries; private sector Fulford businesses; residents; Tsawout First Nation; Fulford Marina; Rock Salt Restaurant

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11) Ruckle Park

Significance

Large historic Ruckle Farm property and park/public camping location; marine access for kayakers; day-use parking, Beaver Point and Hall, Cusheon Cove; Salt Spring Woods Cheese Farm, rural community

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Large scale group camping at Ruckle Park Facility; kayaking, picnicking, hiking, swimming, scuba diving
- Nature tours and seasonal fairs
- Salt Spring Cheese Farm café/tours
- Kismet Café
- Studio tours

Potential Partners

BC Provincial Parks; Ruckle Farm; Salt Spring Cheese Farm café; Salt Spring Bread; Art studios and farms

*rich in
outdoor
pursuits*

12) Musgrave Landing

Significance

Historic marine landing at far south-eastern end of Salt Spring; rural community

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Kayaking, boating and marine access
- Hiking/boating tours
- Camping
- Mill Farm Regional Park Reserve, Mt Tuam Ecological Reserve and Mt Bruce land reserve

Potential Partners

Tsawout First Nation; private sector; residents; farms



the Gulf Islands

*car stop
program
invites
foot
traffic*

THE PENDERS

I3) Otter Bay/Port Washington

Significance

BC Ferries terminal (Otter Bay), CRD dock and seaplane dock (Port Washington); food stand at ferry terminal; Car Stop Program with bench at the top of drive, ideal for touring the Island; Otter Bay Marina; golf course and restaurant; organic food store and Home Hardware; antique and jewellery store

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Major portals for ETGI on Pender (air and water)
- Short and longer term moorage
- Golf
- Shopping for and eating organic food
- Boat and kayak launch sites
- Hiking and Scenic Views: Swanson Channel from Bridges Road Beach; George Hill trail

Potential Partners

Chamber of Commerce, Otter Bay Marina, The Stand, BC Ferries, Seair Seaplanes, Pender Island Golf Course, Pender Island Home Hardware, CRD docks, Renaissance Studio – Jewellery & Antiques, Southridge Farms Country Store



I4) Hope Bay/Auchterlonie Centre/Community Hall

Significance

Hope Bay: CRD dock, heritage store and commercial complex, Red Tree Coop Artisan Gallery, Café at Hope Bay, Dockside Realty; community hall: major crossroad and social centre on The Penders, Car Stops in both directions; Auchterlonie Centre: Nu to Yu Thrift Store, the Pender Islands Library, Pender Island Play Group (and youth centre), Pender Island United Community Church (over 100 years old)

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Portal – marine entry point to The Penders
- Kayak launch site
- Water links to other Pender docks and gulf islands

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- Overnight destination for marine trail users
- Community Hall: Summer Farmers' Market, Winter Market, movies, plays, concerts, Annual Fall Fair
- Pender Island United Community Church: multi-denominational services throughout the year; Hymn Sing once a month

*a proud
history
and
buoyant
commerce*

Potential Partners

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve (GINPR), Tseycum and Tsawout First Nations, Local Trust Council, private sector operators and service providers; The Café at Hope Bay; Red Tree Gallery; Hope Bay Store, Dockside Realty, Pender Island Public Library, Pender Island Community Services Society

15) Roesland/Pender Island Museum

Significance

Historic museum in Roe House at Roesland in GINPR; National Park Headquarters on The Penders; Car Stop Program

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- History of The Penders and gulf islands
- Tour historic Roesland
- Walk to end of Ella Island (native fawn lilies in spring)

Potential Partners

GINPR, Pender Islands Museum Society



16) Port Browning/Driftwood Centre

Significance

Driftwood Centre: largest commercial centre on The Penders with many stores and services, tourist information booth, Car Stop Program stops in both directions; Port Browning: marina and CRD dock, major recreational boating destination, transient moorage, Port Browning Marina Pub and Café; easy walk connects Port Browning and nearby Driftwood Centre



Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Portal – marine entry point to The Penders
- Major water hub linking other Pender docks and gulf islands
- Kayak launch, rentals, lessons, tours

the Gulf Islands

*two islands
joined by
an historic
trestle
bridge*

- Tent and RV camping area
- Ocean swimming
- Salmon fishing charters
- ATM, wi-fi internet access
- Seasonal swimming pool, laundry and shower facilities
- Site of Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim

Potential Partners

Chamber of Commerce, The Driftwood Centre, local merchants, private sector operators and service providers, Port Browning Marina Pub and Café; Pender Island Kayak Adventures

17) Poets Cove/Gowlland Point

Significance

Site of major resort, marina, CRD dock, float plane dock, restaurant, swimming pool; Bedwell Harbour Canadian Customs; Car Stop Program; Poets Cove Resort and Spa

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Portal – marine entry point to The Penders
- Major water hub linking other Pender docks and gulf islands
- Spa and fitness centre
- Kayak and canoe rental
- Whale watching
- Short boat ride to Beaumont Marine Park
- Hiking – Greenburn Lake (GINPR), Gowlland Point and Brooks Point coastal walks

Potential Partners

Poets Cove; GINPR; Harbour Air float plane company, Pender Island Conservation Association, Tsawout First Nation



EXPERIENCE

SATURNA

*a cut above
and
a world
away*

18) Lyall Harbour

Significance

BC Ferries terminal; CRD dock, water taxi and sea plane landing; some grocery services and gasoline for vehicles and boats at Saturna Point Store; Lighthouse pub and food service; accommodation at Saturna Lodge and B&Bs; public library; Car Stop Program and Island bus

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Major portal for ETGI
- Welcome Centre and bookstore in store
- Nursery/gift shop up the road
- Community Hall hosting frequent events and regular yoga and fitness activities (drop-in welcome)
- Opportunities for kayak, bicycle or scooter rentals

Potential Partners

Saturna Point Store, Boot Cove Books, Lighthouse Pub, Saturna Lodge, CRD, Seair Seaplanes, BC Ferries, Saturna Lions Club

19) East Point/Narvaez Bay Crossroads

Significance

General store, café, post office, liquor outlet; location of Main Fire Hall and Emergency Services; medical clinic; recreation centre; Parks Canada office; Saturna Ecological Education Centre; major junction for heading in all directions on Saturna

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Summer market with crafts, food, books
- Recreation centre offers regular fitness activities for a fee, available for rental and special events
- Parks Canada office provides maps and info brochures

Potential Partners

Saturna General Store & Café, Saturna Recreation Centre Society, Parks Canada, private sector business



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light
and
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whales!*

20) Narvaez Bay/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Significance

Boat anchorage, walk-in/boat-in campsite, hiking; Monarch Head viewpoint, kayaking, cycling, beach access

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Overnight destination for walkers, boaters, kayakers

Potential Partners

Parks Canada

21) East Point/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Significance

Heritage lighthouse, Fog Alarm Building Heritage Centre; site of Moby Doll orca capture; land-based wildlife viewing, shell beach for swimming; accommodation nearby including East Point Resort and B&Bs

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Summer interpretive programs; wildlife viewing: birds, sea lions, otters, porpoises and dolphins, orcas and humpbacks
- Explore sculpted sandstone cliffs and intertidal sea life
- Future webcam and hydrophone installations for monitoring sea mammals
- Opportunity for future acquisition of lands with good conservation values and potential for recreation and trail alignment
- Future terminus of spine trail

Potential Partners

Parks Canada, Saturna Parks & Rec, CRD, Tsawout and Tseycum First Nations, Saturna Heritage Committee, Saturna Island Marine Research & Education Society, East Point Resort



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22) Winter Cove/Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Significance

Boat launch, dock, protected moorage; nature trail with interpretive signage, picnic tables, spring wildflowers, future drive-to/walk-in campsite; First Nations history; first church on Saturna

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Picnic area and easy walking trail
- Nearby ballpark with weekly games
- Site of annual July 1st Lamb BBQ
- Shore access trails and viewpoints
- Swimming at nearby Russell Reef
- Opportunity for special events programming in ball park

Potential Partners

Parks Canada, Saturna Parks & Rec, Saturna Community Club

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MAYNE

23) Village Bay/Dinner Bay Community Park

Significance

BC Ferries terminal is the transfer point for connections to other southern gulf islands; Village Bay Community Park with boat launch; Dinner Bay location of historic herring saltery, beach access, public washrooms, Japanese Gardens, short walking trails, putting green and children's play area, baseball diamond

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Major portal for Experience the Gulf Islands on Mayne
- Develop pedestrian and cycle path connecting Village Bay to Miners Bay to improve safety
- Japanese Garden tours
- Develop a local, Mayne year-round bus service for residents and visitors

Potential Partners

Gulf Island Economic Development Commission, Tsartlip First Nation, Mayne Island Chamber of Commerce, residents, Ratepayers Association, Lions Club



24) Miners Bay

Significance

Historic CRD dock first built 1878 – float planes, police, water taxi, school boat; moorage; water ambulance, Canada Post, summer fresh fish sales; Springwater – oldest continuously operating hotel in BC; Maritime/Agricultural Museum, Agricultural Hall hosts Mayne's Fall Fair, fitness, theatre, Concert Society, dances, workshops, movies, Farmers' Market, annual apple squeeze, music concerts; 1897 St Mary Magdalene Church; First Nations honouring sculpture – Emma/Felix Jack Park; Community Park/beach access, May Day celebration, grocery store/bakery, ATM, liquor store, crafts and gas; library, wi-fi, washrooms

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Major portal for Mayne
- Interpretive centre in Miners Bay
- Multiple cultural events at Agricultural Hall: music, drama, movie nights, invited speakers, workshops, garden club, quilters guild, Agricultural Society

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- Potential marina and breakwater, increase moorage
- Marine connection to gulf islands
- SLOW food events

*active pass -
a bird's
paradise*

Potential Partners

Mayne Island Conservancy Society, private sector businesses, CRD, Mayne Chamber of Commerce; Mayne Parks & Rec, residents, Ratepayers Association, Lions Club

25) Georgina Point Lighthouse Heritage Park

Significance

Historic lighthouse with picnic area, beach access and public washrooms; Active Pass Important Bird Area and wildlife viewing; Steeles Cannery was located on Georgina Point Road

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Use of lighthouse as marine interpretive centre
- Migratory bird festival in conjunction with Galiano
- Important Bird area on Active Pass

Potential Partners

Mayne Chamber of Commerce; Islands Trust, Mayne Parks & Rec, residents, Ratepayers Association, Lions Club, Mayne Island Conservancy Society



26) Horton Bay and Adjacent Parks

Significance

Horton Bay Community wharf; protected anchorage; historic logging activity site; Henderson Community Park, Gulf Islands National Park at Bennett Bay – site of habitat restoration and tree planting

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- Improve dock and increase moorage
- Marine connection to other islands
- National Marine Conservation Area programming
- Shoreline restoration
- Wildlife viewing
- Beach access for swimming, kayaking and viewing of marine life



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geared for
walking*

Potential Partners

CRD, Mayne Chamber of Commerce; Islands Trust, Mayne Parks & Rec, Residents, Ratepayers Association, Lions Club, Mayne Island Conservancy Society, GINPR, federal government

27) Mount Parke

Significance

Extensive walking trails with spectacular views; sites of habitat restoration and tree planting; wetland areas

Potential Program Activities and Opportunities

- The parks on Mayne are geared towards walking
- Improvement and creation of trails and pathways for pedestrians
- Wildlife viewing

Potential Partners

Mayne Island Chamber of Commerce; Islands Trust, Mayne Parks & Rec, residents, Ratepayers Association, Lions Club



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