

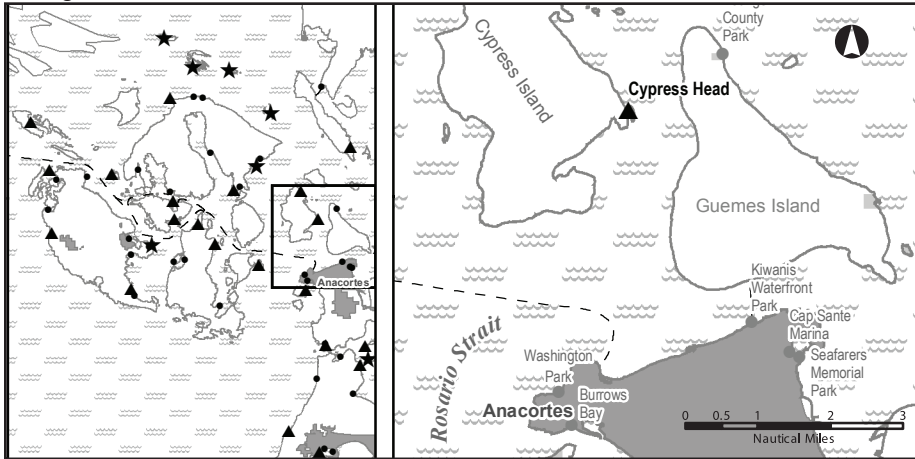


Cypress Head

Cypress Head is closed to overnight use October 1, 2009 until Memorial Day weekend of 2010. In 2010 and beyond, overnight camping will be permitted from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Cypress Island features a tombolo, a sand bar connecting one island to another, on its eastern side that creates a bay and a cove on either side. Campsites are perched high on this peninsula with excellent views.

Natural History:

Maps of the late 18th century show the Spanish name for the island as Isla de S. Vincente, in honor of the Mexican Viceroy. Captain George Vancouver named the island Cypress in 1792 after trees on the island which he thought were cypress. Botanists have since declared the trees to be junipers. Cypress Island is located in one of the geologically oldest areas of the San Juans and is now mostly preserved. Washington State Department of Natural Resources manages 4,700 of the island's 5,500 acres.



Regional Locator Map

Location:

Cypress Island is N of Washington Park in Anacortes. Campsite at Cypress Head is on the easternmost point of the island.

Coordinates:

N 48° 34.111' N 48° 34.111'

Charts:

NOAA chart 18430
SeaTrails chart WA 001



From site looking SE

- Day Use ● Kitsap Day Use
- ▲ Campsite ★ Multi-Modal
- ▲ Kitsap Campsite



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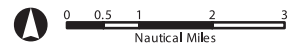
Number of Sites: 5; several at W end of tombolo & in the woods up on the head	Overflow Camping: Allowed in camp area
Water: No	Sanitation Facilities: Composting toilet
Extras: 2 picnic areas	Ownership: Department of Natural Resources
Fees: Free	Fire Restrictions: Fire rings available
Known Hazards: The head creates back eddies and rips that can be very strong, dangerous and turbulent. Hug the shoreline to approach. Remember, a straight line is often the slowest path.	Special Considerations: Site is within a Natural Resource Conservation Area. Use minimum-impact camping techniques. Trail access to the upland has recently been added.

Day Use/Trailheads:	nms
Youngs Co. Park	2.6
Kiwanis Waterfront Park	4.3
Washington Park	4.4

Adjacent Campsites:	nms
Pelican Beach	2.5
Burrows Island.....	6.3
Saddlebag Island SP.....	7.4

Beach Approach:
Rock and gravel beaches on both N & S sides of the tombolo. The north beach is more convenient.

Reservations: No



Please Note: These maps are not intended for navigational purposes.

Legend

- ▲ Caretaker's House □ Trail Marker ▲ Campsite: Paddle/Sail In ☕ Flush Toilet □ Waterless Toilet
- ☕ Flush Toilet & Shower P Pay Station ▲ Campsite: Other 🏕 Picnic Area 🚒 Ranger Station