Stuart Island Marine State Park

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 to the tides to avoid a long haul to the campsite. 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 Cheballiers lived on the island for several years, sustaining themselves by raising turkeys, logging, and cultivating a large garden. The oldest son, William, rowed two miles each day to the school at the head of Stuart Island's Reid Harbor.

Regional Locator Map

Location:
Stuart Island is 5 mi NW of San Juan Island. Campsite lies 1.5 mi NW from the opening of Reid Harbor. Reid Harbor has a marsh at its head close to the campsite.

Coordinates:
N 48° 40.576’ W 123° 12.272’

Charts:
NOAA chart 28423
SeaTrails chart WA 003

Note signs NW corner of harbor

San Juan Islands/Stuart Island State Park

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Number of Sites: Overflow Camping:
4 Saddle area between Reid & Prevost Harbors

Water:
Sanitation Facilities:
Available May 15-Sept. 4 Vault toilets
Extras:
Ownership:
Excellent clamming for littlenecks and Washington State Parks and Recreation butterfly clams on the gravel beach.

Fees:
Fire Restrictions:
$12/night for up to 8 in site Fire rings available
Known Hazards:
Special Considerations:
Remember to respect adjoining private property boundaries.

Day Use/Trailheads: nms
Reuben Tarte Picnic Area ............. 6.3
Roche Harbor Resort .................... 5.5
Snug Harbor Marina Resort ......... 7.6

Adjacent Campsites: nms
Posey Island SP ......................... 4.2
Jones Island SP .......................... 7.2
Point Doughty ............................ 11.9

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're heading. The campsite is at the N end of the harbor so make landfall to the starboard.

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 Pay Station Campsite: Other Picnic Area Ranger Station

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