

## Comox Paddlers Club Day Paddle Suggestions 2014

For more ideas a good book to buy at Comox Valley Kayaks “Kayak Day Trips in the Comox Valley and Campbell River Area by Willie Runquist

Rating	Launch Point	Destination	Notes
2	Comox Lake Boat Ramp (Cumberland Lake Park)	Option: up one shore, cross lake and return on other shore	The eastern shore line of the Lake is fairly sheltered (Cumberland side). Avoid the direct crossing to the Fish & Game Club when strong winds are forecasted
2	Union Bay boat ramp	Coal Hills Shoreline	Paddle towards Comox Valley (north) you leave the boat ramp area Free parking with your Comox Paddlers car sticker
2	Union Bay Boat ramp	Tree Island	A walk around the island is beautiful, free camping available (no fires) Free use of boat ramp with your club sticker on your car
2	Point Holmes Boat ramp	Shoreline	Free parking with your Comox Paddlers Club member sticker for your car
2	Kin Beach Park	Shoreline	If low tide, can be a long walk to the water
2	Kye Bay –public access at bottom of the hill	Shoreline	If low tide, can be a long walk to the water
2	Deep Bay –launch at marina area or Mapleguard Point on a higher tide to save the paddle around the point (right at stop sign before wharf area, take left fork to public beach) or turn right at the end of Berray Road just after the bridge at Rosewall Creek Park (limited number of parking spots here)	Chrome, Denman and Hornby Islands	Some current as you cross to Chrome Island (the Lighthouse) at the south end of Denman and winds can come up in this area
1	Horne Lake –launch at the Provincial Park	Any direction on the lake	The cave tours are also great while you’re in the park

1	Spider Lake		Best in spring with higher water levels <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/spider_lk/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/spider_lk/</a>
2	Nanoose Bay -Launch from: Brickyard Beach, accessible via Amberwood Lane (off Andover Rd) ; Dolphin Cove (where Blueback Rd meets Tyee Place) ; Schooner Cove Marina	Winchelsea Islands	<a href="http://www.nanaimoinformation.com/kayaking-and-canoeing.php">http://www.nanaimoinformation.com/kayaking-and-canoeing.php</a>  South Winchelsea Island is owned by a land conservancy and can be visited by landing, while the other islands in the group are crown land
2	Nanaimo area		<a href="http://www.nanaimoinformation.com/kayaking-and-canoeing.php">http://www.nanaimoinformation.com/kayaking-and-canoeing.php</a>
2	Campbell River Estuary -Dick Murphy boat ramp at the mouth of the estuary		The duration of time it takes for you to paddle the estuary is up to you. Do it on a flood tide, preferably when the surge is slack, and you are not fighting the river current either way. Most of the shoreline is very muddy. Pay attention to where you are; it is easy to feel that you have gotten lost in the labyrinth of waterways.
2	Quadra Island Heriot Bay –launch at beach at Rebecca Spit Provincial Park, the beach adjacent to the government dock at Heriot Bay is an option as well.	Open Bay north and the Breton Islands to the east	<a href="http://www.coastandkayak.com/2013/13fa/13fa_heriot.html">http://www.coastandkayak.com/2013/13fa/13fa_heriot.html</a>
2	Quadra Island Main Lakes Chain – best launch East Quadra Road 6 km past Granite Bay turnoff after bridge.	Main Lake leads into Village Bay Lake and then Mine Lake	<a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/main_lk/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/main_lk/</a>

2	Quadra Island –Granite Bay	Kanish Bay, Chained Islands, Small Inlet Marine Park	Good hikes in Small Inlet to swimming in Newton Lake and at the end of the inlet across to Octopus Islands Marine Park. Can get choppy in Kanish Bay. <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/small_inlet/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/small_inlet/</a>
2	Lower Campbell Lake –Loveland Bay Recreation Area or at government campground at end of lake		<a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/loveland_bay/lovelandbay.pdf">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/loveland_bay/lovelandbay.pdf</a>
2	Upper Campbell Lake –launch at Strathcona Park Lodge if you are staying there or eating dinner or use public launch 7 km past the lodge at the start of the Provincial Park	Any direction on the lake	Watch for strong afternoon winds
2	Morton Lake or Mohan Lake –part of Sayward Forest Canoe Route. Boat launch available.	Any direction on the lakes	<a href="https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcr/Index_files/Sayward%20Canoe%20Route%20Brochure.pdf">https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcr/Index_files/Sayward%20Canoe%20Route%20Brochure.pdf</a>
2	Buttle Lake -parking with lake access along the eastern shore off Westmin Road at Auger Point, Karst Creek and Lupin Falls or with a carry from the two main front country campgrounds as well as the Driftwood Bay group site	Any direction on the lake	Watch for strong afternoon winds <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/strath/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/strath/</a>