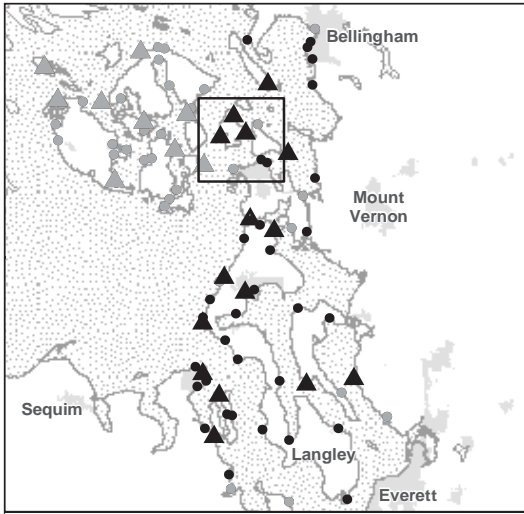


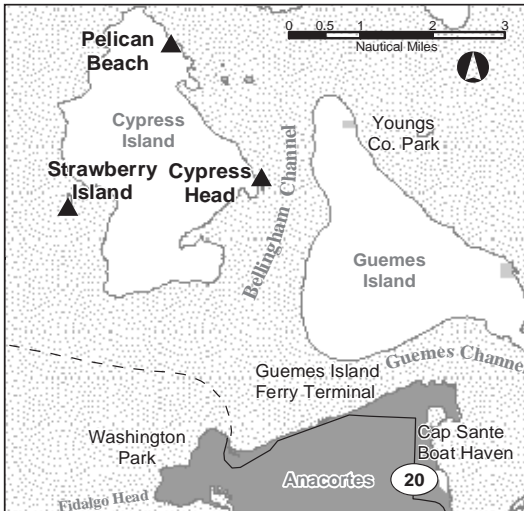


Cypress Head

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. 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



1:96,000 area detail

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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 cypresses. Botanists have since declared the trees to be junipers.

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° 34.126' W 122° 40.127'

Chart:

NOAA chart 18430

Trailheads:

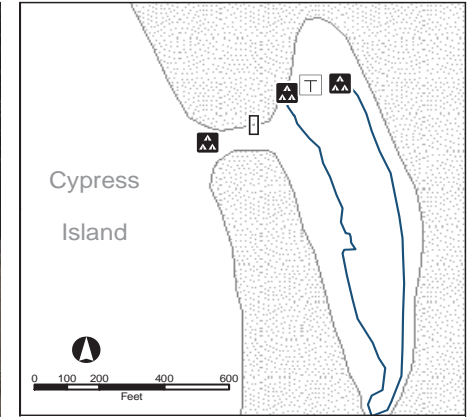
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Saddlebag Island SP	7.4



This view from landing on north cove side



1:6,000 local detail

Beach Approach:

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

Cypress Head

Number of Sites:	Overflow Camping:
5; several at W end of tombolo & in the woods up on the head. No specific CMT site, all open to public	Allowed in camp area
Water:	Sanitation Facilities:
None	Vault toilets.
Extras:	Ownership:
2 picnic areas	Department of Natural Resources
Fees:	Fire Restrictions:
Free	Fire rings available
Known Hazards:	Special Considerations:
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.	Site is within a Natural Resource Conservation Area. Use minimum-impact camping techniques. As yet, no access is provided to the interior of the island.