

Cascadia Marine Trail

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Note: The Cascadia Marine Trail is being built through the cooperative efforts of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Washington Water Trails Association, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, other state and local government agencies and users like you.

*Seasonal closure: Please call (360) 902-8844 or the TDD at (360) 664-3133 for information.



Telephone Device for the Deaf at (360) 664-3133. Parks Boating Programs office at (360) 586-6590 or the • For a free "Washington Boater's Guide," call the State place in case the party separates.

form all party members. Agree on an emergency meeting ing and decide if it's necessary to change them. Then, inleaving home. Discuss each day's travel plans before start-• File a float plan with a family member or friend before

especially on crossings. Assist others in difficult conditions. Wait if necessary, and don't move away from the group, others, and do not outpace the slowest group members. • Travel as a close-knit group. Maintain voice contact with

causes steep or breaking waves. Pay attention when the wind opposes the current and tration or Environment Canada weather on VHF radio.

 Listen to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administables and know the dangers of hypothermia. feet twice a day. Boaters must plan carefully, carry tide lower 50 degree range, and tides can run from 10 to 15 • Puget Sound water is cold year round, averaging in the plans with people who know the area.

including marine tide and current charts. Discuss your • Obtain advance information about your intended route,

and extra food in a waterproof bag. Always pack an extra set of warm clothes, hat and socks

group and self-rescue techniques. Always wear your life jacket. • Carry rescue and safety equipment and be proficient in

a safer one: flows up to 8.5 knots. Here are ways to make your journey

tide rips, boils, whirlpools and turbulence because of tidal

the north end of Whidbey Island has extremely hazardous out to Sucia, Matia and Patos islands. Deception Pass at north of Orcas Island create special hazards on crossings conditions even in calm weather. Reefs and fast currents subject to fast tidal flows, which may create hazardous The area around the San Juan Islands is especially

trip for another time or place. ditions aren't comfortable for you, wait it out, or plan your knowledge and judgment to the potential hazards. If contraffic. It's important all water trail users match their skill, lethal due to bad weather, currents, cold water or marine any part of which may quickly become hazardous or even The Cascadia Marine Trail is on a large inland sea,

Safety tips

radios or other intrusive devices.

down, travel in small groups, and avoid using bright lights, • Be considerate of other visitors: Keep the noise level life from a distance, and store food and trash securely.

• Respect wildlife: Avoid sensitive habitats, observe wild-

fires small, use only designated fire rings, and never leave a • Minimize campfire impact: Use a stove or lantern, keep Help protect these fragile and irreplaceable resources.

erate action can destroy a cultural site or a rare wildflower. • Leave what you find: A misplaced footstep or inconsid-

• Dispose of waste properly: If you pack it in, pack it out. lished trails and campsites, rock, gravel and dry grasses. protect wildlife and plants. Durable surfaces include estabcamping on durable surfaces help reduce soil erosion and

• Travel and camp on durable surfaces: Walking and safety's sake.

are more likely to abandon Leave No Trace principles for enjoy their visit. Unprepared visitors who are wet and cold help visitors arrive with the right information and gear to • Plan ahead and prepare: Trip planning and preparation

"Leave No Trace" principles: maintain these sensitive areas, travelers should follow these ments of the sea and recreation impacts. To preserve and Cascadia Marine Trail sites are exposed to the ele-

Leave no trace behind

and availability.

with the parks along your route regarding site limitations point for information on alternative sites. Check ahead If a designated water trail site is full, check the registration overuse, maximum capacities may be posted at some sites. arrive after you. To protect extremely popular sites from close together and being considerate of others who may the night. This means maximizing space by placing tents to provide room for every water trail user who arrives for A guiding principle of the Cascadia Marine Trail is

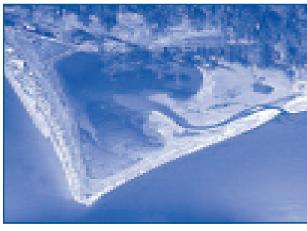
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use of designated water trail campsites in Washington's A \$12-\$14 nightly primitive campsite fee is required for vary by site; some are free, and some require reservations. those sites designated as marine trail sites. Camping fees respect the rights of other property owners and use only This brochure lists camping sites along the trail. Please

watershed area. including the 4 million humans living in the surrounding bald eagles, orca whales and thousands of other creatures, shoreline is important because it supports life for salmon, tuary in the continental United States. Preservation of the wildlife whose Puget Sound home is the second largest es-

The Cascadia Marine Trail has a wide variety of of Deception Pass and outer San Juan Islands. verdant shores of the Hood Canal to the challenging currents levels. Conditions range from quiet South Sound inlets and can be calm or turbulent, suiting a wide range of boater skill wind- or human-powered, beachable watercraft. The trail Sound offers 55 shoreline campsites for travelers using small, The Cascadia Marine Trail on Washington's Puger



Welcome to the Cascadia Marine Trail System



Supporting the trail

Washington Water Trails Association supports the Cascadia Marine Trail through education, on-site stewardship and other programs. Members receive a trail handbook and newsletter. For more information or to help with the trail, contact:

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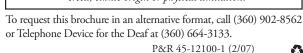
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