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Wildcat Half-day Sample Itinerary

Through of a mix of learning, hands-on study and group sharing, we will:

Arrive at the Wildcat Cove boat launch by 9:00 am for morning trips, 1 pm for afternoon trips, or 6 pm for evening trips, gather your gear and meet your guide next to the vehicle full of bright yellow boats. Please arrive, with clothes ready to go kayaking. For example non-cotton pants or shorts with long johns/tights; soakable footwear (See “What to Bring” below); T-shirts okay if sunny, but have a heavy wool or synthetic shirt or jacket, and a raincoat in your "Day Bag." We'll unload the boats and gear off of the trailer, learn some skills, and head out on the water.

This 3 hour paddle is one of the most scenic and varied available in the Bellingham area. We start out at the Wildcat Cove Boat Launch in Larrabee State Park. We travel north from there along impressively scalloped sandstone cliffs. We often see river otters, seals, cormorants, eagles, loons and oyster catchers along this relatively pristine shoreline. Our destination is Chuckanut (Dot) Island in beautiful Chuckanut Bay. This island is an archaeological site owned by the Nature Conservancy and well known for its visible shell midden (refuse from 10,000 years of native Salish people's use). We can stretch our legs on its beaches and trails, before reloading our boats for the trip back to Wildcat Cove. If time and weather permit, it is also possible to visit petrified palm tree fossils and a bird sanctuary. A lot to see in a relatively short paddle!

PADDLING TIME: Our paddling mileage/speed is based on the weather and general strength of the group. For safety reasons, we travel at the pace of the most leisurely boat and stay together. We will paddle for 1-2 hours at a stretch with interspersed stops on beaches to relax, view eagles, herons, native flora, and marine life, and to answer nature's call. Typically, we may cover 3 to 4 miles over the course of our half-day excursion.

Plan for a full, exciting morning or afternoon outdoors. Please be prepared for any kind of weather and bring plenty of warm clothes, snacks and a fun-loving attitude.