

**Saturday and Sunday April 18-19, 2009**

**Location: Southern Puget Sound @ Anderson Island**

**OOPS Level Rating: 2 (Possible level 3 if weather front moves in)**

**Group size limit: 6 per trip**



The Southern Puget Sound area offers a reasonably protected, wonderful marine paddling environment that is only a 3 hour drive from the Portland Metro area depending upon where you live. For these trips all put-ins will be from Anderson Island and will necessitate taking the ferry from Steilacoom. Depending on the participation level we currently have 4 day-long trip options available:

1. A 12.4 mile circumnavigation of Anderson Island with no major crossings;
2. A 7.6 mile round trip exploration of the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge with two significant crossings of the Nisqually Reach portion of Puget Sound with the put-in at Lyle Point/Thompson Cove on Anderson Island;
3. A 6.2 mile circumnavigation of Ketron Island (east of Anderson Island) with two crossings of the Nisqually Reach beginning and ending on Anderson Island; and
4. A 6.8 mile round trip exploration of Filucy Bay/community of Longbranch that includes crossing Drayton Passage twice with put-in and take-out at Otso Point on Anderson Island.

All put-in/take-out locations from Anderson Island are private and the only campground is private. Bill and Catherine Spears are our hosts. While there are no launch fees permission must be obtained prior to use and there is a fee for the campground.

It will be necessary to arrive on Anderson Island the day/night before paddling to be fresh for paddling. Administrative needs must also be taken care of, personal preparation time will be needed the morning of the paddle, and we must be on the water in a timely fashion to take advantage of tides and currents. Therefore, it is necessary to spend Friday night or Saturday night on Anderson Island and then paddle the next morning. In order to paddle two days a two night stay is required. There are several stay-over options on Anderson Island that include a few Bed and Breakfast establishments, vacation rentals, and a private campground that will open for OOPS on that weekend. Usually B and B's and vacation rentals will have a two-night minimum but it may be possible to negotiate. There will be a \$15.00 per tent per night camping fee in the campground. Please contact OOPS members and Anderson Island residents Bill or Catherine at [innkeeper@sweetwoodruffbedandbreakfast.net](mailto:innkeeper@sweetwoodruffbedandbreakfast.net) for more information about accommodations on the island. Their B and B web site is in the GAM. For Steilacoom to Anderson Island ferry crossing information including purchasing tickets you may visit the Pierce County web site [www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/ferry/ferrymain.htm](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/ferry/ferrymain.htm). If weather deteriorates there are more protected paddling options available as well as activities on the island. More specific trip plans will be forthcoming.

For registration form, email [events@oopskayak.org](mailto:events@oopskayak.org)