

BROWN GIRL VENTURES INC.

How does one get to Round Island?

By Road from Horseshoe Bay: Take the Trans Canada Highway #1 all the way to mile 0 in North Vancouver, which is the BC ferry terminal at Horseshoe Bay. Take the Nanaimo ferry to Departure Bay in Nanaimo (95 minutes). Upon exiting the ferry, simply follow the road through Nanaimo in a southerly direction. If you turn left immediately following the first set of lights outside of the ferry terminal, you can purchase fishing licenses in the strip mall located there. Otherwise head through town until you are on the Island Highway #1 heading towards Victoria. Once you have passed through Nanaimo you will see an overpass with signs to Cedar Road. Turn left or easterly. (If you are coming by road from Victoria, simply turn right at Exit #9 onto Cedar Road). Follow Cedar Road until you pass over the Nanaimo River bridge. Do not turn right to follow Cedar Road, but rather go straight (now Harmac Road), until you come to a three way stop. Turn right over the freeway and you will see an Esso station (Millway Esso). Turn left or easterly behind the Millway Esso (signs point to Cable Bay Trail). Follow that road (Barnes Road) all the way until you come to Murdoch Rd. and turn right onto Murdoch. Follow Murdoch down the hill and you will see the Cedar boat ramp at the bottom of the hill. It takes 20 minutes from the ferry terminal to the Cedar boat ramp.

By Road from Tsawwassen: The other option is to take the ferry from the Tsawwassen ferry terminal. Take the Nanaimo ferry to Duke Point (2.5 hrs.). Once you arrive at Duke Point follow the Duke Point Highway #19 to the Island Highway #1, and then North on the Island Highway to Exit #9, which is the Cedar Road turn off. Use the above instructions from there. There are earlier exits onto Harmac Road, but you may get confused or lost if you don't know the area. If you use an earlier exit look for the Millway Esso and follow the directions from there. It takes about 15 minutes from Duke Point to the Cedar boat ramp.

The Cedar Boat Ramp: You will see Round Island about one kilometer away across the water. Parking is available above the boat ramp or along Murdoch. Except for extreme low tides, most boats can be comfortably launched from the Cedar boat ramp. There is also a public boat ramp in Nanaimo.

By Boat: Round Island is located near the top of the Stuart Channel, about one nautical mile south of Dodd Narrows. There is good anchorage off the island's North and Southwest coasts. Oak Town is located on the SW corner of the island. Nautical coordinates are 49° 06' N Latitude and 123° 48' W Longitude. To the South and East of Cedar is Boat Harbor, a small private marina. Sometimes one can rent a water taxi from there.

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