

A Quick Guide to Kayak Launching and Landing Sites for Tip of the Door Peninsula/Washington Island/Rock Island/Death's Door

- 1 Northport Ferry Pier (End of Hwy. 42)** - Sand beach for launching is adjacent to pier's south side (access over Ferry Company property). Please be considerate of Ferry vehicle traffic, and for maneuvering ferries inside the harbor. Inquire at Ferry Line Ticket Booth for parking directions and launch suggestions. Please use "Lot B" west side of Hwy. 42 for overnight or extended parking.

3.7 Miles from Northport Pier to Detroit Harbor

- 2 Newport State Park and Europe Bay Town Park** - Two excellent places to launch for paddling, with sandy beaches. Newport State Park features campsites and overnight parking; Wisconsin State Park registration required. Newport State Park to Northport is a mostly-sandy shoreline with shelf rock headlands.

4 Miles from Newport State Park to Northport Pier

- 3 Plum Island (and smaller Pilot Island)** - Plum Island is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is posted: No Trespassing. Landing or walking about on Plum or Pilot Islands is prohibited except by prior USFWS permission. Please respect this habitat resource. However, shallows near Plum Island may serve as a rest stop or for an emergency. Shoreline varies: pea gravel, stones and rock ledge outcroppings.

- 4 Potato Dock** - A 600 ft. long appendage on SW corner of Washington Island, a Ferry Line pier with protection on north side. Rock and mud beach. The Potato Dock lies just beyond the Detroit Harbor entrance marker, a tripod-based navigational aid. Red nuns and green cans mark the West Channel into Detroit Harbor. Ferry movements are restricted when operating in this channel.

- 5 Island Ferry Dock/Kap's Marina/USCG Station** - A tiny sand beach south of the Ferry Dock flagpoles offers water access, as does the Town Launch Ramp to the north. Limited vehicle parking (day only). Overnight parking at Town Lot, or Potato Dock. General information, rest rooms, shelter available in Island Ferry Terminal during office hours. Nearby: island tours, bike rentals, pizza. Kap's Marina is privately owned with slips and launch ramp. Ship's Wheel Restaurant is open for B/L/D daily in summer. Coast Guard Station Washington Island adjacent to Ship's Wheel Restaurant has seasonal search and rescue capabilities. The Town of Washington Welcome Center, approx. one block north of the Ferry Dock, has information and 24-hr public rest rooms. A Town Launch Ramp is across the road.

- 6 Gislason Beach in Jensenville** - This town beach is an excellent access to Detroit Harbor for protected paddling. Located across from Town's Red Barn Park, south end of Range Line Road. Limited parking, grills, picnic tables and public toilets. Red Barn offers evening summer entertainment. Sailor's Pub restaurant, Shipyard Island Marina and Washington Hotel are nearby. Gislason Beach (aka Dolphin Beach) overlooks East Channel, Detroit Island and Detroit Harbor. Paddle around Detroit Island - large, submerged rocks at the island's southern end; several small bays and coves to break up the trip. Mostly privately owned island with several WDNR/Land Trust tracts.

7.6 Miles from Gislason Beach to Rock Island

- 7 Sand Dunes Town Park by way of East Channel** - This shallow beach on the SE corner of Washington Island can be reached from Detroit Harbor by paddling through the East Channel, a passage with exposed rocks and shoals. The sand dunes lie about ¾ mile from Gislason Beach. Public toilet; picnic table; parking.

- 8 Percy Johnson (East Side) County Park** - Approximate mid-point between Sand Dunes and Rock Island. Park at end of Lakeview Road overlooks Hog Island Wildlife Sanctuary (USFWS No Trespass rules apply). Picnic tables, grills and public toilets. Sand, rock ledges, stony bottom, and extreme shallows from beach to Hog Island. Not easily approached with an east wind.

- 9 Rock Island State Park, Jackson Harbor and "Cut"** - A sandy spit or isthmus connects the south tail of Rock Island with Washington Island's NE corner (in low water a portage may be necessary) consisting of sand, rock or fine gravel. Rock Island's shoreline varies from sheer bluff to shelf rock to sand/gravel. Restored Pottawatomie Lighthouse (with docents) is located high on the north bluff (a wooden staircase leads from beach up to lighthouse). Tent camping; picnic tables; grills; Viking Hall boathouse at south end. Top scenery and top paddling for sea kayakers. Observe wind directions carefully! The "Cut" is a narrow, man-made shortcut between the two islands. Swift current may flow in narrows and depths may change rapidly. Inside the Cut, headed west, **Jackson Harbor** offers protected paddling, launching ramps at the State Park Dock, the Karfi passenger ferry, Ridges Natural Area, a commercial fishing museum, public toilets, and a concession stand.

4.5 Miles from "Cut" to School House Beach

- 10 Washington Island's Northern Shore** - Beautiful, but rocky beaches. Several are gradual slopes and offer calm water stops. Massive Bowyers Bluff headlands guide you toward **Washington Harbor** and **School House Beach**. • This harbor offers no protection in a NW or NNE wind. Remains of the *Louisiana* shipwreck are visible along Washington Harbor's eastern shore. Public toilets, picnic tables, grills and a smooth stone beach mark this most popular swim beach (marked by orange buoys in summer).

6.4 Miles from School House Beach to West Harbor

- 11 West Harbor** - Impressive limestone cliffs (Denny's Bluff) at half-way mark. Otherwise, a rocky, sloping shoreline with rapid drop-offs to deep water. West Harbor, Little Islands, and nearby Figenschau Bay offer protection.

3.2 Miles from West Harbor to Detroit Harbor

NOTE: Seas may be short and choppy, the water cold. Fog is not uncommon. • Always wear your PFD. • Paddling caution due to frequent ferry transit and other commercial ship traffic through Death's Door Passage. • Should you question the weather or your abilities, ferries will transport kayaks on deck to Washington Island for a charge. No charge for car-top kayaks driven onto ferry. • If you paddle your kayak to Washington Island but want your vehicle ferried, please arrange service with the Ferry Line Ticket Seller or Ferry Captain. • Please respect the rights of shoreline property owners.

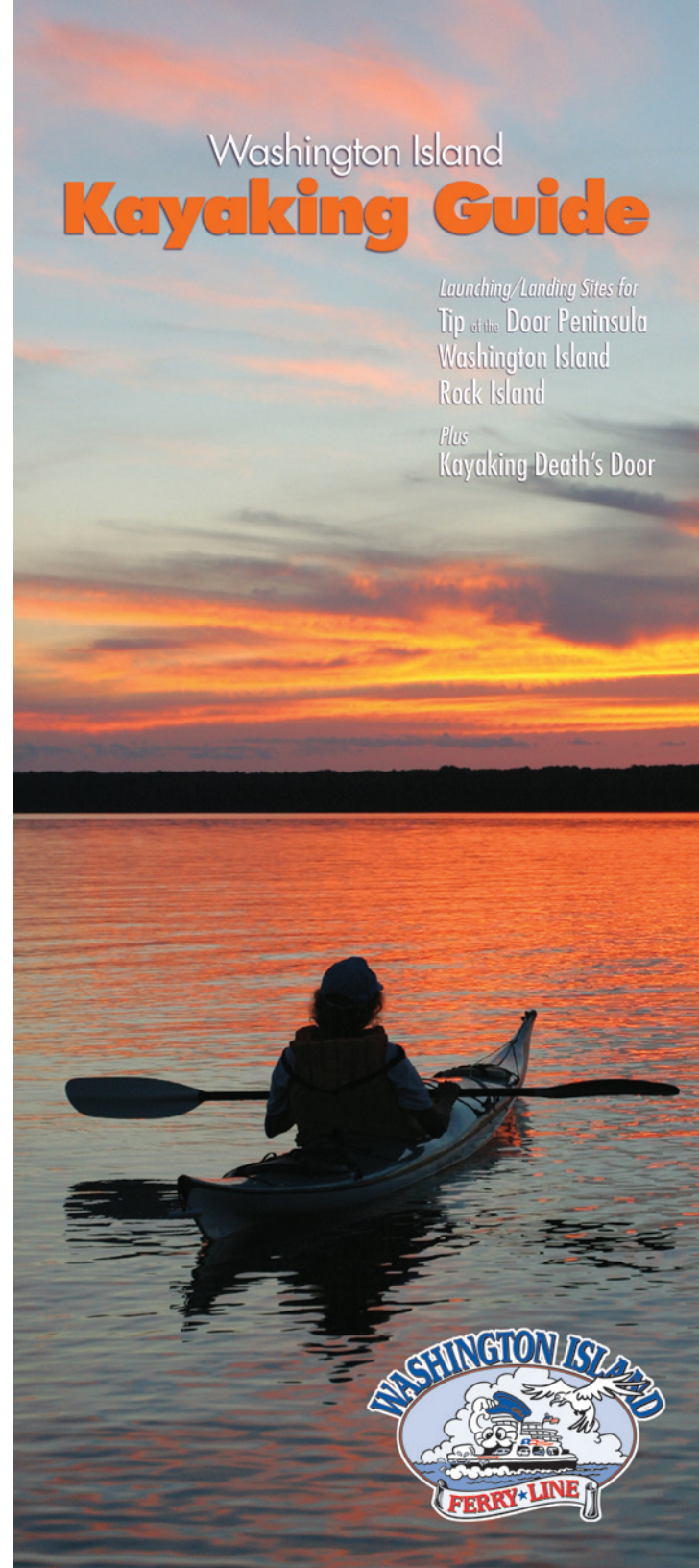


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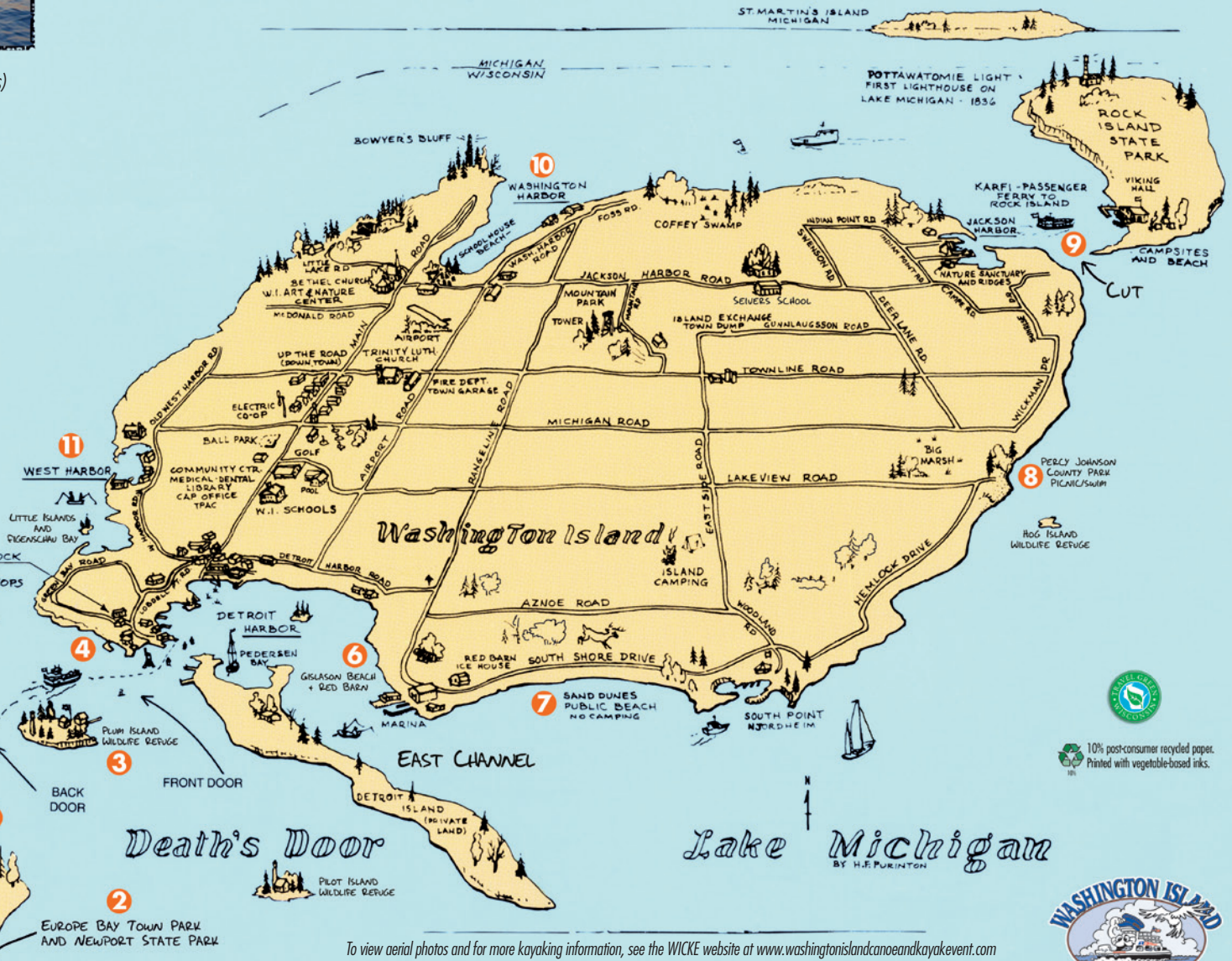
Approximate Distances (In Statute Miles)

Northport to Plum Island	1.3 mi.
Northport Pier to Detroit Harbor	3.7 mi.
Newport State Park to Northport:	4 mi.
Potato Dock to Detroit Harbor	1/4 mi.
Around Detroit Island	8 mi.
Gislaeson Beach to Sand Dunes	3/4 mi.
Gislaeson Beach to Rock Island Cut	7.6 mi.
Around Rock Island	5.8 mi.
Jackson Harbor to School House Beach	4.5 mi.
School House Beach to West Harbor	6.4 mi.
West Harbor to Detroit Harbor	3.2 mi.

Green Bay

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