

VENDOVI ISLAND PRESERVE

VISITOR GUIDELINES

- Hours of visitation: Thursday-Monday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm, April 1 through September 30. The Preserve is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the open season.
- Please sign in/out using sign-in sheets provided at kiosk at head of dock.
- Harvesting of plants, animals, driftwood, firewood, and other natural objects is prohibited except by special permission.
- Kayakers may use dock or beach in front of caretaker home to land their craft.
- No groups larger than 10 unless prior arrangements made (email <u>vendovi@sipt.org</u> to make arrangements). This does not guarantee dock space, which is first come, first served.
- Public restroom is closed, as our water supply and septic system have limited capacity. Please use other facilities before your visit.
- Do not feed or approach wildlife; avoid walking on breakwater.
- No anchoring in cove.
- Hike on established trails. Do not walk on delicate wildflower meadows.
- No camping.
- No overnight moorage.
- Pack out all garbage including food and pet waste.
- No firearms or hunting.
- No bicycles allowed.
- No beach fires.
- Pets must be leashed at all times.

ACCESSING VENDOVI ISLAND

Vendovi Island is accessible by private boat, water taxi, and human-powered watercraft such as sea kayaks. There is a 70-ft. dock protected by a breakwater inside the north cove. ALL vessels, including skiffs and kayaks, must either dock or land at the north cove. Dock space is first-come, first served. Anchoring inside breakwater is not allowed, for protection of nearshore habitat.

Several commercial water taxi companies based in Anacortes and Bellingham will make stops at Vendovi. Sea kayakers should be aware of potentially rough crossings from both the southwest

(Guemes Island) and the northeast (Bellingham Bay).

