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# San Juan Islands National Monument



People have lived in TETĀĆES, the San Juan archipelago and Canadian Gulf Islands, since time immemorial. Oral histories and archeological evidence tell us that Coast Salish peoples arrived in the region around 14,000 years ago, when the Vashon glaciers had retreated far enough to the north to expose the islands.

Today, the diverse habitats found in the San Juans range from farmland and towns to second-growth Douglas fir forests, coastal wetlands, and open grasslands. National Monument staff work with other national, state, and local organizations to protect island landscapes and ecosystems.

There are many ways to experience the spectacular lands and waters of the San Juan Islands. The region offers outstanding kayaking, hiking, and camping, as well as opportunities for wildlife viewing and birding.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- **Location:** Accessible by ferry from Anacortes, WA
- **No fees:** Except at 3 sites co-managed as state parks
- **Ecosystems:** Forest, coastal prairie, beaches, wetlands, lighthouses, old farmsteads, small rocks and islands
- **Small sites, popular places:** Many of the Monument's sites are well known and are often crowded in summer. Parking can be limited and you will encounter others.

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