

Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring Island, the jewel of the Southern Gulf Islands, is known for its large number of artists, sculptors, musicians, popular summertime Village Market and numerous outdoor activities such as kayaking, hiking, and mountain biking. It's natural beauty, laid-back lifestyle and arts community is reason enough to check this island out!

Getting There:

Option 1: City Bus & BC Ferries (\$10.75 - \$35 one way, about 1.5hrs)

1 #70 Swartz Bay City Bus to Ferry Terminal
Fare: \$3.00 (exact change required)
Departs: About every half hour.
Arrives: Right at the ferry terminal about an hour later.
Estimated Travel Time: About 1hr bus ride. You can catch the bus on Douglas Street at Pandora Avenue.
Info: www.bctransit.com / 382-6161

2 BC Ferry to Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island
Fare: Adult return fare is \$8 (until June 26, 2007), \$8.30 (June 27 - Sept 9, 2007).
Departs: Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal every odd hour from 7am to 9pm, except for Sundays, when there is no 7am crossing. This schedule is effective until June 26, 2007.
Estimated Travel Time: 30min crossing to Fulford Harbour.
Info: www.bcferries.com

Option 2: Driving & BC Ferries (\$10.75 - \$35 one way, about 1.5hrs)

1 From the hostel, follow Blanshard Street away from town (North). This turns into the Pat Bay Highway and this terminates at Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal.

2 BC Ferry to Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island
Fare: Adult return fare is \$8 (until June 26, 2007), \$8.30 (June 27 - Sept 9, 2007). A car is extra at \$22.90 (off-peak season) or \$26.45 (peak season).
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Estimated Travel Time: 30min crossing to Fulford Harbour.
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Getting Around Salt Spring:

There is no bus service on Salt Spring so here are some alternatives if you don't want to walk it or cab it.

Salt Spring Kayaking

Despite the name, you can rent your bike here, located conveniently at the Fulford Wharf. Just be warned, this is a hilly island!!
2923 Fulford Ganges Road
Info: 1-250-653-4222
sskayak@saltspring.com / www.saltspringkayaking.com

Saltspring Marine Rentals Ltd.

Rent your scooter or car here!
126-4 Upper Ganges Road
Info: 1-250-537-5464
jaysmall@telus.net / www.saltspring.com/rentals

Ganges Faerie

An all year mini-shuttle bus service that picks up and drops off at a number of different locations from 7am - 6pm.
Info: 1-250-537-6758
www.gangesfaerie.com

Accommodation:

There are plenty of places to stay all around the island, however, there isn't too much in terms of budget accommodation--especially in the summertime. And yes, it's true, there's no longer a hostel on Salt Spring. Here are some suggestions for those on a budget:

Ruckle Provincial Park is located at the southern tip of Salt Spring and is a great seaside park with many nature trails and the cheapest camping on the island.
Info: 1-250-653-4115

Ganges Campground

Offers 50 camping spots only a half km from Mobys Pub.
150 Leisure Land
Info: 1-250-537-1210
<http://gangescampground.com>

Garden Faire Gallery, Nursery & Campground

10min walk via Mouat Park trails to downtown Ganges.
305 Rainbow Road
Info: 1-250-537-4346
gardenfaire@saltspring.com / www.gardenfaire.ca

Valhalla Sleeping Units

Geared to budget minded outdoors types with outhouse style composting toilets.
601 Upper Ganges Road
Info: 1-250-538-1992
reservations@valhallasleepingunits.com / www.valhallasleepingunits.com

Seabreeze Inne

One of cheaper hotels, a 10min walk to downtown Ganges.
101 Bittancourt Road
Info: 1-800-434-4112
info@seabreezeinne.com / www.seabreezeinns.com

Fulford Inn Pub

A place to sleep AND drink!
2661 Fulford Ganges Road
Info: 1-800-652-4432
innkeeper@fulfordinn.com / www.fulfordinn.com

