



Kayak Camping

Friday August 5th we left Deer Harbor headed to Sucia Island for a little relaxation in the wild. Getting there was a little lumpy at times. The wind forecast was not great so we needed to find a good protected anchorage. We settled on Echo Bay and dropped the hook for a good set.

So far the weather this trip has been less than optimal. We've had moderate wind every day and while there hasn't been much rain there's always a chill in the air with temperatures only 62-70 degrees. Everyday feels like a pretty nice fall day. Not what we want for an August boat trip!!

Regardless of the weather, the boys were excited to get off the boat and camp on the island for a couple nights on their own. After we anchored and got the kayaks and dinghy down they packed up their things and loaded the kayaks for the paddle in to shore to find a camp spot. They found a great spot overlooking the bay and gathered a stock of firewood. The boys had a fun time cooking some meals over the fire and roasting s'mores.

The next day we decided to check out Fossil Bay a short distance away. Skylar and Dylan wanted to kayak over but the wind was whipping up a bit. They needed a chase boat for

their adventure so Julie, Ava and I gave them a head start and we followed them in the dinghy. The waves got a little steep in some areas but we were very close to shore and the dinghy was right there handling it great. The boys had a blast in the rough stuff, water coming over their kayaks as they surfed down the waves into the next one. We got into Fossil Bay and the kids emptied the water that accumulated inside their kayaks.

We stayed over there for a few hours enjoying the lunch we brought, walking the beaches and Skylar and Dylan hiked out to one of the points. The wind calmed down for our ride home (Skylar and Dylan wished it hadn't) and the kids had another great night camping on the island.





The Camp!





