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### Kayak From Deep Bay To Norris Rocks (paddling)

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Wed Jan 21, 2015

 Leader: **Glenn Ord**

 Co-Leader: **Sheila Ord**

The Gang of Four set out about 10:00 am from Deep Bay Marina. We all opted to use the small beach on the side of the boat ramp to launch our kayaks from (to avoid the launch fee). The weather forecast was for a mix of sun and cloud, though as it turned out, it was a mix of atmospheric clouds. The marine report indicated light winds, and that held true, though by early afternoon, we did experience some chop and an increasing SE wind.

We passed over substantial beds of sand dollars in the clear water. Baynes Sound was placid in the morning, with very little boat traffic and we paddled leisurely to Denman Island, past the Chrome Island lighthouse and a group of seals. Once we rounded the corner, we could hear the raucous sea lions of Norris Rocks. We paused to admire sea stars below and eagles above and then made a bee line to Norris Rocks. As we approached the rocks, we did not go unnoticed and groups of sea lions were despatched to "welcome" us. We kept a fair distance from the rocks and circumnavigated the islet, then headed for Hornby Island for a "relief" break. It never really warmed up so after eating a little, we decided to head back to Deep Bay.

We returned with the beautiful backdrop of Vancouver Island in front of us, and took a different tack around Chrome Island and then had a wind assisted return to Deep Bay. Once our kayaks were back on the vehicles, we went into the coffee shop and all four of us enjoyed delicious hot clam chowder.

Another fabulous day on the water....18km of paddling



*Deep Bay departure*  
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Out on the strait*  
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Stellar sea lions on Norris rocks*



*Plenty of activity*

[Glenn Ord photo]



*Landing on Hornby for lunch*  
[Glenn Ord photo]

[Glenn Ord photo]



*Interesting clouds over Mt  
Arrowsmith*  
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Chrome Island approach*  
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Returning to Deep Bay*  
[Glenn Ord photo]



*Our route overlaid on Google Maps*  
[Brian Jackson photo]

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