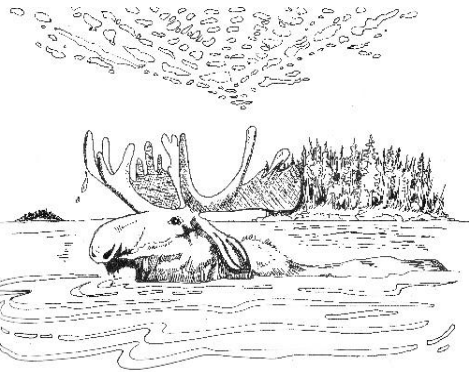
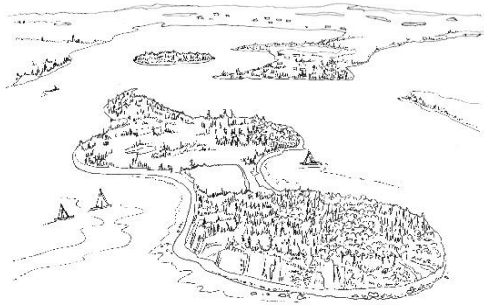
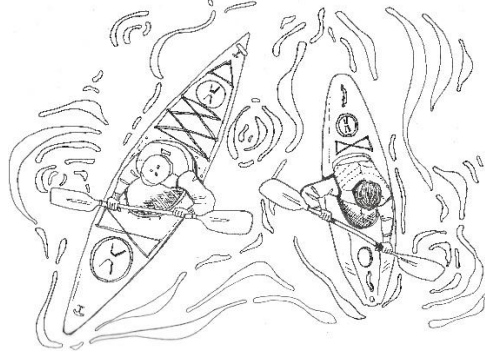


Flora, fauna and feathered friends are abundant and thriving on the islands. Did you know that bird poop (guano) is sometimes called **white gold** because it is so valuable in building island ecosystems?

Large and small mammals have been seen in the water between the mainland and the islands including moose, deer, porcupine, seals, otters and porpoises.



Many of the islands can be viewed from the mainland and are accessible by power boat, kayak, sailboat or yacht. Be sure to book a local tour guide or use the public moorings. Take care to not damage the sea life on the ocean floor.

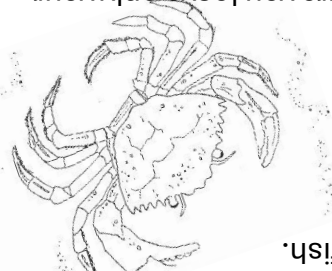


Learn more about the islands, conservation and the artist at Whiskey Jack Gallery, Indian Point, Mahone Bay where you can look at original art, articles, videos and VR footage of the islands.



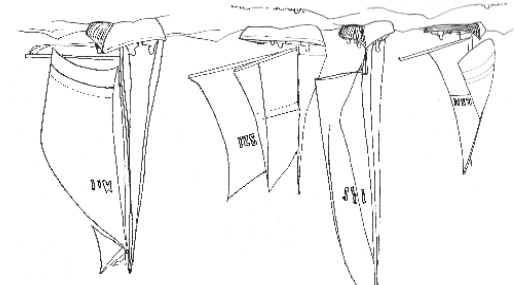
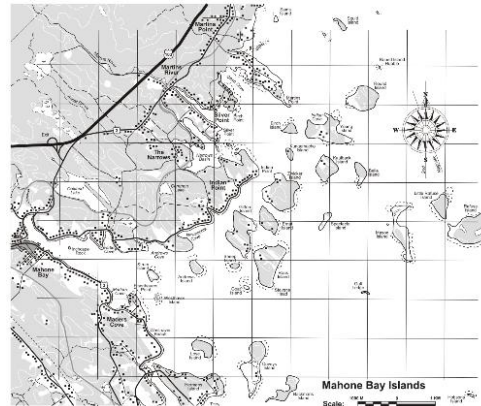
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Ensure you leave only your footprints behind and respect the caretakers are doing to monitor incredible work that island activity and ensure the islands maintain their natural state.



Sea life around the islands has fluctuated with changing temperatures and erosion. Once abundant, you must be diligent to see crabs, sand dollars, and sunfish.

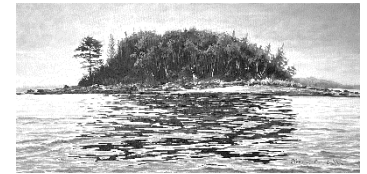
The current list of protected islands includes: Andrews, Backmans, Bella, Birch (2), Centre, Chockle Cap, Coveys, Dry, Ernst, Goat, Little Duck, Long, Lynch, Mason, Moland Point, Quaker, Sacrifice, Shag, Sheep, Snake, Snipe, Squid and Zwicker Island.



MICA was established in 2003 in response to a private purchase and development of Strum Island. The islands were not protected under a conservation organization, the raw beauty might not be there for the next generation.

Mahone Bay Islands

Of the 300 islands in Mahone Bay, 24 have been brought into public ownership over the past 20 years.



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