

Kayak with Friends of Fort Flagler

Friends of Fort Flagler (FOFF) has partnered with Olympic Kayak Tours (OKT) to offer some unique experiences for our members. Three different trips have been scheduled with different focuses for our members. Members receive a \$20.00 discount per Person. Membership starts at \$15.00, and you can take pride in knowing your contribution support Friends of Fort Flagler. Interested in



becoming a member? Visit: <https://friendsoffortflagler.org/>. The membership discount applies only to the trips listed below. You will need a discount code to take advantage of your FOFF discount which will be sent to you upon becoming a member.

The kayak trips are led by Sam Kaviar, the founder of the new wildlife watching eco sea kayaking company Olympic Kayak Tours LLC that has opened up as a concession in Fort Flagler State Park lower campground. Sam worked for the USGS studying salmon habitat restoration at the Nisqually delta and at delta's around Washington State. He was also a scientifically published pygmy sloth researcher in Panama and Fulbright recipient. He has kayak guided in the San Juan Islands, Norway, and San Diego and previously operated Kayak Nisqually.

Sat. Jul. 17th @ 2:45pm – Paddle to the mouth of Kilisnoet Harbor by Rat Island and observe and learn about the Pacific Harbor Seals. There is a rookery on the island and July is a perfect time to watch the pups with the moms. We will be staying at least 150' away from the mothers and pups and observing them through binoculars. Harbor seals are very curious creatures and may come to check us out. Meet at the OKT Kayak base in the lower campground.



Fri. Aug. 20th @ 11:30 – Paddle on the eastern side of Marrowstone Island and look for wildlife such as Harbor Porpoises and Bigg's Orcas. We can never guarantee wildlife sightings, but this is usually a good place to see them. This trip is also dependent on weather conditions. Meet at the OKT Kayak base in the lower campground and then caravan over to the Marrowstone Point parking area.

Sat. Oct. 16th @ 10:30 - Kayak around Rat Island to see migratory birds, especially shorebirds. 10:45-11:45 orientation, 11:45-2 kayaking and wildlife watching. Meet at the OKT Kayak base in the lower campground.

About the kayak trips:

- Cost \$79.00 + tax per person before any discount. To enter the discount code, go to Additional Information, and the first question is where you enter the discount code which you must be from FOFF first!
- Trip Duration including orientation is 3 hours.
- Each trip can have up to 10 people with two persons per kayak.
- The first hour is spent orienting you on gear, safety and getting to know your kayak. The remainder of the trip is spent in the water kayaking and discussing what we're seeing.
- Wildlife is unpredictable and we can never guarantee sightings.
- If the weather is unsafe, the trip will be cancelled, and you will receive a full refund. Bring layers and a rain jacket just in case.
- Discover Pass required for parking.

Registration: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/kayaknisqually/items/314154/?full-items=yes&flow=no>

Questions? Check out their FAQ: <https://www.olympickayaktours.com/copy-of-faq>

Friends of Fort Flagler membership: <https://friendsoffortflagler.org/>

