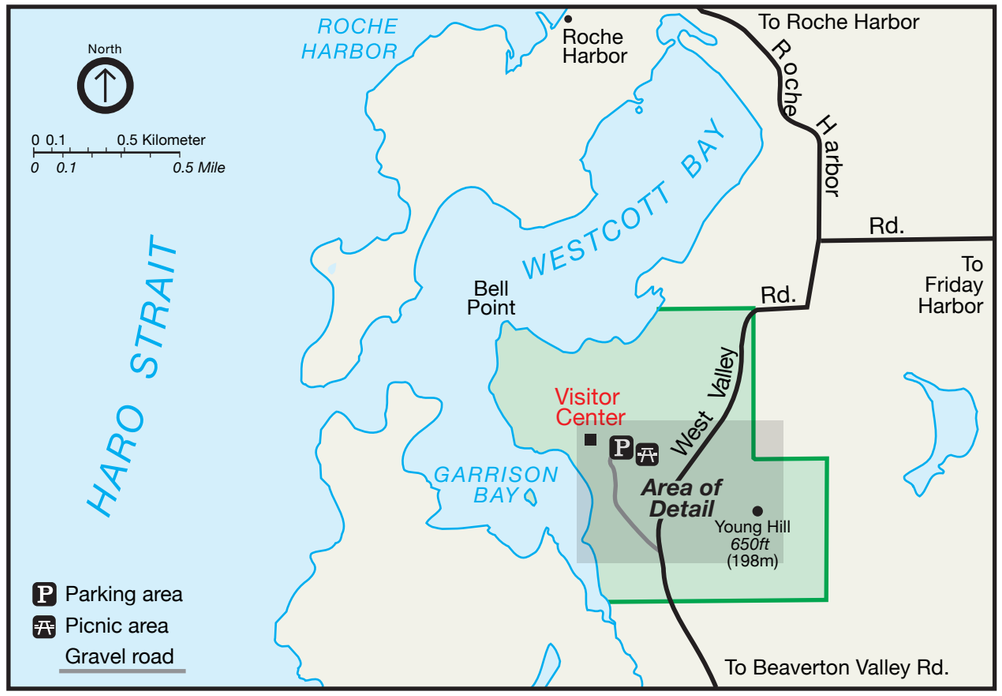
San Juan Island National Historical Park

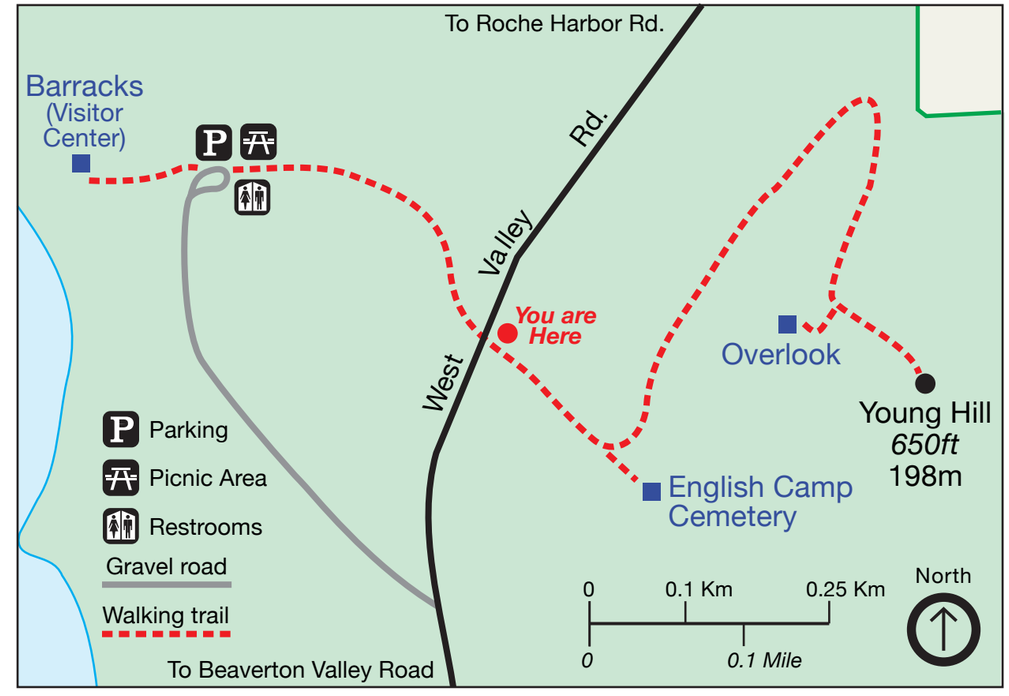
English Camp



Welcome to English Camp, the northern unit of San Juan Island National Historical Park. This site includes nearly 530 acres of saltwater shoreline and forest uplands, plus four historic structures, a small formal garden and a historic cemetery. A visitor center in the Royal Marine barracks is open daily from June to September, and is closed during the winter months. Grounds are open year round from dawn to 11:00 p.m. Pets must be kept on leash within park boundaries. Natural features and ruins must be left undisturbed.

Use common sense and play safely. Look out for insecure footing on primitive trails, steep cliffs, and rock outcrops. Watch for downed limbs and overhanging tree branches. Swimming is not advised due to strong currents and cold water. Wasps can be a summer hazard.

Young Hill



***Young Hill* — Hike the fairly steep trail up 650 feet to the top of Young Hill for a panoramic view of the island's northwest corner. A wayside exhibit just below the summit offers a historical perspective and identifies various features in the Canadian Gulf and San Juan Islands. (0.6 mi.)**

***English Camp Cemetery* — The cemetery is located at the end of a spur trail on the way to the Young Hill summit. Six Royal Marines and one civilian were interred here during the joint occupation. (0.1 mi.)**