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Subject: San Juan Islands

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The San Juan Islands in Puget Sound are among the best scenery you can find. It's a summer destination only. Remote, evergreen-covered rocks with occasional tourist towns. There are whales, bald eagles, seaplanes, ferries, kayaks, sailboats and hikes. Friday Harbor airport (FHR; 3,400 ft paved) is an excellent starting point. I just flew into a private strip on Decatur Island -- 2,400 ft, grass -- after months of measuring/calibrating N50ET's field length requirements. It rolled 1,400 ft on takeoff. Wotta airplane. But then it was designed for the Japanese Coast Guard to patrol outlying islands with primitive strips.

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