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In our experience, the best summer trips are the ones that require little in the way of planning ahead, without forfeiting the option to actually do and see a lot. The following destinations are easily accessible and offer plenty of opportunity to both stay put and explore (plus, freedom for the little ones to connect with nature). And in the spirit of minimal effort, we compiled easy packing lists to accommodate all three.

San Juan Islands

The obvious draw of the San Juan Islands, which are a convenient ferry ride (or sea plane trip) from Seattle, is the landscape—the verdant green islands, views of nearby mountain ranges, and pebbled beaches are a stunning backdrop. And while it can absolutely make for a cozy romantic getaway, the opportunities for exploring make it a bucket-list spot for families: Kids love camping, whale-watching, and hanging out on the beaches, plus there's plenty to discover in the cozy harbor towns (lighthouses, fish markets, and even an adorable little alpaca farm). Bonus: As other summer destinations reach scorching heats, cool Pacific breezes keep the San Juans moderate from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Stay



Leanto

360.298.1684

Leanto operates several campsites on Orcas Island, each one outfitted with



Friday Harbor House

130 W. St., Friday Harbor / 866.722.7356

Accommodations in the San Juans

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Other Places To GO

Classic Trips For Families There are countless great family getaways; destinations that promise to entertain everyone in the group. But... a canvas lean-to plus a real mattress, bed, and picnic table, with wool blankets and checkered tablecloths that look straight out of *Moonrise Kingdom*. The result? All of the good parts of camping (remote landscape, crackling fire, fresh air, family bonding) without any of the tiresome planning and packing. are notoriously rustic, but if camping's not your jam, book a room here. Friday Harbor House has simply outfitted rooms that center around the gorgeous view of the bay that you'll have right off the porch. They also have a lovely little restaurant and easy walking access to this quaint fishing town.

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Griffin Bay Bookstore

155 Spring St., Friday Harbor | 360.378.5511

Nestled into adorable Friday Harbor and identified by a gold-lettered sign, Griffin Bay Books is every bit the small town bookstore. There's a cute coffee shop inside, and it's a great place to hide out if there's unpredictable weather.



Girl Meets Dirt

Shop

208 Enchanted Forest Rd., Eastsound / 360.375.6269

Girl Meets Dirt's traditional preserves are a beautiful homage to Orca Island's unique history of orcharding. Founder Audra Lawlor moved to her "farmette" after leaving a Wall Street job in the downturn, and hasn't looked back since. You can pick up her preserves (all made with island fruits) at gourmet shops around the country, but she reserves the small-batch specialty stuff for the island. The shop is open weekdays from 9am-5pm, but you can also call

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