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While Trump Island’s name puts it in the spotlight, it’s actually a discreet family-friendly hideaway, says Sophia Wilson.

You’ve heard of Trump Tower, Trump Plaza and Trump Hotels but chances are you have never heard of Trump Island. That is probably because President Trump has never actually stepped foot on, or had anything to do with, this forest-cloaked, 29.4 acre estate in Washington State’s San Juan archipelago.

While there’s no connection, the inauguration of the 45th President did reportedly coincide with a price rise for this island, which sits between the islands of Decatur and Lopez – less than a 45-minute flight from Seattle.

At the heart of the private estate sits a contemporary, ranch style, six bedroom family property. Designed by Seattle architect Rees Hudacek and built in 2000, it combines indoor and outdoor living with multiple sliding glass doors leading to patios and decks to take in the 360 degree ocean views. The home is centered around a communal room with separate wings reaching out to the master bedroom, guest rooms and children’s area with nanny quarters.

The island is self-sufficient with power provided by two 45kW generators and solar panels, and it has its own water collection and purification system. The off-the-grid residence also has an 80,000 gallon pond, vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Perfectly set up for yacht owners, it has a deep water dock measuring 60 x 80ft, which is approved for seaplanes.

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**FACT FILE**

- **Location:** 48°30'16.9"N 122°50'15.0"W
- **Price:** $8.75m
- **Agent:** Windermere Real Estate, windermere.com
- **USP:** A ready-made family home in the sought-after San Juan Islands
- **Celebrity neighbor:** Bill Gates owns a secluded home on nearby Shaw Island
- **Robinson Crusoe factor:** 3/10

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