

Tuesday Excursions

2017 – 2018 Season

	Hikers	Walkers	Ramblers
Sept 12	The 2017-2018 hiking season begins with the Blackberry Festival at Ruckle Park. Meet at noon in the Group Campground. Bring your lunch and a favourite blackberry goodie to share. Don't forget a bowl and a spoon. Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.	There will be a short walk around Ruckle Park before the Blackberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the group camp parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.	Ramblers who wish to attend must make their own way to Ruckle. Car pooling is not being arranged from Centennial Park.
Sept 19	Charles Kahn will lead a moderately strenuous exploration of trails in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m., or at the Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk to Baker Beach. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance the end of Quarry Drive at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Harold Page is cancelled
Sept 26	Wander deep into the Musgrave on an adventure with Bill Goddu. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. and Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk to wander the fields of the Burgoyne Bay area. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay at 10:20 a.m.	Ramble with Kathy Darling to SS Wild Cider, Meet at Country Grocer parking lot opposite the Liquor store at 10 am
Oct 3	Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate loop hike on Maple Mountain trails (some steep sections). Lunch stop will be later than usual. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 am. for carpooling to Osborne Bay Park near Camp Qwanoes on Smith Road.	Doreen Fenton will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from the trail head up from Juniper Pl. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20am. There are some rocky steep sections but we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Pl. and follow it up to Spring Gold Way and follow that up to Trustees Trail where you turn right and continue on until you come to the end of the road and the trail head.	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park and go from there.
Oct 10	Join Ashley Hilliard on a hike into the northern portion of Ruckle Park. This is a moderate hike but sturdy footwear and poles	Kathleen Maser will lead us on a walk back through history - the fascinating story of Cusheon Cove. We will meet at the Myer's road	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park and go from there.

	(if you like them) recommended. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the start at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m. (left off Beaver Pt Rd onto Bulman, then right at junction with Meyer).	trail head and enjoy the Chris Hatfield trail to Cushion Cove. Chris himself will greet us there, lead us around the site, which was recently acquired by BC parks as an addition to Ruckle Park. This is land steeped in history, from extensive middens to the archaeological findings of Salt Spring's largest saw mill operating in the early 1900's and through to its recent history, a salmon fish farm and hatchery. Time will be spent with Chris in his museum where the number of artifacts, all dug up by this man himself, rival those of Barkerville. We will have our lunch on the property, perhaps in the orchard of 100 year old apples trees, then hike back to Myers Rd. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or 10:20 am at the trail head at the southeast end of Meyer Road.	
Oct 17	Gale & David Buffett will lead a moderately strenuous hike up Mount Maxwell exploring various trails. We will be parking at the corner of Armand Way and Seymour Heights; starting at the trail head at the end of Seymour Heights. Plan for a lunch stop at the summit before descending down to Armand Way and back to the cars. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 am & those traveling from the south end can meet at 10 am at the corner of Dukes Road and Fulford-Ganges Road.	Join Jenny Meyer walking along the trails, pathways and roads in and around Ganges. A few special stops along the way. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park and go from there.
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<p>Nov 7</p>	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate off-island hike to Stoney Hill (Maple Bay area). A new access road and CRD trail give a new look to a hike we used to do . . . several beautiful lookouts to Salt Spring Island! Meet at Portlock in time to leave no later than 8.45 am to carpool on the 9:25 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.</p>	<p>Elaine Senkpiel will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing and some steep sections. Walking poles may be handy, and we will have lunch on Ekaine's deck. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Rd. and Tern Rd at 10.20.</p>	<p>No leader yet. Meet at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot.</p>
<p>Nov 14</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a 3-4 hour partially new hike (to some) in Ruckle Park starting from Beaver Point Hall, east through the woods to the big trees, and Merganzer Pond, over a beautiful mossy hill, down along the coast for some great views and on to the day parking lot in Ruckle Park. If time permits we can also go around the campground and around to Grandma's beach (Harlequins maybe?) and return to the day parking. For the required car shuttle, we will have already parked a shuttle car in the day parking lot (before 10:05am) to return the drivers around 2-3pm to Beaver Point Hall. Poles will be handy especially if it has been raining. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m, or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 a.m.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination..</p>	<p>Meet Betty Ball at 10 am at Country Grocer parking lot. Walk Norton road, Kingslane. Lunch at the Pizza Place Up Town. Meeting at 10 am Country Grocer Parking Lot</p>

<p>Nov 21</p>	<p>Climb from the end of Mereside Road up to the Bryant Hill trail then take the connector to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. We will have lunch with a lovely view to the south, hopefully. Then it is all downhill. Susan Fussell will lead this easy to moderate hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area near the end of Mereside Road at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Rob Mason will lead us on a walk along the Chris Hatfield trail past Yeo point to lunch at King's Cove, then retrace our steps to Meyers Rd. It is an easy walk with some small rocky parts along the ocean. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at the trail head on the east end of Meyers Rd at 10:20am. Rob Mason will lead us on a walk along the Chris Hatfield trail past Yeo point to lunch at King's Cove, then retrace our steps to Meyers Rd. It is an easy walk with some small rocky parts along the ocean. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00am or meet at the trail head on the east end of Meyers Rd at 10:20am.</p>	<p>Harold Page walks new pathways. Meet at 10 am</p>
<p>Nov 28</p>	<p>Sue and Al Lehmann lead a strenuous hike up Mount Tuam and across and down the Garry Oak meadows. Some sections will be steep and may be slippery. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd. Drivers be aware that Mountain Rd is a single lane winding dirt road with potholes.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.</p>	<p>Kathy Darling and Frauke lead a walk on Long Harbour</p>
<p>Dec 5</p>	<p>Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a moderate hike up and down Reginald Hill (some steep and slippery sections), then around the loop trail on the Tsawout lands, with lunch on the beach overlooking Russell Island. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at 10:05 a.m. at the</p>	<p>From Artspring to Baker Beach and back - somewhat circular route through parks, across fields and along paths and byways. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. Leader - Andrea Rankin</p>	<p>Meet Betty Ball at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot. Ramble on Norton Rd, Kings Lane. Lunch at the Pizza Place Up Town.</p>

	parking area at the end of Morningside Drive by the mailboxes and before gate to Reginald Hill.		
Dec12	Sheryl Taylor-Munro will lead hikers (and fast walkers) on the quieter roads in Ganges. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church. 110 Park Drive, for a hike/walk before the Christmas lunch.	Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Ganges area before the Christmas luncheon. The route will be weather dependent, but it will include some road walking and some trails through the forest. Meet at the Anglican Church parking lot at 10:00am.	Christmas Lunch at all Saints Anglican Church.
Jan 2	For those not quite ready to leave the holidays behind, but are keen to get a bit of exercise, we'll begin 2018 with something a little different. Beth Hall will lead a moderate hike up and down through the Channel Ridge trails, with some steep, slippery sections, covering 8.5 km and finishing at her house in time for lunch. Bring your own sandwich (or ??) and Beth will provide mulled wine (or soft cider) and dessert. That way, we can ease into the new hiking season and ease out of the holiday season at the same time. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 a.m. or the Canvasback entrance to the Channel Ridge trails at 10:00 a.m.	Meet at Artspring at 10am and pick a leader and a walk. January 9th. Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 a.m.	No Ramble

<p>Jan 9</p>	<p>Climb from the end of Mereside Road up to the Bryant Hill trail then take the connector to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve. We will have lunch with a lovely view to the south, hopefully. Then it is all downhill. Susan Fussell will lead this easy to moderate hike. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area near the end of Mereside Road at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Lorrie Storr will lead a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Ramble with Harold Page along the New Pathways around Ganges. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Lunch or coffee at Barbs Buns.</p>
<p>Jan16</p>	<p>Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attop. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. Depending on the weather leading up to mid-January, there may be some tricky creeks to cross. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. Carry on from Drummond Park to the end of Maxham Road to meet Leader Jean.</p>	<p>Join Wendy McClean walking along the trails of Mouats Park and up to Bishops Walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Sterling McEachern will lead a Ramble in Vesuvius Area. Meet at 10am at Centennial Park .Lunch at Sea Side Kitchen.</p>
<p>Jan 23</p>	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back. There are some sections off-trail and a bit rough. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 am or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd.</p>	<p>Kees Visser will lead a moderate walk at the Peter Arnell Park plus a part of the Linear Trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 or at Stewart Rd behind the concrete barrier at the Peter Arnell Park trail head at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathy Darling takes us up to Channel Ridge. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park ,Lunch at Vesuvius Café.</p>

	and Cranberry Rd. at 9:50 am. If we get snow in the interim I can switch to a lower location.		
Jan 30	Hike in and around the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve with Ashley Hilliard. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. Southenders can join at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.	Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park, then along the road to Vesuvius beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk in the forest alongside the creek. Meet at Artspring at 10.00 a.m. to carpool or the Duck Creek trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10.15	Ev Pringle takes us to the Churchill Rd Area. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Lunch at the Harbour House.
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