

DATE	HIKERS	WALKERS	RAMBLERS
Tue Sep 13	The 2017-18 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.		
Tue Sep 13	Meet at the group camp parking lot at 10 am for a short hike before the Festival.	No Ramble before the festival	
Tue Sep 20			
Tue Sep 27			
Tue 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.
Tue 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 (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).	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 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	Ramblers meet at Centennial park.

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		<p>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.</p>	
Tue Oct 17	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ramblers meet at Centennial Park.</p>
Tue Oct 24	<p>Hike the Hope Hill trails with Carol Melton and Jean Attop in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points, if weather permits. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout FN reserve. Walk down Bridgeman Rd and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the W boundary and returning along the beachside trail, lunch on the beach, and back up the road. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to meet at Beaver</p>	<p>Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park.</p>

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		Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 am.	
Tue Oct 31	<p>Blackburn Loops: Explore the area around Blackburn Road with Marc and Karen Munro. We'll walk a series of loops including some roads and one steep climb. It's about 12km.</p> <p>Meet at ArtSpring at 9.45 a.m. or at the parking lot at Blackburn Nature Reserve, Blackburn Road 10.00 a.m.</p>	<p>Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will do some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Rd at about 10:15 am</p>	Ramblers meet at 10 am at centennial park.
Friday Oct 27	7-9pm at the Lion's Hall, public welcome, Daniel Donnecke, an expert birder living in Saanich, Salt Spring's contact for the Audubon Christmas Birdcount, will be speaking about his experiences with birding with some lovely photos he has managed to catch of his favourite birds.		
Tue Nov 7	<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>	No leader yet. Meet at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot. North Beach and Fernwood. Lunch at the Café .
Tue Nov 14	<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</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>

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	<p>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>		
Tue Nov 21	<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.</p>	<p>Harold Page walks new pathways. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park. Coffee or Lunch at Barbs Buns.</p>
Tue Nov 28	<p>Cancelled Rain: 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>Cancelled Rain: 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 Rd. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Bring a Lunch.</p>

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Thurs Nov 30	At the Salt Spring Library, 7-9pm, Salt Spring Resident, Lo Camp, well known Biologist, Wilderness Guide, and raconteur will speak about his experiences in Hiking and guiding in the Canadian Wilderness		
Tue Dec 5	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 parking area at the end of Morningside Drive by the mailboxes and before gate to Reginald Hill.	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 (537-1904)	Meet Betty Ball at 10 am at Country Grocer Parking Lot. Ramble on Norton Rd, Kings Lane. Lunch at the Pizza Place Up Town.
Tue Dec 12	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
Tue Dec 12	Get together with your Club friends for a friendly gathering at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church in Ganges (110 Park Drive at Lower Ganges Road) 11-1:30. Tickets for this year's event are only \$20. Tickets are available from SS Soapworks (next to the Library) until Dec 8th. Catering is by El Loco Taco offering a Do-It-Yourself Taco Bar or you can put your lunch on a plate if you prefer. There is something for everyone - meats, vegetarian or gluten-free. Hot items: Any combination of Grilled Beef, Chicken, Pork, White Lime Rice and Refried Beans Toppings to choose from include: Salsa, Lime Pickled Onions, Cabbage, Cheese, Cilantro, Fresh Limes, Jalapenos, Baja Sauce, Fresh Guacamole And lots of Corn Tortillas to wrap if you wish. Coffee, tea, punch & a selection of sweets are included. Cash bar (beer & wine). Short outings led by Lorrie Storr and Sheryl Taylor-Munro are scheduled before the luncheon.		
Tue 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	Meet at Artspring at 10am and pick a leader and a walk.	No Ramble

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	<p>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.</p>		
Tue Jan 9	<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>
Tue Jan 16	<p>Hike some Mt. Tuam Ecological Reserve trails with Jean Attorp. 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>

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Tue Jan 23	<p>Cancelled – Rain: 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. and Cranberry Rd. at 9:50 am. If we get snow in the interim I can switch to a lower location.</p>	<p>Cancelled – Rain: 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>
Tue Jan 31	<p>Burgoyne Bay hike with Ashley Hilliard: Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to the start point at the end of Furness Road (near the Salt Spring Brewery), or join there at 10:00 a.m.. We will hike along the trails in Burgoyne Bay Park, passing the boulders, to Daffodil Point. From there we will circle back. Bonus at the end: a visit the Brewery tasting room (if they are open that afternoon). This is a moderate hike but the trails will be muddy in sections.</p>	<p>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 a.m.</p>	<p>Ev Pringle takes us to the Churchill Rd Area. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park. Lunch at the Harbour House.</p>
Thur Feb 1	<p>7-9pm at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave. Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is sponsoring a presentation by Janie Wray, the lead researcher, at the BC Whales Research Facility near Hartley Bay in the Great Bear Rainforest on monitoring whales by sound and by tail/fluke markings. Surprising new information has come out of their research. Go to www.BCwhales.org and http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/researchers-puzzled-by-humpback-whale-wave-off-b-c-coast</p>		
Tue Feb 6	<p>Sue and Al Lehmann will 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</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>Marjorie and Brain Radford lead a Ramble at Shepherds Hills Rd. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>		
Tue Feb 13	<p>Tudor will lead a hike in Ruckle Park. This will be an 'easyish' hike. We will join the trail near the farm at Trail marker #10 and up to the high point #6 then to the ocean #5 and along to grandma's beach via #2 & #1 and back to the cars. Bring binoculars, we might see whales! Hazards, muddy stretches and greasy rocks. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the Heritage parking area at Ruckle Park (just after the turkeys) at 10:15</p>	<p>Rob Mason will lead a moderate walk along Reginald Hill road to the Tsawout Reserve where we will walk the Tsawout trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool to the parking area where Morningside road meets Reginald Hill road, or meet us there at about 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Ramble on Northend Beach Rd with Frauke Prystawik. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling ,or Fernwood Dock. Coffee or Lunch at Fernwood Café.</p>
Tue Feb 20	<p>Angie will lead an easy 4 hour hike from ArtSpring to Vesuvius, starting from Moutat Park to the Farmers Institute, across private fields (with permission) to Lower Ganges Road, then along the Pathway to Booth Canal Rd. and the end of Harrison Rd. The trail will take us to Baker Beach for lunch, returning via Quarry Rd. and Baker Ridge Trail to Baker Rd. on to Lower Ganges Rd. to Foxglove and back roads to ArtSpring. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45</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 Elaine's deck. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trail head near Broadwell Rd. and Tern Rd at 10.20 am.</p>	<p>Betty Ball takes us on a Ramble to Tripp Rd. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am for Carpooling. Coffee or Lunch at the Golf Club.</p>
Thur Feb 22nd	<p>7-9 pm at the Library. Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club is pleased to sponsor a presentation by Charles Kahn titled "The Beautiful Gulf Islands". This month we will see the launch of the 4th addition of his well known guidebook "Hiking the Gulf Islands". Charles is well known for his writing, hiking, kayaking, his work to acquire land for public recreational use, and last but not least his efforts in developing and maintaining walking trails on SSI.</p>		

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Tue Feb 27	Gary Quiring will lead an adventurous hike in Mt Tuam Crown Lands from the ocean. Steep sections with lots of rough terrain. Great trees and views are the reward. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10:00	Come and join Kathleen Maser and birder, Ken Mugridge on a walk to scout out the birds of Ruckle Park. There are a number of exciting species of waterfowl that shelter in the bays throughout our winter months. Don't forget to bring your binoculars. We will depart from ArtSpring promptly at 10 am, or meet us at the middle parking lot at Ruckle about 10:20 am.	Leaders choice Ramble with Harold Page. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.
Mar 6	Mar 6: Jan & Larry McIntyre will lead a moderately strenuous hike with lots of ups and downs from Peter Arnell Park to Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve via the Bryant Hill linear trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Stewart Rd at Peter Arnell Park behind the concrete barrier at 10:00. This will be a one-way hike so we'll send a few cars up to the Andreas Vogt parking area to facilitate a shuttle at the end of the hike.	Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a walk.	Mar 6: Leader's Choice Ramble with Deborah Miller, Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
Mar 13	Dave and Amy will lead a hike up Mt. Erskine from the Toynbee Road side. The trail is steep at times and can be slippery. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at 10 a.m. at the three way intersection where Cranberry, Mt Maxwell, and Toynbee Roads meet.	Donna Way will lead the Daffodil Walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20 a.m. This is a relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.	Ramble with Sterling at Burgoyne Bay. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. Lunch at the Rock Salt Café in Fulford.
Mar 20	David & Gale Buffett will lead this hike which explores several trails as we ascend the south side of Mount Maxwell from	Lorrie Storr will lead us on an 8 km walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove. There are a few rocky bits, but they are short and we will take it slowly.	Off Island Trip to Hemer Provincial Park Nanaimo with Frauke. Lunch at the Crow and Gate Pub. Meet at Potluck Park at 8:30 for

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	<p>Burgoyne Bay, taking advantage of several look outs. There are steep sections on the trail and it will be a steady climb prior to lunch. We plan to have lunch either at or near the summit before the afternoon descent. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park at 10:00.</p>	<p>Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>carpooling. We will take the 9:25 ferry.</p>
Mar 27	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike from Mt. Maxwell to the Shepherd Hills and back. There are some sections off-trail. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the corner of Fulford-Ganges Rd at Cranberry Rd. at 9:50.</p>	<p>Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from Trustees Trail. There are some rocky steep sections but we will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the trail head at 10:20 a.m. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper Place and follow it up to Spring Gold Way. Follow that up to Trustees Trail where you turn right and continue to the end of the road and the trail head.</p>	<p>Ramble with Kathy Darling in Channel Ridge. Lunch at the Seaside Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m.</p>
Apr 3	<p>Charles Kahn will lead a relatively easy hike up Mount Bruce from Musgrave Road through the Mill Farm Park Reserve with a possible visit to the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve. The length of the hike will depend on the wishes of the group.. Meet at Art Spring at 9:45 to carpool or at Drummond Park at 10:00</p>	<p>Barry and Sheila Spence lead an off-island walk with some uphill sections on Holland Creek Loop Trail, above Ladysmith. Meet at Portlock Park for 8:35 am departure to carpool on Vesuvius Ferry. Likely return on 3:35 pm ferry.</p>	<p>Ann king leads a walk around Ganges, lunch at Dagwoods.</p>
Apr 10	<p>rom Burgoyne Bay up to the outlook above Bold Bluff, and returning along the coast. It will be a long hike, count on return by 2:30.</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon will lead us on a Baker Beach Walk. Meet at 10:00 am at ArtSpring to carpool or at 10:20 am at the end of Quarry Drive. We will</p>	<p>Sterling McEachern will lead a Ramble on Beddis Rd. Meet at Centennial park at 10 am and bring a lunch.</p>

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	There will be a steep ascent at the start and some bush wacking. Meet at 9:45 at Art spring or at 10:00 at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot.	go through the forest down to Baker Beach and walk along the beach to Booth Bay Canal where we will have lunch. We will then retrace our steps back to Quarry Drive.	
Apr 17	The TBA hike next week will be to Maracaibo. We will only be carpooling so please meet at ArtSpring no later than 9:45. The hike will be easy to moderate. Our hike leader will be Franz Scherubl.	Jenny Meyer will lead a walk in the Fernwood area. It will be a combination of beach and road walking, with lunch on the beach under the "beacon". Consider that the beach will be wet and slippery under foot. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 am or Fernwood dock at 10:20 am	Trip to Honey Moon Bay to see the Spring Flowers with Frauke. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 for carpooling. Lunch at Cowichan Bay.
Apr 24	Karen and Marc will lead this moderate to steep hike along footpaths, from Collins Road to the summit of Mt Erskine, weather and fairies permitting. Start at the Jack Fisher trail on Collins Road. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to car pool.	Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park - up the road to the farm house and on the trail through the woods to Bear Point, walking south mostly alongside the water. There are a few short, steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet in the parking lot after the farm buildings on the right at 10:20 am	Trip to Honey Moon Bay to see the Spring Flowers with Frauke. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 for carpooling. Lunch at Cowichan Bay.
May 1	Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike on Mt. Tzouhalem, taking in the flower reserve and summit. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool on the 9:25 am Vesuvius ferry.	Join the walkers on an off island, guided visit to the Mt Tzouhalem Ecological Reserve with our guide Genevieve Singleton, Ecological Reserve Warden, nature interpreter, who will lead a slow, easy walk to view the spring flowers. And in addition we will learn about the flora and fauna of the area and do a quick look for Western Bluebirds in the Quamichan Lake area. Genevieve is the Bring Back the Bluebird Project Manager, a project of the Cowichan Valley Naturalists's Society. To limit impact on this fragile ecosystem, the group will be	To Duck Creek with Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am or Duck Creek.10:15. Lunch at Vesuvius.

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		<p>limited to 15 members. To confirm your spot, email Rob at robwmason@shaw.ca by April 30th. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool for 8:40 am departure to get on the (9:25am) Vesuvius Ferry. Likely return on 3:35 pm ferry or earlier.</p>	
<p>May 8</p>	<p>A loop trail on the south side of Burgoyne Bay is the last major section of trail needing to be built in the parks. This effort replaces the broom pull for this year, as there is much work to do building the new trail and clearing the existing trails on the south side of Burgoyne. All Walkers and Hikers are encouraged to participate. Bring a lunch and wear work gloves . Saws, loppers, rakes, hoes etc. can all be put to use. Meet at the ArtSpring Parking lot at 9:45 a.m. or at the parking area by the Barns at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 a.m.</p>		<p>Sterling and Maureen Mceachern will lead to the Board Walk in Crofton . Take the 9:25 am Ferry to Crofton as Foot Passenger. Meet at 8:45 at Portluck Park for carpooling to ferry. Lunch will be in Crofton .</p>
<p>May 15</p>	<p>Dave Secord and Amy Adams will lead an intertidal adventure covering lots of ground for Walkers & Hikers, but also focusing on ecology of the foreshore, especially natural history of and human interactions with marine invertebrates. Taking advantage of one of the lowest tides of the year, we will meander on the beach south from the estuary at the head of Fulford Harbour to more than half way to Isabella Point. Our end point and return route (beach or partial road walking) will depend on energy levels and interests of the group. Wear comfortable gumboots or other waterproof footwear with good traction because the substrate will include mud, sand, gravel, cobble, boulder, barnacles, algae, and bedrock. Be prepared for conditions ranging from wind and rain to hot sun, since we'll be out and exposed for several hours. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45am or at the head of Fulford Harbour (across from the old Fulford Inn site) at 10:00 sharp.</p>		<p>10 am at Centennial Park. Nice Weather bring a lunch or lunch in Fulford</p>
<p>May 22</p>	<p>Join Ashley Hilliard for a hike in and around the Alvin Indridson Nature Reserve, which straddles Musgrave Road, in Salt Spring's mountainous south end. Carpool from ArtSpring at 0945 or join the group at Drummond Park at 10:00 am.</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead the walkers to Ruckle Park from the top of Meyer Rd to Yeo Point to Cusheon Cove and back. All downhill until after Cushion Cove to the trail head. We will have a short shuttle up to the top of Meyer Rd. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. Or meet at The</p>	<p>Kathy Darling to Walker Hook. Meet at 10am at Centennial Park. Lunch at Fernwood Café.</p>

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		Chris Hatfield Trail on the Meyer Rd turnaround at 10:20 a.m.	
May 29	Loop hike, from top of Old Divide, SSIC Blackburn Reserve, SS Yoga Centre connector, Blackburn Rd. west, Cranberry Rd. east, with optional return possibilities to Old Divide. The ground may be wet periodically in the Reserve. No lunch stop. Those interested consider Barb's afterward. Meet at Artspring, 9:45 a.m. or just above Salt Spring Way on Old Divide Road at 10:00.	Join Jenny Meyer and Patsy Tipping for a road and beach walk in the Price Road area. Lunch on co-leader's deck overlooking the water. A few uphill stretches on the road and perhaps wet and slippery on the beach. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to carpool the short drive to co-leader's home.	Ann King leads a Ramble on the Chris Hatfield Trail. Meet at 10 a.m. Centennial Park. Lunch in Fulford.
June 5	Susan will lead a short hike in Burgoyne Bay starting at the parking lot, up to the boulders and then higher to a viewpoint. Lunch can be here or at Daffodil Point. Some off-trail hiking. Meet at the ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne parking lot at 10:00 a.m.	Yvonne Gibbon and Sonja Baker will lead a walk through the Reginald Hill Strata to the First Nations Reserve starting at the end of Morningside. This is a moderate to easy walk with some short uphill sections. Please meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or at the end of Morningside at 10:20 a.m.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
June 12	Barry & Sheila will lead a loop hike on the Cowichan River Footpath, starting at Skutz Falls. Moderate but long if the weather is good. Depart Portlock at 8:40 a.m. in carpools.	Rob Mason will lead the walkers through the Bryant Hill Park Trail and up to the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve where we will have lunch and enjoy the views. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:20 a.m.	Leader's Choice Ramble with Marjorie and Brian Radford. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.
June 19	Strawberry Festival The hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival in Ruckle Park. This year's event is being organized by the Hikers. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area to enjoy a		

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	scrumptious dish of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks will be scheduled before lunch.		
June 19	Walkers and Hikers will have a short walk before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at the picnic area in Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m.		Meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park to car pool for a Ramble in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Fest or meet at the picnic area at noon.