

DATE	HIKERS	WALKERS	RAMBLERS
Tue Sep 11	<p>The 2018-2019 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.</p> <p>There will be a short walk in Ruckle Park before lunch. Car pool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the group camp parking lot at 10:20 a.m. Pick a leader from those assembled.</p>		<p>Blackberry Fest at Ruckle Park at 12 noon. Ramblers please arrange your carpooling No organised Ramble before.</p>
Tue Sept 18	<p>Jan and Larry McIntyre will lead a moderate hike with some steep sections up and around Mt Maxwell from Armand Way. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Dukes Road/Fulford-Ganges junction at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead us on a Channel Ridge walk, with some moderate hill climbing. This will be a one way walk going north to Sunset Drive, getting down to the beach and a short walk along the beach to Carol and Mike's home for lunch on their deck on Sunset Drive. After lunch we will have cars parked and ready to take us back to the trailhead where we started in Channel Ridge. 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>Marjorie and Brian Radford lead a ramble to Blackburn Meadows. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park or 10.10 at Fulford Ganges Rd and Blackburn Rd. Bring a Lunch.</p>

<p>Tue Sept 25</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a 3 hr hike in Ruckle Park. Meet at Artspring at 9:45am or at Beaver Point Hall at 10am. The hike will be medium to hard. If it has rained a lot, we may choose a different entrance. You could bring gaiters and poles, if it rains. We will come out at the Day parking lot or Grandma's beach depending on the time and we will have already placed a shuttle car at the day parking to take the drivers back to Beaver Point Hall to get their cars. I will cancel by 8am if there is a bad rain/wind in the area.</p>	<p>Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area. We will walk along Blackburn Rd. to the Conservancy for a short walk and then take the path to the Blackburn Centre. From there we will follow Blackburn Rd. to the trail that takes us up to Frazier Rd., up the trail (steep with many stairs) to Wendy's home where we will eat lunch on her deck. We will return by the same route. 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>	<p>Betty Ball will take us to Mouat Park. Meet at 10 am Centennial Park, after Lunch at Barbs Bu</p>
<p>Tues October 2</p>	<p>Join Kees for a hike along the Peter Arnell linear trail to Bryant Hill with return over the road. This is an easy to moderate hike, meet at Artspring at 9.45 or top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier at 10.00am</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk through Duck Creek Park and then a walk along the road to Vesuvius Beach where we will stop for lunch. This is an easy pleasant walk through the forest alongside Duck Creek. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance on Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Leader needed. Ramblers meet at 10 am Centennial Park.</p>
<p>Tues October 9</p>	<p>Susan will lead a moderate hike up Mt. Maxwell. We will have lunch at Baynes Peak or if that is busy another lookout on the descent. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the parking lot at the end of Armand Way at 10:00.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to pick a leader and a destination.</p>	<p>Ann King leads a Ramble in Crofton along the Board Walk. Meet at Portlock Park at 9.45 am to carpool, and walk on to the 10.30 am ferry. Lunch at Mikes Cafe. Maybe return on the 1.25 pm ferry.</p>

<p>Tues October 16</p>	<p>Angie will lead a hike from Sunset Road to the Channel Ridge trails. Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring to carpool or at the trails entrance between Pringle Farm Rd. & West Eagle Drive at 10:00.</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 Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 am</p>	<p>Sterling and Maureen Mceachern lead a Ramble to Chanel Ridge. Lunch at Sea Site Kitchen. Meet at Centennial Park for carpooling 10.am</p>
<p>Tues October 23</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Lorrie Storr will lead a walk through Burgoyne Park. We will walk the fields and trails and explore a bit of the south side of the bay and perhaps walk out to Daffodil Point depending on the conditions of the fields at the time. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool, or meet at the Burgoyne Bay Park parking at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Bryan Adderly will lead the Ramble to Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park in Cedar .This is an interesting site and umbrella friendly. Leave Portlock Park at 8:30 to catch the 9:20 Ferry from Vesuvius to Crofton. Returning may be the 2:45 from Crofton. Lunch at The Cow and Gate,</p>
<p>Tues October 30</p>	<p>Hike the Hope Hill trails with Jean Attorp and Carol Melton in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points along the way, weather permitting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason will lead a walk up Reginald Hill. This walk has a lot of up hill, but is on pathways, and the views are great. We will take it slowly. 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 am.</p>	<p>Marjorie and Brain Radford will lead a Leaders Choice Ramble. Meet at Centennial Park 10 am.</p>

<p>Tues Nov 6</p>	<p>Hike the historic Chris Hatfield trail and into Ruckle Park with Joy. This is a moderately easy trail, with some tricky sections by the ocean. Meet at Artspring 9:45 am or park at the end of Meyer Road 10 am.</p>	<p>Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk in Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet at the corner of Sir Echos Way and Sunset Drive at 10:20 a.m. There is a parking area that hides behind the blackberry bushes.</p>	<p>Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern at Fernwood ,Lunch at Fernwood café. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park for car pooling.</p>
<p>Tues Nov 13</p>	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Prevost (near Duncan). Views from 3 summit locations give a full 360 degree vista – hope for a clear day. If weather conditions intervene, an alternate hike to Christie Falls near Ladysmith will take its place. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 am to carpool for the 9:25 am ferry from Vesuvius.</p>	<p>Anne Beaumont will lead an off island walk to the Buttertubs Marsh in Nanaimo. The walk is a 2 km trail around the Buttertubs bird sanctuary. The path is level and umbrella friendly. Afterwards we will stop at the Crow and Gate English style pub in Cedar for lunch. We will leave from Portlock Park at 8:30 to carpool to Vesuvius for the 9:25 ferry. We will (hopefully) aim for the 3:35 ferry from Crofton.</p>	<p>Ramble with Betty Ball at Kingslane Area. Lunch at the Pizza Place up town. Meet at Country Grocers Parking lot at 10 am, across from the Liquor Store.</p>
<p>Tues Nov 20</p>	<p>Trail work day Location TBA. Will confirm location Day before. Bring the usual tools, loppers, hoe's, Rake etc..... Otherwise Meet 9:45 Artspring</p>	<p>The Walkers will join the Hikers in the trail work day. Bring the usual tools, loppers, hoes & rakes, and meet at Artspring at 9:45</p>	<p>Trip to Goldstream Park to see the Salmon Run. Meet at 8/30 at Portluck Park for carpooling .Lunch at the Malahat Chalet. Frauke will lead.</p>

<p>Tues Nov 27</p>	<p>Charles Kahn will lead a hike along some of the new trails in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at the Artspring at 9:45 to car pool or at 10:00 at the barns at Burgoyne Bay.'</p>	<p>Kees Visser will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the second parking lot just past the barn on the south side of the road at 10:20. It is an easy walk going up the trail west of the farm to Merganser Pond and then crossing over to the ocean side trail to Bear Point and then south towards Beaver Point, and then back to the parking lot. There are a few rocky sections.</p>	<p>Ann will lead us to Osborne Bay regional park in Crofton. meet at Portlock at 8.30 am to carpool, and catch the 9.20 ferry from Vesuvius. Lunch in Crofton.</p>
<p>Tues Dec 4</p>	<p>Tudor will lead this hike in Ruckle Park. Meet at Artspring 9.45 am (Southenders meet at Heritage parking lot 1000, the lot near the barns.) This will not be a strenuous hike. Leave Heritage parking lot for Grandma's Beach and follow trail along the ocean to Kings' Cove then inland and back to the road near start.</p> <p>Bring binoculars; widgeon and harlequin ducks already in plus usual sea mammals.</p> <p>Parts of the hike may well be slippery so be prepared.</p>	<p>The walkers hope for no snow or rain as they follow Andrea up and over Mt. Bruce with its communication towers and hang gliding platform. This is not a long or strenuous hike, although we definitely do move gently up, through pretty woods. We begin at the East Block of Mill Farm Regional Park (see map Salt Spring Island On Foot) and will come back down via Mt. Bruce Road. Meet at Artspring at 10 a.m. to carpool and at Drummond Park at 10:20 for the south enders. Heavier cars might be better for Musgrave Road.</p>	<p>Ramble on Epron and Byron Rd. Meet at 10 am at Centennial Park for carpooling. Potluck Lunch will be at 221 Byron Rd. Bring some Food for you and a friend.</p>
<p>Tues Dec 11</p>	<p>Christmas Lunch at All Saints Church at 12 noon. Catered by El Loco Taco. Tickets at Soapworks, \$20. Cash Bar.</p>		

<p>Tue Jan 8</p>	<p>Peter will lead a hike from the Burgoyne Bay Parking lot to the large Arbutus tree and possibly a bit up the slope of Mt Maxwell, and then on to Daffodil Point, then looping back to the Burgoyne Parking lot.</p> <p>It will be a slightly shorter hike, with possible lunch at Daffodil Point. You will be back before the major rains will start (we hope).</p> <p>Meet at 9:45 at ArtSpring and 10:05 in the Burgoyne Bay Parking lot.</p> <p>Kees hike up Mt Maxwell postponed due to storm damage.</p>	<p>Let's start the New Year with a long but level and leisurely walk throughout the roads and pathways in and around Ganges, this time with a surprise turn. Lunch at Churchill beach. Meet your leader, Jenny, at ArtSpring at 10:00.</p>	<p>We'll meet as usual at 10:00 am at Centennial Park to carpool to Portlock Park, where Jill Willmott will join us and lead one or maybe two short half-hour walks through the woods at the top of Trincomali heights. Although the ground is not hilly it is uneven, and so walking sticks are recommended. Lunch will either be at the Fernwood Cafe or the Seaside Restaurant-- whichever gets the majority vote!</p>
<p>Tues Jan 15</p>	<p>Karen and Marc will lead a moderate hike around Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and Bryant Hill Park, taking a somewhat less travelled route with a little off-piste. The trail conditions are generally good 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>Ron's hike from Blackburn Reserve is postponed due to storm damage.</p>	<p>Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 to pick a leader and a walk.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park to carpool to Drummond Park. Donna and Paul will take us on a ramble, finishing at Rock Salt for lunch.</p>

<p>Tues Jan 22</p>	<p>Cancelled due to weather</p>	<p>Join Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason for an off island easy walk in Hemer Provincial Park south of Nanaimo. Bring your binoculars for spotting birds, and we will go to the Crow and Gate for lunch. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 and we will catch the 9:25 ferry at Vesuvius. We will plan to catch the 3:35 ferry back from Crofton.</p>	<p>Bryan Adderley will lead a ramble in the valley between Mt Belcher and Mt Erskine, lunch at Penny's on the Green. Meet at Centennial Park at 10am.</p>
<p>Tues Jan 29</p>	<p>Beth Hall will lead a hike off island to Cobble Hill, south of Duncan. We will hike up and over Cobble Hill Mountain, have lunch at Kingzette Lake, better known to locals as "The Quarry," and return over Cobble Hill by a different route. This is a moderate hike with some steep sections, and good views at the top. Note that the route after lunch also includes some uphill, as it's up and down one way and then up and down return. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:45 to carpool.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Thomas will lead a walk in Ruckle Park, combining several of the shorter walks, in and around the campsite and Isaac point etc. (about 1.5 hrs) then lunch. Moderate walking but likely to be wet underfoot in many parts. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 am to carpool or at 10:20am at the parking lot just after the farm buildings on the right.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park at 10 am. Kathy Darling will lead the ramble in the Ganges area, then local lunch.</p>

<p>Tues Feb 5</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a moderate hike up and down Reginald Hill (some steep and slippery sections) poles will be helpful. Then we will do the Triangle trail on the Tsawout lands, with lunch on the beach overlooking Russell Island. Keep the binoculars handy. 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 the gate into Reginald Hill.</p>	<p>Dick and Patsy Tipping will lead us on a round trip walk through the Tsawout First Nation Reserve, starting at the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive. It is a fairly easy hike with some elevation gain, through woods and along shoreline with lovely views. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool and then meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m. From there we will drive to the trail head at the end of Menhinick Drive with the fewest possible cars.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial then Ann will lead us around Mouat Park, back to town for lunch</p>
<p>Tues Feb 12</p>	<p>.Snow Day</p>	<p>Snow Day.</p>	<p>Snow Day</p>
<p>Tues Feb 19</p>	<p>Snow day</p>	<p>Snow day</p>	<p>Snow day</p>
<p>Tues Feb 26</p>	<p>Lynn will lead a hike in Ruckle Park to replace hike to Christie Falls postponed due to snow.</p>	<p>Lorrie Storr will lead a walk, place yet to be decided,. Please meet at Art Spring at 10, Location will be determined by what is open.</p>	<p>Bryan Adderley will lead a ramble in the valley between Mt Belcher and Mt Erskine, lunch at Penny's on the Green. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am.</p>
<p>Mar 5</p>	<p>Jan & Larry lead a hike up Reginald Hill to replace the postponed KDOL work party.</p>	<p>Work party to KDOL postponed due to snow</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial Park at 10 am, and Kathy Darling will lead a ramble on Langs Rd.</p>

<p>Mar 12</p>	<p>Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike in Ruckle Park starting at Beaver Point Hall. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to carpool or Beaver Point Hall at 10:05. Postponed to later date: Bill Goddu will lead us deep in the heart of the Musgrave, Big, Big Trees, Old homesteads, bluffs and waterfalls. Moderately strenuous. meet at Artspring at 9:45, Drummond park at 10:00.</p>	<p>Meet at Artspring at 10 and carpool to the trailhead at Broadwell and Tern in Channel Ridge. Elaine will be waiting there for the walk to start at 10:20 a.m. As on the Channel Ridge Trail Map, we'll walk to #28, up to #21 and then over towards #25. There is some hill climbing but we'll take breaks if people need a breather. We'll come up at #32 and end up at Canvasback Place and Elaine's deck for lunch and a beautiful view of Vancouver Island. We'll walk back along the trail over to Merganser and then head down Canvasback and over to your cars parked at Broadwell and Tern.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park at 10 am to carpool to Drummond park. Paul and Donna will take us to the waterfall, and back to their house for soup. Bring a sandwich if you like.</p>
<p>Mar 19</p>	<p>Meet at 9:45 at Artspring or at 10:00 behind the concrete barrier at the top of Stewart Road. We will hike in Arnell Park for about 30 minutes and then along the linear trail to Jennifer Road and back to the car. We will have lunch near Jennifer Road. This is likely a shorter hike than usual due to snowy conditions.</p>	<p>Ron Hawkins will lead us on a short but scenic hike from Old Divide Road, through Blackburn Reserve, a southerly arc below the Yoga Centre then up Blackburn Rd. to Cranberry and back below towering ancient walls to Old Divide. No lunch stop. Back by noon. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 or at the intersection of Old Divide and Salt Spring Way at 10:15.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial park at 10 am, then McEacherns will take us on a ramble.</p>

<p>Mar 26</p>	<p>Susan Fussell will take us on a shorter hike up the north side of Burgoyne Bay to a lovely lookout for lunch. Meet at Artspring at 9:45 and Burgoyne parking lot at 10:00.</p>	<p>With Angie Trarup starting at 10:00 AM from Artspring we'll walk through Moat Park exiting at SS Pool, then along Atkins, to Lower Ganges, Booth Canal, Harrison, and Baker. Lunch at Baker Beach. Return the same route with variations along the way. Estimated time less than 4 hours.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial then Ann will lead us around Mouat Park, back to town for lunch.</p>
<p>TBA postponed hikes:</p>	<p>Kees will lead a zigzagging hike up Mt. Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring for carpooling at 9:45 or at the trail head on Armand way at 10:00.</p>		
	<p>Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike to Christie Falls (Ladysmith) and possibly beyond to an old mine. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:40 a.m. to carpool on the 9:25 a.m. Vesuvius Ferry.</p>		

	<p>Gary Quiring - It's time to construct the lower portion of our New KDOL Trail. Bring tools that will work for grubbing out the trail. i.e. Hoes and rakes. You are going to LOVE this new section of trail! Meet at Artspring at 9:45, Drummond Park at 10:00.</p>		
	<p>Meet at Artspring at 9:45 to carpool to Burgoyne parking lot or meet us there for 10:00 for a lovely hike on the trails with Carron Carson. It is quite muddy in places</p>	<p>Andrea will be leading a walk around one or two of the loops on the south side of Burgoyne Bay. These trails have recently been cleared and marked so it should be fresh terrain. There might be wet, muddy patches depending on prior weather. Meet at Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:20.</p>	