

	HIKERS	WALKERS	RAMBLERS
Tue Sep 10	<p>The 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>		
Tue Sept 17	<p>Hike some Mt. Tuam trails with Jean Attorp. Moderate uphill hiking before lunch; downhill after lunch. 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>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>Carpool from Centennial to Drummond Pk. Paul and Donna will lead a ramble. Lunch either on their beach or Rock Salt depending on weather.</p>
Tue Sept 24	<p>This moderate hike with Sharon Sullivan begins at the Chris Hatfield Trail on Meyer Rd and ends at the Beaver Point day parking lot. We will have volunteer shuttle cars in place to take drivers back to the starting point. Poles are recommended. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the turnaround at the south end of Meyer Rd.</p>	<p>Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk along Baker Beach. Meet at the cul de sac at the end of Quarry Drive at 10:15 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool. You may want to bring poles as there some up and down pathways in the forest before we approach the beach and there are rocks on the beach that can be slippery. We can eat our lunch on our way back along the beach.</p>	<p>Meet at Centennial at 10.00 a.m. to carpool to Cedar Creek Nature Reserve with Ann. Bring lunch if it's nice. Otherwise we will choose a coffee shop.</p>

<p>Tues October 1</p>	<p>Join Laurie Clark on a hike up Mt. Erskine. This is an easy to moderate 2-3 hour hike. Keep your eyes open for the fairy doors as we hike through a diverse forest that includes cedar, hemlock, fir, arbutus and more. Windfall from last December's storm is astonishing. We'll have our lunch at the summit to take in the lovely views to the north and west. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or meet us to start our hike at the end of Trustees Trail by 10:00 a.m. Hope you'll join us. Follow link for more info on the trail and park Mt Erskine Nature Reserve and Mt Erskine Provincial Park</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. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool, or at the Burgoyne Bay Park parking at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Paul and Donna will lead the Ramble. Meet at Centennial to leave at 10:00 AM and Drummond Park at 10:20. Take a lunch, we will eat on the beach.</p>
<p>Tues October 8</p>	<p>Trail Day for Hikers and Walkers - It's time to finish the new KDOL Trail at the Buddhist Retreat. Bring tools that will work for grubbing out the trail (e.g. hoes, rakes). Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. You are going to LOVE this trail!</p>	<p>Ann will lead. Carpool at Portlock by 8.10am to catch the 9.35am from Vesuvius. We will drive to the Yellow Point Regional Park for a ramble, and have lunch at the Crow and Gate.</p>	

<p>Tues October 15</p>	<p>Hike a multitude of Channel Ridge trails with Angie. Allow approximately 4 hours. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the trailhead on Sunset Dr. at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Join Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason for an off island walk to Stoney Hill Trail Loop, an easy 3.7 kilometer loop trail located near North Cowichan. The views are exceptional looking over Sansum Narrows and seeing Salt Spring from a very different perspective. Bring your binoculars for spotting birds and perhaps whales. We will go to the Shipyard Restaurant & Pub overlooking the marina in Maple Bay for lunch. For those who want to bring their lunch there is place nearby. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 on the 9:35 ferry at Vesuvius. We will plan to catch the 3:35 ferry back from Crofton.</p>	<p>Marjie will lead in the Dukes & Kitchen Road area. Meet at Centennial to leave at 10:00 AM.</p>
<p>Tues October 22</p>	<p>Karen and Marc will lead this moderate hike through Bryant Hill Park and Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt nature reserves. Mostly trails with some off-pistes. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car pool or 10 a.m. at the Mereside Road trailhead.</p>	<p>Carol McKeen will lead a Channel Ridge walk starting at the trailhead on Canvasback, walking along the watershed heading north and then down through the ridge trails to Sir Echoes. From there it will be a short walk to Sunset Drive for lunch. Carol will have hot drinks. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to carpool or at the trailhead on Canvasback at 10:20 - not far from the turnoff from Broadwell on the right-hand side.</p>	<p>Brian will lead a ramble on Tripp Rd. meet at Portlock at 10am. Lunch at Seaside restaurant.</p>

<p>Tues October 29</p>	<p>Join Kees for a moderate hike with some up hills from Peter Arnell Park along the linear trail to Bryant Hill Park. We will have lunch either near the end of the trail or in Bryant Hill.</p> <p>Depending on the number of participants we will organize a shuttle or walk back along Sarah Way to the cars. Meet at ArtSpring to be ready to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or at the top of Stewart Rd. behind the barrier at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Angie Trarup will lead a walk starting at 10:00 a.m. from ArtSpring. We'll walk through Mouat Park exiting at the pool, then along Atkins to Lower Ganges, Booth Canal, Harrison, and Baker. Lunch will be at Baker Beach. Return the same route with variations along the way.</p>	<p>Kathy will lead a ramble on Churchill Road. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 am, lunch at the Golf Club.</p>
<p>Tues Nov 5</p>	<p>Lynn will take us on a moderate but long hike above Crofton including Crofton Lake, Mt. Richards and the historic Lenora-Mt. Sicker railroad bed. Carpool from Portlock Park at 9am to travel to Vesuvius and walk-on to the 9:35am ferry.</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>Ann will lead a ramble in Mouat Park, lunch at Beachside Cafe. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.</p>

Tues Nov 12	Hike up to a lovely viewpoint for lunch overlooking Burgoyne Bay. Susan will lead this moderate hike. The downhill section includes some off-trail sections with unstable footing. Hike length will be 3.5-4 hours. Meet at 9:45 to carpool from ArtSpring or meet at Burgoyne parking lot at 10.	Wendy McClean will lead a walk in the Blackburn /Frazier Road area. We will walk along Blackburn Road to the Conservancy for a walk around then take the path behind the Salt Spring Centre back to Blackburn Road. A short walk along Blackburn will bring us to the steep trail that leads to Frazier Rd which will take us to Wendy 's home where we will have our lunch on her deck. After lunch we will return by the same route - down hill going back! Carpool from Artspring at 10:00 a.m. or meet Wendy at the corner of Blackburn Rd. and Fulford-Ganges Rd at 10:10 a.m.	Laura will take us to Wright Rd. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.
Tues Nov 19	Join Ashley on a hike on the Mt Maxwell trails. This will be a moderate hike with a good cardio workout before lunch at the summit. All downhill from there. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 or join at the meeting spot at the foot of Dukes Road.	Harvey Moore will lead an interesting walk from ArtSpring through some nearby parks and properties to the flanks of Mt. Erskine and return to ArtSpring by a different route - a unusual mix of trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m.	Maureen and Sterling will lead a ramble in Channel Ridge. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.
Tues Nov 26	Meet at the Heritage Farm parking lot at 10 or carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45. Ruckle Park will be a relatively easy hike but trails will be wet, muddy and slick in places and there will be lots of ups and downs. We'll be spending at least half of the hike along the seashore, with great views of the water, waterfowl and maybe even a marine mammal, so bring your binoculars.	A walk in the Andreas Vogt property led by Waltraud Kiel (Wally) and Bob Holden. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at 10:15 at the concrete median, across from Arnell Park on Stewart Road, to carpool for the drive up Jasper and Jennifer to Sarah Way.	Frauke will take us to Sidney aquarium. Meet at Centennial at 8.45 a.m. to carpool to the 9.50 Fulford ferry. Entrance fee is \$14.

<p>Tues Dec 3</p>	<p>Susan H will lead a hike up and down Reginald Hill, along Reginald Hill Rd, through the Tsa'out Reserve and back. For newbies, Reginald Hill is very steep and could be slippery coming down. Car pool at Artspring at 9:45 or meet Susan at the mailboxes at the end of Morningside Rd at 10:00.</p>	<p>Meet at Artspring at 10 and carpool to the trailhead at Broadwell and Tern in Channel Ridge. Elaine Senkpiel 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</p>	<p>Laura will take us to Wright Rd. Meet at Centennial at 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Tues Dec 10</p>	<p>Hikers will be feasting at the Golden Island Chinese restaurant, at 12 noon. Cost is \$20 for meal, taxes and gratuity.</p>	<p>We will be having a Christmas luncheon</p> <p>Reservations have been made at the Seaside Restaurant for 1 pm . For anyone interested in a walk before lunch we will be meeting at Duck Creek Sunset entrance at 12 noon for a walk then head down to the restaurant.</p>	<p>Bryan will lead a mystery ramble. Meet at Centennial at 10 am. Followed by lunch</p>
<p>Tues Jan 7</p>	<p>Lynn will lead the first hike of the decade and it's a good one. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00. The hike will take in the Mt. Maxwell mines, the ecological reserve and the summit.</p>	<p>Cancelled due to rain.</p>	<p>Cancelled due to rain.</p>
<p>Tues Jan 14</p>	<p>Cancelled due to snow.</p>	<p>Cancelled due to snow.</p>	<p>Cancelled due to snow.</p>

<p>Tues Jan 21</p>	<p>Charles will lead a walk in Ruckle Park. The 9:45 a.m. gathering time at ArtSpring remains unchanged. Southerners can join us at the parking lot just past the heritage farm where start our walk. Some of the rocky bits along the shoreline are slippery so wear hiking boots with good tread and bring poles. However, there's little or no snow in the park, so gaiters or waterproof pants are not necessary—unless it's very rainy.</p>	<p>Wendy McClean will lead a walk on the Bishop's Walk trail. We will meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. and walk through Mouats Park to Drake Road to reach the trail head. We will follow the trail to Charlesworth then to Fulford-Ganges Rd to Dean where we will get back onto the Bishop's Walk trail and return to ArtSpring by the same route. This is not a long walk so we will not stop for lunch.</p>	<p>Ann H. will lead the Ramble at Duck Creek, leaving Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Vesuvius Seaside Kitchen.</p>
<p>Tues Jan 28</p>	<p>Channel Ridge “because there's always another route to try.” We will tackle some hills and also THE STAIRS so be prepared for a bit of a workout before lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 to carpool, or at the gate at the end of Broadwell at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Andrea Rankin will lead a nice walk along the water in Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the first parking lot (near farm buildings) in Ruckle Park at 10:30.</p>	<p>Ann K. will lead a Mystery Ramble, partly on trails, partly roads. simple soup lunch at 22 Kingfisher.</p>
<p>Thurs Jan 30</p>	<p>The AGM will be held at the Lion's Club. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch (gluten free and vegetarian included) before the meeting. Immediately following the AGM we will be treated to a special presentation by research biologist, Aaron Purdy, who will be speaking about our local whales. Aaron is a research biologist with Ocean Wise's Marine Mammal Research Program, and the coordinator of the S. Vancouver Island Cetacean Research Initiative in Victoria.</p>		

<p>Tues Feb 4</p>	<p>Ashley will lead a hike in and around the northern part of Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the turnaround at the foot of Meyer Road. Some rocky and slippery sections, so sturdy footwear a must.</p>	<p>Ashley will lead a hike in and around the northern part of Ruckle Park. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the turnaround at the foot of Meyer Road. Some rocky and slippery sections, so sturdy footwear a must.</p>	<p>Postponed due to weather.</p>
<p>Tues Feb 11</p>	<p>Sharon Sullivan will lead a hike from Burgoyne Bay up to the summit of Mt Maxwell. The hike will be 4-5 hrs depending on the weather, hot tea is good in the rain! Prepare for the weather if needed. The hike will climb up the west side of Mt Maxwell to the summit and down the East side after lunch with lovely views, returning to the parking lot. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Kathleen and Rob will lead a walk in Ruckle with the intention of viewing water birds, and even alcids such as the little murrelets. We will leave from the middle parking lot past the barn, at 10:20 am. Departure from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. to car pool south. Along with your lunch please bring your binoculars and maybe your bird book!</p>	<p>Ann King will lead today. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:00 a.m, to walk in Duck Creek Park. Lunch at Seaside restaurant.</p>
<p>Tues Feb 18</p>	<p>Karen Munro will lead this moderate hike through Bryant Hill Park, Howard Horel and Andreas Vogt nature reserves. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to car pool or 10:00 a.m. at the Mereside Road trailhead.</p>	<p>Betty Ann will lead a walk through Peter Arnell Park and onward over the linear trail to Jennifer Road and return over Jasper Road. This will be a moderate walk with a few short uphill. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at ArtSpring or at 10:15 a.m. at the top of Stewart Road, behind the concrete barrier.</p>	<p>Evelyn will lead today. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. Lunch in Ganges.</p>

**Tues Feb
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Al Lehmann will lead a strenuous hike up Mt Tuam (about 500 meters climb) through the forest for about 90 minutes followed by lunch on the open meadow with spectacular views. After lunch we will hike down the open meadow, down through the forest on the west side, and finally back along Mountain Road to the cars. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m. to car pool. Park just past the No Exit sign, 5 km from the start of Mountain Rd.

We shall meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 and at the barns (where we park for birding) on road to Bourgoyne Bay at 10:20. The walk is through the open fields to trail 22 on the Bourgoyne Bay Provincial Park map (on the Internet), then steadily UP #22 to the Rockpile for lunch, with a fabulous view over the whole Fulford Valley. The rise is roughly 500 feet and takes about 1/2 an hour, done at Andrea's slow pace. We descend by the road down to the valley near Ashya Road and back across the fields. A short outing but with some altitude.

Donna will lead in the Fulford area. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m. to meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m. Lunch at Rock Salt.

<p>Tues Mar 3</p>	<p>Carron Carson will lead a hike from the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay. We will walk to the south side of the bay and take the #20 trail and on to the #23 trail which our group made about 3 yrs ago. We'll climb up to about the 300 m level, then circle back. Once at the parking lot, we can determine if anyone wants to hike out to Daffodil Cove. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at the parking lot at Burgoyne Bay at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Lorrie Storr will lead a walk from Beaver Point Hall to Kings Cove. It is a moderate walk going over one or two heights of land. There may be a few wet and slippery areas. We will go to the cove with a short detour to Merganser pond and then follow our path back. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or Beaver Point Hall at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Laura will lead today. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Tues Mar 10</p>	<p>Jack Little will lead a moderate Channel Ridge hike departing from and ending at the end of Sir Echos which is off Sunset. Good views to St Mary Lake and Stuart Channel. Bring a lunch. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Sir Echo trailhead at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Wendy McLean 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</p>	<p>Marjie will lead today. Be at the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10:15 a.m. or leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>

<p>Tues Mar 17</p>	<p>Moderate hike from Beaver Point into Ruckle Park with Barry & Sheila. Hike will include "trimming of the green " on a short stretch of trail near the beginning. Please bring clippers, secateurs, or a folding saw if you have one. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to car pool or Beaver Point Hall at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>A full day outing in nature, up Island, to Qualicum Beach area. For an early start, meet at Portlock Park at 7:45 a.m. to carpool to catch the 8:20 a.m. ferry. Local and long-time naturalist Lynne Brookes will lead us first to beautiful Hamilton Marsh, a hidden gem of a wetland. Our next stop is the Heritage Forest for a 40 minute walk in a rare remnant of an old growth forest. Then, to the highlight, the Brant Geese Wildlife Festival at Seaside Nature Park. Following lunch on the beach we will join bird watchers for a feast of action - the Brant geese foraging on eel grass, and numerous other water fowl and shorebirds all feeding as the tide goes out. There will be a possible stop at Rathtreavor Beach on the way home to Crofton for the 4:50 p.m. ferry. Please come well stocked with snacks and a packed lunch as Lynne has designed a full day for us, with all three walks, easily accessible to all levels.</p>	<p>Stirling and Maureen will lead. Leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>
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<p>Tues Mar 24</p>	<p>Charles will lead a tough hike from Mill Farm to the top of Mt. Bruce. The hike might include some 'bushwhacking'. This hike is both very strenuous and long with a lot of uphill sections. Meet at ArtSpring by 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at Drummond Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>A walk in the Bryant Hill Park Trail and Andreas Vogt property led by Waltraud Kiel (Wally) and Betty Ann Kruger. Bryant Hill Trail meanders through mature forests and is approx 2 km in length. Then a shorter walk with great views through the Andreas Vogt property. This is a moderate walk with some challenging areas. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or at 10:15 a.m. at the concrete median, across from Arnell Park on Stewart Road, to carpool for the drive-up Jasper and Jennifer to Sarah Way.</p>	<p>Ann H. will lead today. Be at the Burgoyne Bay triangle at 10:15 a.m. or leave Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m.</p>
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<p>Tues Mar 31</p>	<p>Join Ashley Hilliard on a moderate hike in John Dean Park in Saanich, where getting there will be half the fun. The park features viewpoints, old trees and possibly some spring wildflowers. Meet at ArtSpring at 8:40 a.m., earlier than usual, in order to get to Fulford in plenty of time for the 9:50 a.m. ferry. South-enders, please email Ashley at ahilliard@shaw.ca if you plan to come so that a south-end carpool can be arranged. We should be on the 3:00 p.m. ferry coming back.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk in Ruckle Park – up the road to the farmhouse and on the trail through the woods to Bear point, then walking south, mostly along the water. There are a few short steep rocky sections. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 a.m. or meet in the parking lot on the right after the farm buildings at 10:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Bryan will lead off island. Leave Portlock Park at 9:40 a.m.</p>
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