

April Events

Sunday April 2nd:

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike to Bold Bluff. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 1:00 or at the Burgoyne trailhead to start out at 1:20.

Tuesday April 4th:

Hike – Susan Hannon and Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike on Reginald Hill to explore the new acquisition. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 9:45, or meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:05 to further carpool.

Walk – Sue Lehman will lead a walk from Mereside Road trail head into Howard Horel and Bryant Hill Park. Meet at ArtSpring for 10AM departure or the end of Mereside Rd at 10:15 .

Ramble – Joy will lead us Leave from ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to the Golf Course at Central and be ready to leave there at 10:45.

We'll follow the path to Baker Rd. and walk a little there then turn back to the Golf Club for coffee & a muffin.

Sunday April 9th:

Hike – **CANCELLED**. Due to rain and high winds there will be no hike today as planned.

Bob Keates will lead a hike up Mt Erskine with a circuit of the best viewpoints. Meet at art Spring departing at 1:00 or at the end of Trustee's trail to start out at 1:15.

Tuesday April 11th:

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Hope Hill, along the White Pine Trail to a spectacular viewpoint for lunch. Meet at Art Spring . Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 9:45, or at Drummond Park for a 10:05 start.

Walk – Barry and Sheila will lead us on the Maple Mountain blue trail, an out and back route. This is a strenuous walk with plenty of “up” on the way out. There are several rough sections. Expect a picturesque waterfall, a couple bridges, great views, and lunch with a view of course.

Depart 8:50 AM from Portlock Park to carpool for WALK ON to the Vesuvius ferry, or meet us at the ferry terminal at 9:15 am.

Ramble – We will depart from ArtSpring at 10:30 to arrive at the trailhead at the end of Dean Road at 10:45. Lots of room to park there. Doreen and Ruth will lead along Bishop’s Walk Trail. There will be a car to drive us back to Ruth and Doreen’s house for tea. Take your lunch.

Sunday April 16th:

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Reginald Hill. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 1:00, or meet at the trailhead for Reginald Hill at the end of Morningside Road to start out at 1:20.

Tuesday April 18th:

Hike – Jenny and Nick Coghlan will lead a hike in Channel ridge to see the wildflowers. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 9:45, or meet at the trailhead at the top of Broadwell to start out at 10:00.

WALK –

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Unfortunately, the parking area at the Cupples’ trailhead is in poor condition.

Walkers should park instead at the Jack Foster trailhead on Southey Point Rd. and walk to the Cupples trail.

Angie Traarup will lead a walk on the Cupples trail and Jack Foster trail with lunch on the beach. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 AM departure, or at the Cupples trail head at 10:15. The trail head is a farm driveway on the south side of North End Road, east of 2670 North End Road.

Ramble – Cathy will lead us on some of the trails around the Natural Cemetery in the Fulford Valley. (We have to be prepared to cancel if a memorial comes up). Depart from ArtSpring at 10:30 or meet at 10:45 at Night Owl Farm 2100 Fulford Ganges Road. It’s a long driveway past house and barns.

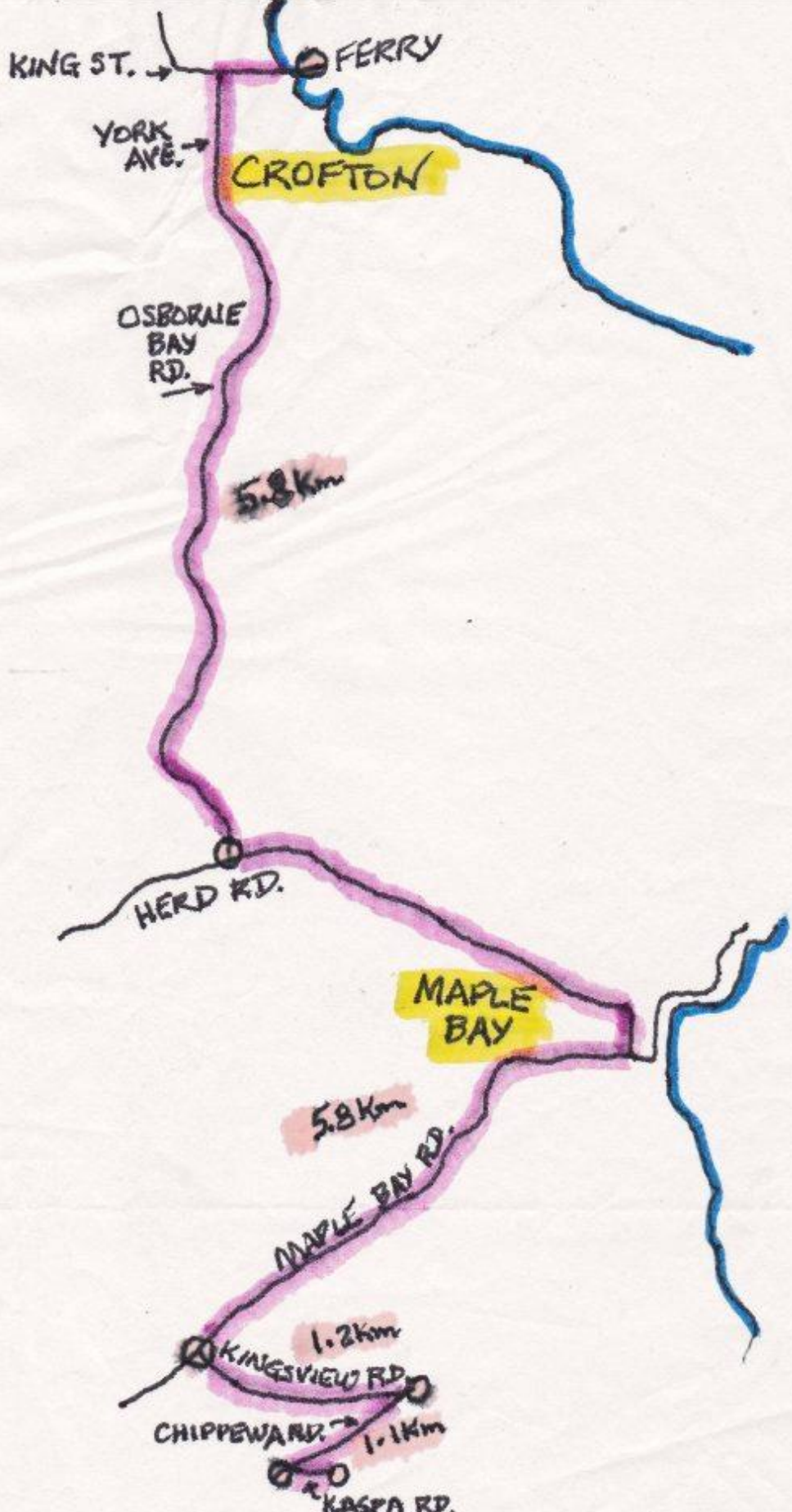
Sunday April 23rd:

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Mt Maxwell, starting at Armand Way. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 1:00, or meet at the trailhead Armand Way to start out at 1:15.

Tuesday April 25th:

Hike – Lynn Thompson will lead a hike up Mt. Tzouhalem to see the wildflowers. Meet at Art Spring at 8:25 am or at Vesuvius Ferry terminal at 8:40 am to drive on the 9:35 am ferry. Pre-arranged ride-sharing is suggested.

Driving Map from Crofton ferry to Mt. Tzouhalem trail head – see attachment. A check on the flower reserve yesterday shows Fawn Lilies, Shooting Stars and Spring Gold in full bloom. Balsam Root, Chocolate Lilies, Camas are up but no blooms yet. The weather reports are trending in our favour.



WALK –

Due to ongoing trail and signage work by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) on the Reginald Hill property, Susan and I have decided to postpone that walk until sometime in June.

Tomorrow's walk will start at the same place: **Beaver Point Hall at 1020** (carpool from ArtSpring at 1000).

We will go into Ruckle park for a bit and then meander along some of the trails and quiet roads in Salt Spring's "Deep South". Bring some cash as we will pass by Haidee Hart's "Woodshed" stand on King Rd on the way. She usually has great treats for sale.

Ramble – Marjie will lead. Leave Artspring at 10:30 to carpool to the entrance of Blackburn Meadows on Blackburn Rd.

At 10:45 we'll start to walk around the Meadows and have lunch on the picnic tables there.

Sunday April 30th:

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Mt. Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay, along the Boulders trail and down via the giant Arbutus. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool, departing at 1:00, or meet at the Burgoyne Bay trailhead to start out at 1:20.

May Events

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What is the difference between a hike, a walk or a ramble?"

"What should I wear or bring?"

"Participation by non-members"

"Carpooling"

Tuesday, May 2nd

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike on the Sullivan side of Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring to car-pool, departing at 9:45, or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to start off at 10:05.

Ramble – Patsy will lead. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to the cul-de-sac at the end of Broadwell. Take your lunch.

WALK – Lynn Thompson will lead a walk on the Tzouhalem flower reserve. Following the visit to the flower reserve we'll drive back toward Maple Bay and turn onto Genoa Bay Road for 5 km to Stoney Hill Rd.

Travel uphill for about 1 km to a parking area for Stoney Hill Park where we will have lunch and walk the loop trail which features spectacular views over Samsun Narrows and beautiful SaltSpring Island. Depart from Portlock Park at 8:30 am. Anticipated return on the 3:35 pm ferry.

A check on the flower reserve yesterday shows Fawn Lilies, Shooting Stars and Spring Gold in full bloom. Balsam Root, Chocolate Lilies, Camas are up but no blooms yet. The weather reports are trending in our favour.

See map on April 25th hike.

Sunday, May 7th

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Mt Tzouhalem. Meet at ArtSpring at 11:15 to car pool and drive on the 12:05 ferry. Note the early meeting time.

Tuesday, May 9th

HIKE – Jack Little will lead a hike in Channel ridge. Meet at ArtSpring to car-pool, departing at 9:45, or meet at the trailhead at the top of Sir Echos to start out at 10:00.

Ramble – Paul will lead. ‘Northerners’ leave ArtSpring at 10:30 to meet at Drummond Park at 10:45 to carpool to Mountain Meadows.

Take your lunch.

WALK – Valerie Sisson will lead a walk along the shoreline of Cable Cove.

Depart from ArtSpring at 10:00 AM or meet at Drummond Park at 10:15. Park at the end of Maxim Road. The trail includes a steep but relatively short section and a bit of scrambling over large fallen trees. Walking poles will be helpful. Lunch on the beach or, if need be, in a sheltered meadow. Return on the road to a shorter, well-groomed trail to the new cable access point.

Sunday, May 14th

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike up Mt Erskine with a circuit of the best viewpoints. Meet at ArtSpring departing at 1:00 or at the end of Trustees Trail to start out at 1:15.

Tuesday, May 16th

HIKE – Ashley Hilliard will lead a hike in the Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park (Xwaaqw’um) area. Some steep and rough sections. The hike will end with an optional visit to the Salt Spring Island Ales tasting room, which they will open for us. Carpool from ArtSpring departing at 0945. Or meet at 1000 at the starting point: intersection of Burgoyne Bay Rd and Lee Rd.

Ramble – Looking for a leader.

WALK – Wendy McClean will lead a walk from ArtSpring to Baker beach. We will depart ArtSpring at 10 AM and walk to Baker beach following trails, pathways, and quiet roads. This is a long but fairly easy walk, with not much elevation. Lunch will be on the beach.

Sunday, May 21st

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike to Bold Bluff. Meet at ArtSpring to car-pool, departing at 1:00 or at the Burgoyne trailhead to start out at 1:20.

Tuesday, May 23rd

HIKE – John Gauld will lead a hike up Mt Erskine starting from Toynbee Rd. Meet at ArtSpring to car-pool , departing at at 9:45, or at Toynbee Road at a junction with a logging road where the Manzanita Ridge trail starts (not the Trustees Trail end loop). We will start out at 10:00. Car pooling is suggested, because there is limited parking on Toynbee.

Ramble – Looking for a leader

WALK – Brian Hutchings will lead a walk on the south side of Mount Maxwell. Meet at ArtSpring for 10 AM departure or at the parking area for first field on left on Burgoyne Bay Road at 10:20. This moderate walk soon becoming a moderate climb, (elevation rise 225 m.) to a stream and waterfall lunch site.

Sunday, May 28th

HIKE – TBA

Tuesday, May 30th

Hike – Leslie Gardiner will lead a moderately challenging hike to the summits of Mt. Sullivan and Mt. Bruce. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot, departing at 9:45am or at Drummond Park to carpool, departing to the trailhead off Musgrave Rd at 10:05am.

Ramble – Looking for a leader

WALK – Barry and Sheila will lead a moderate walk to enjoy the views and wild flowers on Channel Ridge trails. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 AM departure or at the yellow gate at the end of Broadwell.
