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## APRIL EVENTS

### Volunteers are needed to lead hikes in April.

Tuesday, April 2nd

**HIKE** – Leslie Gardiner will lead a moderately challenging, off-island hike starting on the south side of Maple Mountain. Expect approx 9km, 500m total elevation gain, 4.5 hrs on the trails including lunch. Meet at Portlock Park to car-pool leaving at 8:30 a.m. for the 9:35 ferry. We'll aim for the 3:35 return ferry but allow for the later 4:50 just in case. Trailhead and driving information to follow.

**Walk** – Kees Ruurs will lead a moderate walk through the Howard Horel Nature Reserve (HHNR) connecting to Bryant Hill Park for lunch. The walk through HHNR will take about an hour and a half and the Bryant hill loop trail will add another hour to the outing. Bring rain gear (just in case). Meet at Artspring at 10:00 am for carpooling or at the end of Mereside Rd. at 10:15 am. .

Sunday, April 7th

**HIKE** – Chris Hatfield trail, Yeo Point, Kings Cove, Merganser Pond. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool departing at 1:00 pm or at the trailhead at the end of Meyer Rd to set out at 1:15 pm.

Tuesday, April 9th

**HIKE** – John Gauld will lead a hike up Mt Erskine starting from Toynbee Rd. Meet at Art Spring 9:45 to car-pool, departing at 9:45 or ready to set out at 10:00 at Toynbee Road near a junction with a logging road where the Manzanita Ridge trail starts (not the Trustees Trail end loop) .

**WALK** – Mary Lou will take us on a loop walk on Burgoyne Bay trails to the Boulders. Depart from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or from the upper parking lot at Burgoyne Bay at 10:15 am. The trail is steep on the way up, so we'll take it slowly.

Sunday, April 14th

**Hike** – Maple Mountain Blue Trail. Meet at Art Spring at 11:30 for a ride to Vesuvius, or proceed on your own to Vesuvius to walk on the 12:05 ferry. We will take the Boardwalk to the Smith Rd trailhead and follow the Blue trail to a viewpoint. Return will most likely be on the 4:50 ferry.

Tuesday, April 16th

**HIKE** – Charles Kahn will lead a hike on the KDOL trail. Some work needed on the lower trails, so please bring rakes. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool, departing at 9:45, or at Drummond Park at 10:00 to consolidate vehicles before driving up Musgrave Rd to the trailhead.

**WALK**– Gillie will lead a moderate 5km walk along the forested trails in Channel Ridge. Depart from ArtSpring at 10 am or meet in the parking area at Broadwell and Tern (at the top of Broadwell) at 10:15 am. Parts may be rocky and slippery.

**RAMBLE** – We'll meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 and carpool to the lower parking lot at Burgoyne Bay to be ready to leave there at 10:45 and ramble on the trail to Daffodil Point as far as we're comfortable.

Take your lunch.

Sunday, April 21st

**HIKE** – Bold Bluff. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool departing at 1:00 pm or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 1:15 pm.

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

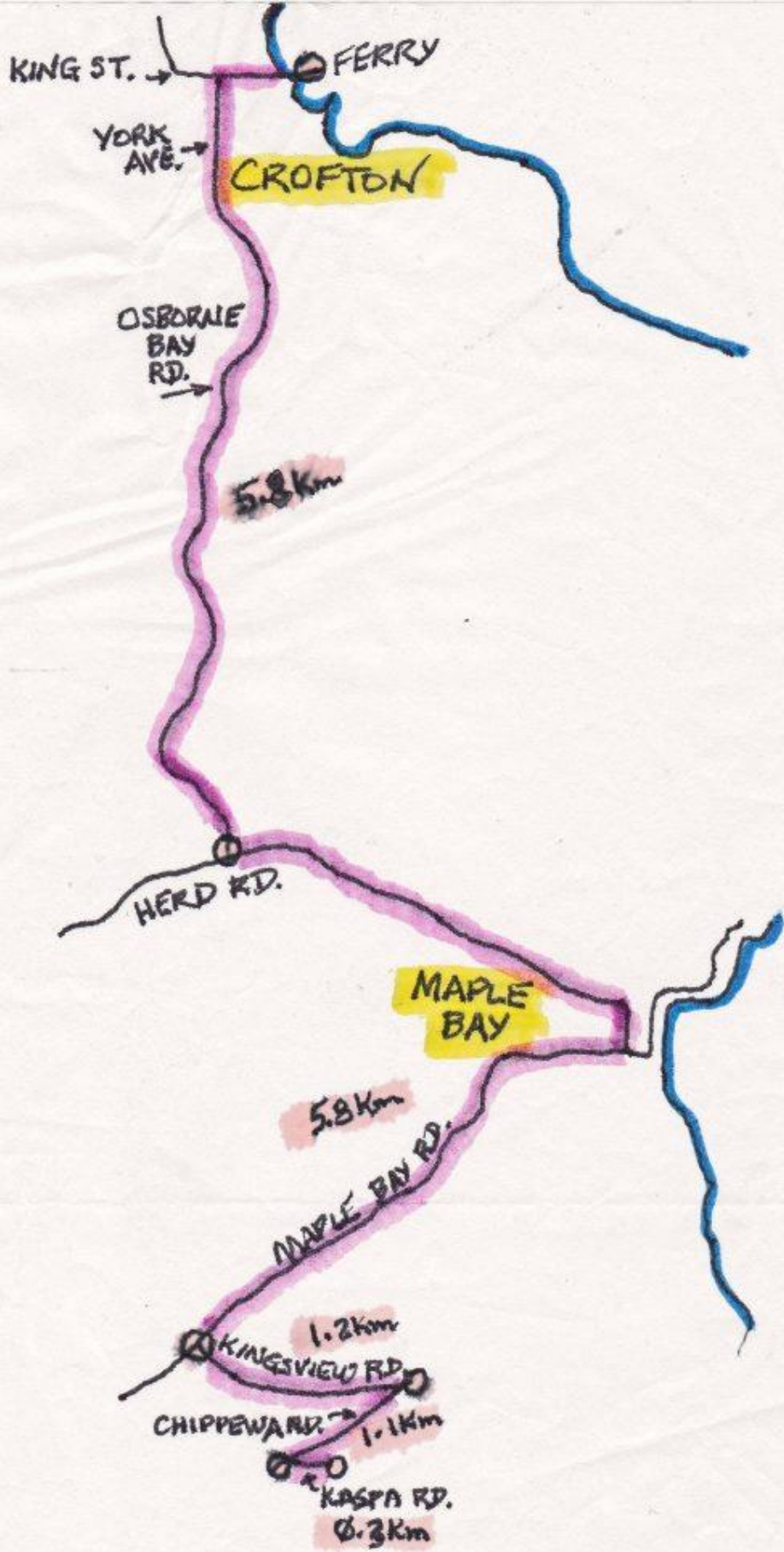
**WALK** – Lynn Thompson will lead a walk to the Tzouhalem Flower Reserve. Following the visit to the flowers, we'll drive back toward Maple Bay and turn onto Genoa Bay Road for 5 km to Stoney Hill Rd. Travel uphill for about 1 km to a parking area for Stoney Hill Park where we will

have lunch and walk the loop trail which features spectacular views over Samsun Narrows and beautiful SaltSpring Island. Depart in carpools from Portlock Park at 8:30 am for the 9:35 ferry. Anticipated return on the 3:35 pm ferry. Driving instructions to the Flower Reserve are attached.

**RAMBLE** – Patricia to lead. Meet at Artspring at 10:30 then at the corner of Churchill and Upper Ganges Roads for a ramble to the end of Churchill and eat our lunches on the beach if there's room or on the benches overlooking the water.

Sunday, April 28th

**HIKE** – Maxwell side of Burgoyne Bay. Up to the giant Arbutus, continuing to the meadows.



Tuesday, April 30th

**HIKE** – Lynn Thompson will lead a hike on Mt Tzouhalem to see the wildflowers. Meet at Portlock Park to consolidate vehicles before proceeding to Vesuvius for the 9:35 ferry, leaving Portlock at 8:45. If anyone requires a pickup from Art Spring, I will be there at 8:35. Drive to the Kaska Road trailhead (*see map posted for the April 23<sup>d</sup> walk*).

**WALK** – Sue will lead a walk in Burgoyne Bay up to the big Arbutus. We will take our time on the steep climb to the big tree with lunch in a scenic spot out on the Garry Oak meadow. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet in the Burgoyne Bay upper parking lot at 10:15 am

**RAMBLE** – Patsy will lead. Meet at Artspring at 10:30 to carpool to the beach access at Price Road

Take your lunch.