

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

FALL FAIR

The SS Trail and Nature Club has been successful in being allocated a spot for an information stand at the 2024 Fall Fair.

The Fall Fair will take place on September 7 (Saturday) and 8 (Sunday). The fair will open at 9am and close at 5pm on both days. We are now recruiting volunteers from the SSTNC membership for our information stand. Each "shift" will be for 2 hours, starting at 9am, 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. We aim to have at least 2 volunteers for each shift.

The role of volunteers will be to answer questions from fair-goers about the club, promote the benefits of membership for SSI residents and provide membership application forms, if requested.

Please let me know, by email, if you may be available to volunteer for one, or more, of the 2 hour shifts. If you have preference for a particular shift, eg. Sunday 11am to 1pm, please note that in your reply.

People who visit the SSTNC stand will be able to enter a prize draw by completing an entry and dropping it in the provided draw box. Draw prizes include "Hiking in the Gulf Islands of BC" authored by Charles Kahn, "The Flora & Fauna of Coastal BC & Pacific NW" by Colin Varner, and Margriet has kindly offered to provide a copy of her Camping book.

If you have questions please let me know by email, or you can reach me by phone at 250-538-2057 / dcafer@uniserve.com

Tuesday, September 17th

Blackberry Festival – kick-off to our 2024-2025 SSTNC season. Please meet at Ruckle Park, Group Campsite 3 (same as previous years) at noon. The blackberries are not so plentiful this year so along with your bowl and spoon, any apple or berry dessert could be contributed to the offerings but not necessary. SSTNC will be providing ice cream so just come and enjoy! Bring your lunch and a chair and your completed membership form if you have not already registered for the new year.

HIKE – Any hikers interested in a short pre-lunch hike, meet in the lower parking area at 10:30. Return to group site 3 by noon.

WALKERS: Pre-lunch Walk in Ruckle Park

*******Depart ArtSpring parking lot at 9:45 am*******

Meet at the parking area near Group Campsite 3 at 10:15 am.

Reminder: please check the SSTNC website for details about the noon Blackberry Fest ga

RAMBLE – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to Ruckle Park.

Sunday, September 22nd

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike to Reginald Hill and Doukhobor Point from the access at Clarinda and Bridgeman Rds. Meet at Art Spring to car-pool departing at 1:00 or at 1:20 at Clarinda Rd. to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, September 24th

HIKE – Bob Keates to lead. Meet at Art Spring to car pool departing at 9:45, or at the top of Broadwell for a hike on Channel Ridge to set out at 10:00.

WALK – Sue and Mary Lou will lead us on a loop walk in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park out to Daffodil Point along trail 9 and 9A, Elevation change: sea level to about 100 m. Carpool from ArtSpring, departing 9:45 am or at the lower parking area at Burgoyne Bay Park at 10:15 am.

RAMBLE – Paul will lead a ramble in Fulford.

Meet at Drummond Park at 10:45, take your lunch.

Remember to leave ArtSpring early to compensate for construction on Ganges Hill

Sunday, September 29th

HIKE – Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge starting from Merganser Place. Meet at Art Spring to car pool departing at 1:00 or at Merganser Place to set out at 1:15.

Volunteers are needed to lead hikes in October