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Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club



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'T IS THE SEASON TO BE HIKING!

Seasons greetings to all of you and your families. As we come to the end of the year, we reflect on the events that we have enjoyed individually and as a group. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to have the experience of this island paradise so close at hand to embrace nature at its finest. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Potluck as well as joining you on our hikes and walks over the months ahead.

Carron Carson
President



Our Website....

... offers a wealth of information for long time members as well as newcomers. Here you will find

- Descriptions of rambles, walks and hikes
- Dates and destinations
- Links to maps and trails
- Guidelines and carpooling information
- Archives with back issues of The Oystercatcher
- and much more!

<https://saltspringtnc.ca/>



Remember to 'LIKE' us so we can be FRIENDS!

<https://www.facebook.com/SSTrailandNatureClub>

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NOTE: feel free to bring a partner/spouse to our Christmas Luncheon!

Recently, some gorgeous benches have been installed along trails in Mouat Park. Partly funded by SSTNC we extend a huge thank you to CRD for these benches in great locations in the park. Use them in health and happiness!



Photo courtesy of Bob Reynolds

DID YOU KNOW?

The group BIRDS-SSTNC@googlegroups.com (BIRDS-SSTNC) is a free service offered by Google, sponsored by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and is managed/maintained by the Membership Director. The group is open to members of the Club and other Salt Spring residents interested in birds and birding. BIRDS-SSTNC is a news list, with a focus on birds and birding. Group members can expect to receive emails about bird sightings from other members of the group, news of birding events involving members of the group and various other posts focusing on birds and birding.

Group members can reply to an email, which will be automatically addressed to the sender of the message to which they are responding. You can send messages to the whole group by replacing that personal address with the group address: **BIRDS-SSTNC@googlegroups.com**. Unsubscribe instructions are included in the footer at the end of every message from the group address.



MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Our **AGM takes place on Thursday, January 30, 2025** at noon at the Lion's Hall. Lunch will be provided!

Our Guest Speaker will be local author/activist/environmentalist Briony Penn who will be speaking about fascinating aspects and challenges of the Salish Sea.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help prepare sandwiches prior to the AGM.

We also hope to find a few members who will let their name stand for upcoming openings on our board. Please contact Carron for details! We need you!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for the coming year, please contact Pat Miller or use the website. Memberships expire on December 31, 2024!



DID YOU KNOW?



It is not permitted to pick mushrooms in provincial or national parks, ecological reserves, protected areas or Department of National Defense lands?! You CAN forage for mushrooms on public lands in provincial forests. When foraging please be mindful of your impact: pick only what you need, take no more than 5% of mushrooms in the area, stick to marked trails and avoid disturbing the soil.

Check our upcoming rambles, walks and hikes on the events page of our website! Thanks to webmaster Bob Reynolds you can simply open the link by pointing the free QR reader on your phone to this QR code:



A Hiker's Wish List:

- Day pack
- Walking poles
- Insect repellent
- Garmin Inreach Mini
- Water bottle
- Darn Tough hiking socks
- Small first aid kit
- Merino wool sweater



Happy Hiking in
2025!

