

February Events

Sunday, February 2nd

Hike – Note change of venue; check email at 11:00 am in case of cancellation due to weather
Ruckle Park Chris Hatfield Trail Meet at Art Spring at 1:00 to car pool or at the trailhead to set out at 1:20.
(turn onto Bulman Rd from Beaver Pt Rd, at the end, turn right onto Meyer Rd to reach the trailhead).

Tuesday, February 4th

Hike – Cancelled due to snow.

Walk – NO WALK TODAY.

Bill Palmer's Channel Ridge walk is postponed to Tuesday, March 4.

Stay warm and safe.

Bill Palmer will lead a clockwise loop walk on Channel Ridge from the Pringle Farm Road entrance. Distance: 7 km. Elevation: 140 m. Duration: 3.5hr.

From the trail head on Pringle Farm Road we will take the trail on the left, toward trail marker #9 avoiding the steep, worn out stair section of the trail. The loop part of the trail is relatively level with ups and downs. Lunch with a view.

Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or at the trailhead at 10:15 am. Park in the turnaround at the top of Pringle Road.

Ramble – As you must realize, the ramble planned for tomorrow is postponed until next week.

I'll be in touch.

Marjie

We'll meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 and carpool to Fernwood.

Sunday, February 9th

Hike – Note change of venue:

The Sullivan side of Burgoyne Bay, Out on trail 20, continue on trail 23 and down 21. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1.00 pm or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 1:15

Tuesday, February 11th

Hike – Larry McIntyre will lead a hike on the south side of Burgoyne Bay, heading up trails 20, 21 and 23 then having lunch overlooking Samsun Narrows and then down 23 to 20 which takes us back to the cars.

Just to confirm that tomorrow's hike is on. The original plan was to hike up Maxwell from Burgoyne, but with all the snow, I thought it would be better to hike the south side of Burgoyne Bay which is largely on gently graded logging roads. I did a recce of this hike Saturday to check the snow and trail conditions and it was a very enjoyable outing. The majority of the trail is bare or easily visible. There are a couple places where there's snow over the ankles and trail 20 is wet and muddy, so waterproof footwear, gaiters and/or rain pants are good bets. There's still lots of snow off trail — so the forest is brighter than normal and it's a delight to see footprints left in the snow by deer, birds etc.

It might be the last chance this season to go for a walk in the snow, so hope you can join. With luck, we'll have lunch in the sunshine.

7.2 km 310m elevation gain.

Meet at ArtSpring to car pool at departing at 9:40 or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 10:00. Car-poolers note earlier departure time.

Walk – Meet at ArtSpring for a walk starting at 10 am through Mouat Park and some of the greater Ganges paths with potential for a gathering at a coffee shop after the walk.

Ramble – We'll meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to Fernwood and ramble from there.

Too cold to eat outside and no restaurants nearby so we can drive back to Ganges and find one there?

Please let me know if you plan on going?
I don't want to be by myself.

Sunday, February 16th

Hike – Forecast is for steady rain this Sunday and more so around Ladysmith, so the hike for Sunday Feb 16 is cancelled. It will be rescheduled for March 16.

Tuesday, February, 18th

Hike – Ashley will lead a hike in the north part of Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:40 to carpool or join at 10:00 at the starting point: the Chris Hatfield trailhead at the bottom of Meyer Road. To get there, turn off Beaver Point Road onto Bulman Road, then right at junction with Meyer Road. Hike will finish at 1:30 – 2:00 pm.

Walk – Sheila will lead an easy walk at Duck Creek. The route will be mainly along the creek which is full with a few little cascades, avoiding the slushy meadow path. Lunch at Seaside Restaurant to follow. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or join Sheila at the Sunset Road trail access at 10:15 am.

Ramble- Tomorrow's prediction is 40% chance of rain.

I will email again before 9 am to make the final decision.

If it's a go, we'll meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 and carpool to Fernwood.

Take your lunch.

Sunday, February 23rd

Hike – All forecasts for Sunday afternoon expect heavy rain, so the hike of Sunday Feb23 is cancelled.

Manzanita Ridge and Mt Erskine starting from Toynbee Rd. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1.00 pm or at the trailhead on Toynbee Rd to set out at 1:20.

Tuesday, February, 25th

Hike- Weather report looks promising for the late morning and afternoon. We'll depart from ArtSpring at 9:45 or meet at the end of Pringle Farm Road at 10:05 to circle much of the northern and central perimeter of Channel Ridge on well-used trails. Steepish climb for first 40 minutes or so, then smooth sailing. Should take about 2 1/2 hours. Slippery conditions in places.

Walk – Wendy McClean will lead us through Mouat Park to test the new benches, to Drake Road, Bishop's Walk trail, and the trail connecting Charlesworth and Dean Road, returning to Mouat Park for lunch, or if we are really early just go to a coffee shop.

Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure.

Ramble – Meet at Artspring at 10:30 or at the far end of Kitchen Road at 10:45.

Take your lunch.