

# Welcome to the 2025-2026 season!

**Saturday / Sunday September 6 and 7**

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

Come and visit us at our booth at the Fall Fair. A good time to register for our new season and meet those volunteers who are manning the booth.

**Tuesday, September 16th**

Kick Off the season at our Annual Blackberry Festival. Meet at the picnic area of Ruckle Park at 12 noon – bring your lunch as well as a bowl and a spoon for some blackberry treats! If you wish, feel free to bring along any blackberry treats to share with the group. This would also be a good chance for you to pay your annual dues if you have not already done so.

**HIKE** – Blackberry festival; Hikers meet at the lower parking area for a short hike before returning for blackberries and ice cream. Meet at Art Spring to car pool, departing at 9:40 or gather at the lower parking area to designate a leader and to set out just after 10:00. Return to the day use area just before noon.

**WALK** – Blackberry festival; Walkers meet at the lower parking area for a short hike before returning for blackberries and ice cream. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:40 or gather at the lower parking area at 10:00 am to choose your leader for a short walk. Return to the day use picnic area for lunch (where we had the strawberries) just before noon. Remember your bowl and spoon, and garden. Bring berries or treat if you can.

**RAMBLE** – Who would like to lead a ramble?

Beginning with a short ramble before the blackberry festival on September 16 or any Tuesday thereafter?

**Sunday, September 21st**

**HIKE** – First full hike of the season, Ruckle Park. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00, or at the parking area at the park entrance to set out at 1:20. We will go via Hilltop, Big Doug, Kings Cove, Coppermine Point.

**Tuesday, September 23rd**

**HIKE** – Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45, or at the parking area on Sunset Drive about 100 yards south of West Eagle, to set out at 10:00.

**WALK** – Barb will lead a pleasant walk from Little Mountain Road to the Welbury Bay trails and lunch on Scott Point. Carpool from ArtSpring departing at 10:00 am. Driving directions: From Long Harbour Road turn left onto Quebec Drive, then after 600 metres turn right to stay on Quebec Drive. In 250 m turn right onto Quebec Lane. Keep right onto Little Mountain Lane. Park near 195 Little Mountain Road (Lea's cottage) where Barb will meet us.

**RAMBLE** – Joy will lead a walk at Duck Creek with the Ramblers. Meet at ArtSpring @10:00 if you would like to carpool or meet at Duck Creek on the Sunset side @ 10:30. Bring your lunch.

**Sunday, September 28th**

**HIKE** – Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 1:00, or at the parking area at the top of Broadwell to set out at 1:15.

**Tuesday, September 30th**

**HIKE** – Kees Ruurs will lead the hike tomorrow will take us through the Howard Horel Nature Reserve, through Crown Land to the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and back along the Bryant Hill trail.

The weather forecast calls for no rain tomorrow morning but due to today's rain the salal that we will be encountering will be very wet. I recommend that you bring rain gear and I am going to wear my rain pants against the salal.

Please bring a lunch and a drink.

We will meet at ArtSpring parking lot at 9:40 or at the end of Mereside Road at 10AM (depending on construction delays). The parking at Mereside is limited so try to get to the ArtSpring parking area if you can.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

**WALK** – We will take a moderate walk on the Reginald Hill Conservation Area where you will designate a leader Lunch at the lookout. The trail is a steady gradual climb through the forest. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or at the intersection of Bridgeman and Clarinda Roads at 10:20 am. Park on Clarinda Road.

**RAMBLE** – \*\*\* Change of venue. We'll go but change of venue, to a road walk as The Conservancy will be too wet.

We'll meet at the far end of Kitchen Road and walk along the road and back then drive to Marjie's, 456 Dukes Rd. and eat our lunch there.

Marjie

We'll meet at ArtSpring to carpool to the conservancy and meet Marjie there whenever we can get through the construction.

She will lead a ramble around Blackburn Meadows.

Take your lunch