

## November Events

North End Walkers – please note that Sheila is unlikely to be able to participate in walks for several weeks.

**Sunday, November 2nd** Mt. Erskine, starting at Trustees Trail, up trail 2, down trail 3. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool, departing at 1:00 or at the trailhead on Trustees Trail to set out at 1:15.

### **Tuesday, November 4th**

**HIKES** – Bob Keates will lead a hike on Mt Maxwell starting from the Armand Way trailhead. Up the Armand trail to connect to the lower link trail, then the Gary trail 2 out to Mt Maxwell Rd where we join the Rim trail 6 to the summit. Return via the Armand trail 4. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool, departing at 9:40 or at the trailhead at the end of Armand Way to set out at 10:00.

**WALKS** – Sue will lead a walk on the Mount Tuam Eco Reserve to a quiet pond for lunch. Meet the leader at the trailhead on Mountain Road, about 1.7 km from Isabella Pt Rd. If the rain continues, we might expect waterfalls.

Depart ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the trailhead on Mountain Road at 10:30 or so, depending on construction traffic.

Can you drive walkers from ArtSpring? If so, please reply to the group using [sstnc@googlegroups.com](mailto:sstnc@googlegroups.com)

**RAMBLES** – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool or meet at the barn on Burgoyne Bay Rd. At 10:45. Don't look for me at ArtSpring.

I'll see you at the barn

Take your lunch and we'll eat on the beach.

### **Sunday, November 9th**

Channel Ridge, starting from the top of Broadwell. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 12:30 or at the top of Broadwell to set out at 12:45. Note earlier time of departure.

### **Tuesday, November 11th**

**HIKE** – Doug Teitge will lead a hike to Doukhabor Point and Reginald Hill starting at Clarinda and Bridgman Roads. Meet at ArtSpring at 12:40 to car-pool or at 13:00 at the intersection of Bridgeman and Clarinda. **Note the late start to avoid conflict with Remembrance Day ceremonies.**

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**WALK** – Kathryn will lead a walk on the Cupples trail including the opportunity to visit the new bird blind and perhaps some migrating wild fowl. It may still be dry enough to complete the full loop. Lunch with a view, near or far, but always a view. The trail is generally good with rope assistance at the short steep section where the loop begins.

Depart from ArtSpring at 10:00 am or meet at the Cupples trail parking area on North End Road, about 500 m beyond the intersection of Sunset, North End and Southey point Roads, on your right if coming from Sunset Drive.

**RAMBLE** – A new plan for this ramble.

For those who want to go to the cenotaph we'll meet after the service in front of the bank of Montreal and ramble around town then find a restaurant for lunch?

### **Sunday, November 16th**

Burgoyne Bay trails 22 and 23. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 12:30 pm or at the trailhead at Burgoyne Bay to set out at 12:45. Note earlier time of departure

### **Tuesday, November 18th**

**HIKE** – Ashley Hilliard will lead an off-island hike to the Kinsol Trestle south of Duncan. Some rough and possibly muddy sections. Meet at Portlock Park at 0840 to carpool to Vesuvius to catch the 0935 ferry. It's about a 35-minute drive from there to the starting point of the hike: the Kinsol Trestle North Parking Lot, at the end of Riverside Road.

Here's a link to the driving directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/KQ8GjZj7vYWQDUUpU8>

The tricky part is to turn right off the Trans Canada at Bench Road (lights). Then after 1.7km, when you reach Cowichan Station, turn sharp right onto Koksilah Rd, go under the train tracks, across a narrow bridge (Koksilah River), and then take the first left onto Riverside Road. Follow Riverside Road till its end. The last 6km are a good dirt road.

Do not simply input "Kinsol Trestle" into Google maps as your destination, as that will direct you to the South Kinsol Trestle Parking Lot, which is on the Shawnigan Lake side. Input "North Kinsol Trestle Parking Lot". We may make the 220pm ferry back to Vesuvius but more likely will be on the 335pm one.

**WALK** – Wendy will lead a walk on Bishop's Walk trail.

Meet at ArtSpring at 10 00am. Walk through Mouat's Park to Drake Rd to the trail head. We will walk the trail up to Charlesworth, then along the newly paved side of Fulford Ganges Rd to Dean Rd which will bring us back to the trail and return to Mouat's Park. Lunch could be at a picnic table or at a coffee shop, depending on the desires of the group.

**RAMBLE** – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool or meet at Canvasback at 10:45.

Take your lunch.

**Sunday, November 23rd**

**The hike set for Sunday Nov 23 is cancelled and will be postponed until a later date.**

Maple Mountain Blue Trail. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 11:30 am or at the Vesuvius Bay terminal to walk on the 12:05 ferry. Expect to return on the 15.35 ferry.

**Tuesday, November 25th** Advance warning for Tuesday's hike: the bottom of Broadwell is closed and the only approach to the upper part of Broadwell and the trailhead is via Sunset and Channel Ridge Drives.

**HIKE- N.B!** I am afraid I have to cancel the hike for tomorrow in Channel Ridge. The weather forecast calls for rain starting at 8AM in the morning and continuing for the entire day. In addition there are wind gusts predicted for up to 33 km/h which makes hiking in a forested area somewhat dangerous.

Sorry for bringing bad news, but we will try and reschedule it for a few weeks from now.

My weather forecast app shows that rain will start late morning on Tuesday. However I am quite prepared to take a chance and do the hike in Channel Ridge.

Make sure to bring rain gear, shoes/boots that can handle mud. water and a lunch,

Those of you wanting a ride, meet at the parking lot at ArtSpring at 9:45. To get to Merganser Place is a round-a-bout way because the lower section of Broadwell is closed to traffic. To get to our trail head go up Sunset, right on Channel Ridge Drive, left at the stop sign on to Broadwell Road, right on Canvasback Place and right on Merganser Place. There is plenty of parking there in the cul de sac. The Channel Ridge trail system allows for long or short hikes depending on what everybody wants. If it is pouring rain I imagine we won't stop very long for lunch. There are no shelter to get out of the rain.

Keep you fingers crossed for decent weather.

Cheers

Kees

**WALK – CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.**

Gillie will lead us on a loop walk at Burgoyne Bay starting at upper parking lot along the path east and back to the shore with lunch at bench circle by the interpretive signs. This is a fairly easy walk with some elevation along the forested path by the bay.

Meet Gillie at ArtSpring to depart at 10:00 am or at the Burgoyne Bay parking area about 10:20 am for a start from the lower parking lot.

**RAMBLE** – Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool or meet at Hilltop at 10:45 and park there for a road walk around Fulford.

Lunch at Rock Salt.

**Sunday, November 30th N.B!** Hike on Mt Maxwell. Change of starting point. We will start from the end of Seymour Heights rather than Armand Way.

Meet at Art Spring to car pool, departing at 12:30 pm or at the trailhead at the end of Seymour Heights to set out at 12:45. Out on trail 4, branching on trail 8 to connect with trail 3, then trail 7 to the Little View summit. Return on trail 4.

Note earlier time of departure