

January Events

Sunday, January 4th

Hike – Mt. Maxwell Rim Trail. Meet at ArtSpring departing at 12:30 or at the trailhead at the top of Seymour Heights to set out at 12:45. Trails 1, 2, 6, 4 and 3.

Tuesday, January 6th.

Hike – N.B. Due to bad weather, today's hike is rescheduled to Tuesday January 20th.

Walk – N.B. Due to bad weather, today's walk is canceled.

Kathryn will lead the first walk of 2026 in Ruckle Park from the campground parking area to Grandma's Beach and return. Lunch at Grandma's Beach. The trail is well groomed and mainly level. Carpool from ArtSpring departing at 10:00 am or meet at Ruckle Park Campground parking lot at 10:15 am.

Ramble – TBA

Sunday, January 11th

HIKE CANCELED! Steady rain forecast through the day on Sunday. Tuesday looks more promising.

Maple Mountain Blue Trail. Meet at Art Spring to car pool, departing at 10:30, or at the Vesuvius ferry terminal to walk on the 10:50 ferry. Bring a lunch. Expect to return on the 2:20 ferry or possibly 3:35. Note earlier than usual start.

Tuesday, January 13th

Hike -Larry McIntyre will lead a hike to Mt Erskine from Toynbee Rd. The trail will take us through a managed forest, then Manzanita Ridge Nature Reserve, then into Mt Erskine provincial park. Lunch will be at the top with stunning views of Vancouver Island and north towards Tent and Penelekut Islands. This is a moderate hike, approx 5.2 km and 300m elevation gain, with a steep trail at the beginning to warm us up. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool departing at 9:45 or at the trailhead on Toynbee Rd to set out at 10:00. The trailhead is just after a sharp bend 0.5 km from the start of Toynbee. Try to park on the same side of the road. *** With the recent deluge, the trail will have lots of wet and muddy sections, so wear appropriate footwear. Some sections will be quite slippery so we'll proceed cautiously through those sections.

Walk – Alison will lead a walk on Channel Ridge trails starting from the Merganser Place trail head, with lovely eastern views (weather dependent) and lunch at the "dog bench" lookout, arriving back by about 1 pm. Easy to moderate terrain. Meet at ArtSpring for a 10:00 am departure or at 10:15 am at the Merganser Place trail head (turn right off Broadwell on to Canvasback Place and take first left on to Merganser).

Reminder: Broadwell detour – from Vesuvius Bay Road, turn right onto Sunset Drive, then right at Channel Ridge Drive, and then left onto Broadwell.

Ramble – First ramble of 2026, Tuesday, January 13th

Looks as if we can ramble

Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to the far end of Beddis and ramble around the circle, twice if we like.

Take your lunch

Marjie

Sunday, January 18th

Hike – Bryant Hill and Andreas Vogt, starting at Stewart Rd. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 12:30, or at the parking area on Stewart Rd at the trailhead for Peter Arnell Park to set out at 12:45..

Tuesday, January 20th

Hike – Bob Keates will lead a hike in Channel Ridge. To avoid the closure on Broadwell, there's a new starting point for the hike on Tuesday 20th January. Meet at ArtSpring to car pool, departing at 9:45 as usual, or at the trailhead opposite 1100 Sunset Drive to set out at 10:05.

Walk – Angie will lead a moderate walk on the Reginald Hill Conservation Area with lunch at the lookout. The route is a gradual climb. Meet at ArtSpring for 10:00 am departure or at Clarinda Road at 10:15. Park on Clarinda Road near the intersection with Bridgeman Road.

Ramble – We'll meet at ArtSpring at 10:30

Carpool to Brinkworthy and walk around there.

Take your lunch.

Hope to see you all?

Sunday, January 25th

Hike – Burgoyne Bay trails 21, 23 and 22: meet at ArtSpring to car pool departing at 12:30, or at the trailhead in Burgoyne Bay to set out at 12:45.

Tuesday, January 27th

Hike – Lynn Thompson will lead a hike in the Crofton Lake area. Meet at Portlock Park to car pool, departing for Vesuvius at 9:10 to walk on the 9:35 ferry to Crofton. Expect to return on the 3:35 ferry although we might make it to the 2:20. If anyone needs a ride from Art Spring, please let me know.

Walk – Explore the wetland restoration of the Burgoyne farm meadows with Sue. Waterproof boots and poles are recommended as some of the trails are wet. Lunch at the Welconme Poles oOn the Beach. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 am or meet at 10:15 at the first gate inside the park, right after the Welcome sign.

Ramble – Paul will lead. Meet at ArtSpring at 10:30 to carpool to the barn on Burgoyne Bay Rd

Take your lunch.

We'll eat on the beach!